



MDCVSA General Council Meeting
Saturday, August 26, 2017
RFK Stadium

1. Roll Call

Member Leagues

Capital Coed Soccer League	Elaine Freedman, Chris Poda
Central Virginia Soccer Assoc	Jamie Williams
Commonwealth Soccer League	Adrian Kerr
Northern Virginia Adult Soccer Assoc	Natalie Parcell, Amy Anderson, Kelly Mulcahy
Northern Virginia Women's Soccer League	Wanda Rixon, LeeAnn Green
Southeastern Virginia Womens Soccer Assoc	Karen Eakin
Washington Area Women's Soccer League	Kathryn Griffis

Officers

James Sadowski	President
Marti Bevan	Vice President
Jessie Kratz	Treasurer
Chris Tierney	Secretary

Delegates

Chris Eakin, Jamie Williams

Guests

Heather Dennee, Katie Carey, Tim Fabrizi, Maria Parades, Brad Wilson, Zach Straus (District Sports Premier), and Tony Francavilla (District Sports Premier)

2. Credentials Report

There were 65 of 141 eligible votes in attendance. A quorum was achieved.

3. Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda was approved.

4. Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes from the 1/24/2017 meeting was approved.

5. Officers' Reports

a. President's Report

- i. Jim reminded everyone of the importance of waivers and noted that on the insurance side of things we have to pay for 4 months of PAI insurance to catch up to the switch to calendar year. We had several high loss years since purchasing our own PAI insurance, a few average years, and recently several very good years, so the claims are trending down. The high claims loss years were mainly the result of high claims made by of people without

primary insurance. The recent loss runs indicate that it may be time for a decrease in our premiums.

- ii. US Soccer meeting—At both of the past two grass roots meeting with US Soccer when members were asked what we wanted, Jim said we want the development of fields and a comprehensive online registration system would be a benefits of being a US soccer member. That system should include all the bells and whistles that affiliated leagues need and should be a benefit of being a US Soccer member (i.e., paid for by the USSF at no cost to the player/leagues). Jim then talked about US Soccer Connect—FIFA wants all players to have a unique ID number and US Soccer Connect will be the database that keeps track of all registered players. Jim stressed the importance of all leagues making sure they are getting player waivers and are reporting in correct information to us. Jim talked about other news—at the US Soccer AGM a bylaw change was approved that includes term limits so a new President may be coming if the current President is not grandfathered in for one more term (Jim was not sure). Another bylaw chage gave fan groups a vote depending on how many the group had.
- iii. Jim finished up by saying we will talk about grants later—although noted it was a smart thing to move money into a professionally managed Edward Jones account which has netted us much more than CD rates and that income helps us fund the grant program.

- b. Vice President's Report—Marti doesn't have much to report but noted referee assault and abuse hearings are down and thanked leagues for keeping everyone in line.
- c. Treasurer's Report—Jessie said everyone should have received the email with attachments of the bank statements and treasurer's report. She reported we have four months left of our 16-month year and balances look good right now. She will be sending the 2018 budget around in December.
- d. Secretary's Report—Chris had nothing to report.

6. Referee Matters—Jim reported there is not a lot going on with referees except that he was aware of some referees with criminal convictions being disqualified (not re-certified) for risk management reasons. The USSF has shown a heightened level of concern for risk management on the referee side so more attention being paid to that issue. For example, to work Development Academy matches Jim recently had to take an online course and pass an online test about child abuse awareness.

7. Old Business—Grant Program: in this last round of grants we gave out \$15,000--\$2,500 each to WAWSL, CCSL, SEVWSA, NVASA, TWSL, CVSA. Jamie from CVSA talked about they will use the grant money for an integrated system that will go live in January. Chris Poda said CCSL will use their grant to offset some of the rise in field costs and decreasing fees for player. Natalie from NVASA is going to use it for All-Star game and money to help train and access refs, and find other ways to draw in players. Kathy said WAWSL will use it to give refs a pay raise. SEWVSA is using it to grow its membership. Adrian asked when the deadline is and Jessie said it will come in June 2018. Jim wanted to implement one change—a deadline for receipts or proof of expenditure is due 60 days after the event.

