



MDCVSA General Council Meeting
Saturday, March 10, 2012, 10 a.m.
England Run Library, Fredericksburg VA

1. Roll Call

Member Leagues

Capital Coed Soccer League	Jessie Kratz
Central Virginia Soccer Association	Jamie Williams
Commonwealth Soccer League	Adrian Kerr; Tom Leiss
Northern Virginia Adult Soccer Association	Lou Chinchilla
Northern Virginia Women's Soccer League	Carolyn Dutrow
Shipp's Corner Soccer Club	Rick Joy, George Staehle
Southeastern Virginia Women's Soccer Association	Michelle Martinez
Washington Area Women's Soccer League	Kim Conway
Washington Premier League	Steve Long (by proxy)

Officers

James Sadowski	President
Marti Bevan	Vice President
Lou Chinchilla	Registrar
Jessie Kratz	Secretary

Delegates

Anita Hood
Steve Long
Jamie Williams
Dave Randolph
Tom Leiss

MDCVSA Admin Staff

Mary Beth Falk	Administrator
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2. Credentials Report

There were 71 of 129 eligible votes in attendance. A quorum was achieved.

3. Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda was approved.

4. Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes from the September 24, 2011 meeting was approved.

5. Officers' Reports

a. President's Report

Jim reported that he has been focused on online registration—in addition to the players already using online registration one league is using the website to sign waivers. He restated his goal to get 50% online registration by 2013 and said that if some of the larger leagues go online this fall we will meet that goal. Jim reported that USASA is still working on their online registration system but that will not be implemented in the near future. Jim noted that the MDCVSA website has been having technical issues and if that continues we will need to take action. Jim also reported on the USSF annual general meeting (AGM) in Miami and referenced the new policy to charge recreation players a lower fee. He indicated he would like to have a discussion about that under new business. Jim ended by saying he plans on remaining MDCVSA President for one additional term but everyone should start thinking about a possible replacement for 2014.

b. Vice President's Report

Marti reported that she has been focused on online registration and if any teams are interested to contact her.

c. Registrar's Report

Lou reported that he is working with some northern Virginia leagues to get them online (there are currently five online). Lou and Marti talked about the company, active.com, and how they can tailor the site to meet leagues' needs. Jim mentioned that having more leagues online will reduce duplicate registrations and in the next budget the duplicate player reimbursement will be eliminated. Responding to concerns that some teams are unable to pay online by credit card Lou suggested the team get a disposable Visa card for the captain to register the entire team. Marti further suggested the league have a "registration night" and provide computers for players to register.

d. Treasurer's Report

In Cara's absence Jim gave the treasurer's report. Jim asked the committee to read through the handout and highlighted a few pages including the per league payment breakdown. Jim acknowledged that initially he was concerned that insurance premiums might go up since we are paying less for more coverage but so far that is not the case. He asked MaryBeth to put together a report on insurance claims. Motion to receive the treasurer's report was approved.

e. Secretary's Report

Jessie asked for contributions to the new MDCVSA newsletter.

6. Referee Matters

In the SRA's absence Jim discussed the referee academy being held today and the referee academy scheduled for Neptune Soccer Classic. Jim encouraged leagues to submit their referees for consideration. He noted that for the Neptune academy, there are a total of 12 referees that are chosen each year. Of those, that 50% of the officials come from the Hampton Roads area and 50% come from the rest of the state. Tom Leiss asked if he could have a referee academy at the Commonwealth Classic; Marti said she would discuss it with Tom after the meeting.

7. Administrator's Report (MaryBeth Falk)

Marybeth handed out the check-list for registration. She requested that leagues submit their spring registration data as soon as possible because late submissions cause complications for the summer tournaments. She also stressed the need for registration data to be submitted properly and asked leagues to double check for errors and duplicate players before submitting their data.

8. National and State Cup/Administrative Assistant's Report (Jim on behalf of Diane Larkin)

Jim reported that MDCVSA has four teams in the over-30 cup, seven teams in the amateur cup and two in open cup. Tom asked if the men's state cup and men's national cup could be combined. Jim stated it is up to each state to decide and after a brief counsel discussion Jim said he would ask Diane to survey the teams to see what they wanted to do.

