

**MINNESOTA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
Competitive Committee (CC) Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, January 9, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by MYSA Competitive Director Roberta Kruse at 9:05 a.m.

Present: Rollin Timm, Don Cox (phone), Mark DeFor, Marty McDermott, Ira Gurewitz, Berry Arrowsmith, Steve May, Lynn Forder and Roberta Kruse

Absent: Mark Mahowald

Guests: Candace Daley, MYSA Executive Director; Ranae Orr, MYSA Director of League Operations; Doug Neville, MN Thunder Academy East; Mike Zwolski, NW Kickers Soccer Club

**Agenda**

*Kruse moved, May seconded, to approve the agenda. The motion passed.*

**Approval of Minutes**

*Kruse moved, McDermott seconded, to approve the December CC Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion passed.*

**Presentations**

MTE petition – Doug Neville presented MN Thunder Academy East's request for placement of their U15 MW girl's team at U16 premier or U15.

KIK petition – Mike Zwolski presented NW Kickers's request for placement of their U16 C2 boy's team at C1.

**Unfinished Business**

League Playoff Awards – *Arrowsmith moved, McDermott seconded, to add league playoff awards beginning summer 2010. The motion passed. Favor: all.*

Mandatory Team Rep Meeting – Discussion took place regarding the need for a parameters meeting before the mandatory team rep meeting. The group agreed it was not necessary and they will not be conducting them going forward. The mandatory team rep meeting will be in two parts. The first part will be for all reps, then releasing the experienced reps, and holding a second part for new team reps/coaches so more time can be spent on questions and answers.

Scheduling – U9/10 teams will be scheduled ten games. U11 and older teams will be decided at the February meeting. *Arrowsmith moved, DeFor seconded, the last day of league play will be blacked out and if a team tries to reschedule online for the last day, they will get a warning and be fined if the game is not played due to weather or any other reason. The motion passed. Favor: all.*

**New Business**

Redistrict Request – The request was tabled until the February meeting.

Northwest Placement – Orr will gather stats on how many teams elect to go to state and how they do. Cox will present to NW clubs to discuss and give them facts and the stats. Any change will not take place immediately. Comp Committee will review at their February meeting.

Revised Forms – Orr created a new Club Request Form for scheduling purposes and revised the Interclub transfer form as well as updating some league forms with date and rule changes. *Forder moved, DeFor seconded, to accept the new club request form with the addition of the time due. The motion passed. Favor: all.*

North Boys

Arrowsmith moved to accept Kicker's request for placement of their U16 boys' team at C1 and avoid relegation due to combined league in the North and West last summer 2009. The motion failed. Favor: none. Oppose: all.

Rationale: Based on the team's on-field performance, relegation is appropriate. The CC finds no overriding justification for a variance in the team's competitive placement.

North Girls

Arrowsmith will work with the North Member Rep to schedule a district meeting in the next two or three weeks.

South Boys

Kruse moved to accept Rochester's request for placement of their U15 boys' team at C2 and avoid promotion. The motion failed. Favor: none. Oppose: all.

Rationale: Based on the team's on-field performance and list of rostered players, promotion is appropriate. The CC finds no overriding justification for a variance in the team's competitive placement.

South Girls

May moved to accept MN Thunder Academy's request for placement of their U18 girls' Midwest Only team into the Premier league. The motion passed. Favor: all. Arrowsmith moved, McDermott seconded, for an addendum to the above motion to place this team in the U19 premier league if needed. The motion passed. Favor: all.

East Boys

Nothing to report.

East Girls

Kruse moved to accept MN Thunder East's request for placement of their U15 girls' Midwest Only team into the U16 Premier league. The motion failed. Favor: none.

Rationale: The team should play in their appropriate age eligible division.

Kruse moved to accept MN Thunder East's request for placement of their U15 girls' Midwest Only team into the U15 Premier league. The motion passed. Favor: all.

Rationale: Proper placement based on list of players and the previous year's State Cup results.

West Boys

Nothing to report.

West Girls

Nothing to report.

Northwest Boys and Northwest Girls

Nothing to report.

Southwest Boys

Nothing to report.

Southwest Girls

Nothing to report.

**"For the Good of Soccer"**

Discussion took place regarding the language in rule 1.3.4.2.d.2. Forder moved, McDermott seconded, to interpret the rule as an automatic request if the player is going to a higher division. The motion passed. Favor: all. Arrowsmith agreed to write up a rule proposal and bring back in February to discuss.

Orr let the group know that Age Group Coordinator gifts would be on a three year cycle just like the Coaches gifts with this year being chairs.

Orr informed the group of the possibility of changing the Fall State Tournament dates because of a conflict and will report back in February.

Arrowsmith inquired about having some type of code for electronic signature on forms. Daley will talk to the Technology Committee and report back.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

Submitted by  
Ranae Orr, MYSA Director of League Operations