

MINNESOTA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the MYSA Recreation Director, Scott Selby at 7:30 PM.

Present: Scott Selby, Dave Geary, Jeff Kot, Terry Gersemehl

Absent: Peter Rivard

Approval of Minutes: The January 20, 2010 minutes were approved without correction by consensus.

OLD BUSINESS

Kohl's Cup

Location confirmation: Terry reported that he is as of yet unsure if Northfield will host. Communication and advertising will begin as soon as site is confirmed.

Short Term Goals

A discussion of what the committee's goals should be during 2010. The committee agreed that we need to be well prepared to unveil the Recreation grant and application form right after MYSA Board budget approval. By October we should be ready to receive grant applications.

Recreation Grant

Scott reported that \$25K should be available. There was a short discussion of approval process logistics. More planning will happen during the next two meetings. Deadline for applications should coincide with the equipment grant.

User Fees Reduction

The MYSA Board is discussing a possible reduction in the basic registration fee. This would have a positive impact on Recreational players and programs.

NEW BUSINESS

Middle School Soccer Programs

Scott reported that middle school American football in the Southeast metro area has been taken over by a youth sports organization because of middle school reductions. He pointed out that MYSA may have the same opportunities in soccer. The suggestion was made to create a white paper to point out the positive aspects of MYSA clubs running middle school soccer.

Jeff asked why MYSA teams cannot play against school teams, which would help his district and may be an interim solution to the drop in school supported soccer programs. Jeff volunteered to ask Candace Daley for more information on why MYSA teams are not allowed to play school teams currently.

Scott volunteered to ask school Athletic Directors and coaches what they feel a club program that replaced middle school soccer should look like so we can explore this in areas where schools are dropping their support.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:00 p.m.