8. New Business

- a. Discussion of changing Registrar position/duties—ran out of time.

- b. Change of meeting dates—Jessie said we need to meet in December and June and change how we vote. We'll be pushing out some doodle polls to determine the best date.
- c. Opportunity to register early for fall—Jim explained that because of the switch to a calendar year, a player that does not play in the spring of 2018 may not be eligible to play in Neptune 2018 (or any other summer tournament), and asked the council if there was support for abandoning the guest player limit—does anyone care? Or should anyone who registers during the calendar year be considered affiliated—should the registration rate be \$21 for everyone? The consensus was that registration any time in the calendar year should carry the player through the end of that calendar year. There was also a discussion about whether there should be any limit on guest players. One member questioned whether there was any follow up with guest players. Some members indicated that we should open up the organization to more players as that benefits all of us. There was consensus to continue to include some limit on guest players. There was also consensus to increase the guest player limit from 7 players to 10 players.
- d. Commonwealth Classic tournament request for 2018 budget (CSL)—Adrien talked about promoting soccer in Fredericksburg area—new soccer fields and a stadium. They want to take advantage of opportunities and appreciate MDCVSA support and asked leagues to play in the family friendly tournament on July 14-15, 2018, 11v11 coed, rec and over 40 men's and women's. The \$1500 subsidy request was approved without objection.
- e. Hoy Cup tournament subsidy request for 2018 budget (WAWSL)—\$1500. Jessie talked about the tournament and how they hope to get more teams next year. She said the next tournament will be held on July 28, 2017. \$1500 subsidy passed without objection.
- f. New leagues affiliation requests—District Sports Premier: Zach talked about their higher level competition men's league and how they are seeking affiliation to get member benefits—certified officials, more accountability. He said it was an all DC league, 11v11, separate assignor, totally separate entity from District Sports—people will know they are different. He said they already have fields—transitioning away from social sports and will have 10-12 men's teams this season. Assuming the EC gets all required paperwork, the motion to admit District Sports Premier as new member league passed without objection. Welcome District Sports Premier!
- g. On-line registration moving forward—Jim said we will currently offer SI Play as long as members still want to use it and we can use it without a fee increase. The EC was considering looking for a new product but the US Soccer online registration product is in the works so the EC decided to wait for the US Soccer product. We need to address loopholes in the system that lets players get through the system and Marti said a must is a new system that will split payment. Adrian said a federation process will help with that and volunteered to help. Jim agreed to include Adrian on the next call with SI Play.

9. Elections

- a. Vice President—Marti Bevan, Secretary—Chris Tierney were both the only nominees, so Jim directed the Recording Secretary to cast one vote each and both Marti and Chris were re-elected.
- b. Registrar—Katie Carey (WAWSL) and Jamie Williams (CVSA) were nominated. The Registrar position will be redefined because the organization needs marketing help, competitions help, maybe expand the EC or re-define position(s) to have a Marketing/Social Media position. Jamie decided he'd rather have a different position on board to better match his skill set, so he did

not consent to serving. As Katie was the only nominee left, Jim directed the Recording Secretary to cast one vote for her and she was elected as Registrar.

- c. Delegates—Steve Long, Chris Eakin, Jamie William, Adrian Kerr were nominated. Since there were no other nominations (one delegate position was not filled), Jim directed the Recording Secretary to cast one vote for each of them and they were elected as delegates.

10. Open issues raised from the floor

11. For the good of the game

- a. Congratulations to Neptune women's state cup winners—Finalists from VA!
Questions? Can MDCVSA lobby to get DC fields and if leagues aren't online players should not have to pay again.
- b. Next meeting—we'll send out a doodle poll.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Tierney
Secretary