9. Old Business

Policies for Non-Profit Status—Jim reviewed each proposed policy needed for tax purposes/non-profit status: the Document Retention and Destruction policy, Conflict of Interest policy, and Whistleblower policy. Jim requested the word “utmost” be struck from the second paragraph of the Conflict of Interest policy; no one objected.

- Jim asked if there were objections to the document retention policy; there were none.
- Jim asked if there were objections to the whistleblower policy; there were none.
- Jim asked if there were objections to the conflict of interest policy as modified; there were none.

Jim asked MaryBeth to get the policies together for the board to sign.

10. New Business

- a. Dave Randolph—requested a \$5000 sponsorship for the Neptune Soccer Classic (August 4-5, 2012). Dave reported that most of that money will be used for the referee academy where they bring in referees and assessors from all over the state with the goal of improving the quality of referees for adult matches. A motion to approve \$5000 for the Neptune Soccer Classic passed.
- b. Tom Leiss—requested a \$1500 sponsorship for the Commonwealth Classic (July 7-8, 2012). Tom reported this was their 4th year holding the event. He said they modeled the tournament after Neptune except they have 70 minute matches. Tom stated he is keeping the registration rates the same as last year (\$475 for early/\$525 regular registration) in the hopes to attract more teams. He said he planned on spending \$500 on trainers and the rest on things like the player party, game balls and t-shirts. Marti asked how he planned on advertising for MDCVSA and Tom said they will have a banner and a page in the program. Tom acknowledged that MDCVSA is their biggest sponsor. Motion to approve \$1500 for the Commonwealth Classic was passed.
- c. Jim mentioned a new field complex is being built in Fredericksburg and passed around a plan of the facility.
- d. FY 2012-2013 USASA fee structure—Jim announced that USASA is instituting a new fee structure in the fall—premier players will pay \$1.50 more than recreational players. Jim stated the policy just passed so the board has not yet figured out exactly how the fee structure will be instituted and will hopefully have that decided by June.
- e. Dunston Williams appeal—Jim outlined the circumstances surrounding Dunston Williams’s permanent expulsion from CVSA. He stated the constitution allows the executive council to decide appeals but because unclear wording he wanted the full council to vote on the decision. Steve asked if the CVSA board has the authority to suspend someone permanently and suggested a 99 year suspension instead. Jim stated that leagues have the right to remove someone from their league if they choose. A motion to approve the executive committee’s decision to deny Williams’s appeal was approved.
- f. Bylaw changes—Jim reviewed the two proposed bylaw changes: to require two (previously three) meetings per year and to allow for meetings to be held via conference call. Anita stated she was against the proposed changes; Adrian spoke in favor of them stating it will result in less travel.
 - A motion to amend the bylaws to allow for meeting via conference calls passed by two-thirds with one dissenting vote
 - A motion to amend the bylaws to require two meetings each year passed by two-thirds with one dissenting vote
- g. Direct affiliation request—Jim circulated a letter from Shirley Metzger requesting direct affiliation for her over-60 women’s team, Virginia Spirit, to participate in Veterans Cup. MaryBeth clarified that MDCVSA needs to affiliate just seven players; not ten stated in the letter. After a brief discussion on whether the team could have played in an affiliated league and if it’s fair to allow a guest team to play when USASA

subsidizes the tournament the council determined the request was in line the seven guest player limit used in Neptune. The motion to grant the affiliation request passed.

- h. Guest player fee—Jim announced USASA’s new guest tournament fee and asked for the council’s input. The council discussed the fee and agreed that guest players should pay more than members because the added administrative costs. Tom asked if the guest policy could be changed to give guests all member benefits and after discussion there was consensus that a guest should retain guest status. The council agreed that guests should pay the USASA fee plus the \$6 MDCVSA administrative fee in addition to an extra administrative fee to be determined by the executive council (\$4 was the previous charge). The executive committee agreed to take the council’s advice and determine the fee.

11. Open issues from the floor

Tom asked if he could have a state cup at the Commonwealth Classic; Jim suggested they have the state coed cup that weekend and Tom agreed. Jamie asked about the men’s state cup; Jim stated it was scheduled for the weekend of August 25-26, 2012.

12. For the good of the game

- a. Jim noted there is a USA-Brazil match on May 30, 2012 at FedEx field.
- b. Next meeting—August 25, 2012 [via conference call or possibly Richmond]

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Kratz
Secretary