

Motion to accept the minutes from the 3/9/2013 was approved.

5. Officers' Reports

a. President's Report

Jim stated he would keep his comments short due to the limited time and the importance of the budget discussion. He reported that partly due to online registration, the number of registrants dropped in the past year. He stated that the new online registration provider seems to have better customer service and a better platform. He also reported the MDCVSA earned the 2014-2015 USASA Veterans Cup bid, which will be held in Virginia Beach, VA.

b. Vice-President's Report

Marti had nothing to report.

c. Registrar's Report

Lou reiterated that the MDCVSA had a new online registration provider and that anyone with questions should contact him.

d. Treasurer's Report

Cara said everyone should have received the attachment with the bank statements. She went over the CD and ING savings account. She then went over the budget v. actual summary noting that she wanted a \$3K surplus and there is a \$19K deficit which is due to a number of unexpected expenses.

- Motion to receive Cara's report was approved.
- Jim thanked Cara for her service as Treasurer asserting she was the best treasurer the MDCVSA has ever had.

e. Secretary's Report

Jessie had nothing to report

6. State and National Cups Administrator's Report (Diane Larkin)

Diane reported that the MDCVSA had a successful year with regard to National Cups—twelve teams participated. She explained a situation with the Aegean Hawks where they played a team who used unregistered players—USASA stepped in and resolved the situation. She also noted that the Men's State Cup which was scheduled for August did not happen since only two teams signed up.

7. Old Business—Travel Subsidy Policy

Cara explained the revised travel subsidy policy—teams going to USASA events (Veterans Cup, Coed Cup and the national level of the National Cups) currently are allowed \$500 if at least 75% of their roster are MDCVSA players. Cara also noted that no team made the 75% threshold last year and that since MDCVSA was hosting Veterans Cup the next two years we would not be giving the subsidy for this event this year. Anita objected to the 75% threshold; she said it would be 100%. Michelle explained it is hard for teams to get 100% MDCVSA registered teams. Diane asked if the travel subsidy could be extended to regional events; John also expressed interest in giving the subsidy to regional events. Jim explained that National Cups teams travel a lot and incur lots of costs.

- An amendment to allow for the subsidy for regional events as well passed; Cara and Michelle objected due to the amount of money teams traveling to those events are given from sponsors and the amount of MDCVSA admin time spent on Cups.
- A motion to accept the policy, as amended, was approved.

Anita reiterated her objection to the 75% threshold saying the MDCVSA should require 100% of the players to be affiliated. Jim clarified that all teams the MDCVSA sends to events are 100% affiliated; the players are either affiliated with the MDCVSA as regular or guest players, or are players affiliated from other state associations.

8. New Business

- a. Budget—Cara explained that we went through the budget in detail at the last meeting but there were two big unknown costs not yet set: Online Registration and Insurance, which are the two largest expenses. Cara explained that when she originally compiled the budget she was using 15K as the number of

registrations but has adjusted it to 14325 and increased the guest fee to \$25 based on a board decision. She also explained that she adjusted the insurance due to an increase in the insurance policy—the state will continue to offer a \$15K limit with a \$500 deductible but it will only cover 80% of Usual and Customary as opposed to 100% previously covered. She further explained the board is presenting two budgets—the first has a \$10K deficit and the second has a \$5K deficit with a registration fee increase in January. She also said we had the option of cutting out all subsidies and asking organizations/leagues/teams to make a presentation and ask for the money which would come out of reserves. Cara then asked if there were any questions or discussion. A number of members expressed concern for passing a deficit budget.

- A motion to cut the MDCVSA tournament subsidies in half was approved.
 - A motion to raise the MDCVSA Cup entrance fee by \$100 per team was approved.
 - A motion to raise the guest player fee to \$30 was approved.
 - Jim said he would forego going to the VYSA workshop so those expenses were cut; Cara reported that based on the proposed changes the net income/expense was zero.
 - A motion to pass the budget as amended passed.
- b. Men's State Cup Proposal—John presented a proposal to have the Men's State Cup be a qualifier for the Men's National Cup. A discussion followed to whether it would be a weekend single elimination tournament or a tournament held over a number of months, and what would be the schedule/dates. John said he liked the way Maryland handled the cups and offered his field for use. Jamie also said they could host games as well. Diane stated that all players need clearance before they can play which would require more work on the front end. After further discussion Jim put the proposal forward saying the Cups Commissioner will work out the final details.
- A motion to require teams to participate in the Men's State Cup as a prerequisite for the Men's Amateur National Cup passed.
- c. NVWSL affiliation request—Lee Ann Green requested affiliation for Northern Virginia Women's Soccer League; a motion to affiliate Northern Virginia Women's Soccer League passed without objection.
- d. Bylaw and Constitution changes—Jim went through, painstakingly, all of the proposed changes to the Bylaws and Constitution, a number of which were purely housekeeping.
- The entire proposed Bylaw changes were accepted without objection *except* wording was changed under Section X to read: "Proposed amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws shall be made at any meeting." and a proposal to remove the words "Indemnification and" in Section XIII was not accepted.
 - All of the proposed Constitution changes were accepted without objection; in addition a change in IX Elections was made to read: "Council members in good standing may make nominations." was made without objection.

9. Elections

Jim asked if anyone other than the incumbents were being nominated for Vice President and Registrar; the following officers were nominated:

Marti Bevan—Vice President
Lou Chinchilla—Registrar

Motions to close and approve nominations approved; Jim directed the Recording Secretary to cast one vote each for the proposed slate.

Jim noted that Jessie was replacing Cara as Treasurer and the Recording Secretary position was open; Cara nominated Chris Tierney for the open Recording Secretary position. A motion to close and approve Chris Tierney's nomination as Recording Secretary was approved.

Jim asked for nominations for delegates. The following delegates were nominated:

Steve Long—Delegate
Anita Hood—Delegate
Jamie Williams—Delegate
Dave Randolph—Delegate
Tom Leiss—Delegate

Motions to close and approve nominations approved; Jim directed the Recording Secretary to cast one vote each for the proposed slate.

10. Open issues raised from the floor—none

11. For the good of the game

a. Next meeting—Saturday, January 10, 2014 at 10 am location TBD.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Kratz
Secretary