

**Eastern Massachusetts Women's Soccer League  
Bi-Annual Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2005**

- I. Roll Call** (See Appendix A).
- II. Call to Order:** League Vice President Diana McKee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- III. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the August 2004 meeting were presented for approval. Seconded to approve the motion; motion passed.
- IV. League Officer, Administrator, Members and Special Reports:**
- (1) President - Kathleen Genova – Absent – Heidi Brown read a letter to the members for Kathleen.
  - (2) Vice President – Diana McKee –
    1. Statistician Report – Need some scores from D1, attached report of stats.
    2. VP Report– Team administrators need to do the utmost to contact teams prior to cancellations.
    3. Fall Tournament – Fields reserved for Oct 15 -16, 2005. We had a few less teams then normally, lost about \$1400.00 and had to merge some of the brackets.
  - (3) Secretary – Provided new website contact list information.
  - (4) Treasurer – Heidi Brown –Submitted 2004 finance report.
  - (5) Registrars –
    1. Anne Lynch – Has a hard time enforcing a deadline with rosters. Thursday at 5pm will be a personal deadline for registration of players weekly.
    2. Kat Kennedy - Having email problems due to virus. Need teams to confirm contact information.
    3. Peter Counsell – PDF files have made registration much easier, all registrars all same page as far as format.
  - (6) New Player Coordinator – Absent
  - (7) Referee Administrator – Joan Raiano. Referees happy with how they are getting paid. System works very well and fast. If a substitute referee ref's a

game they need to submit their name and address to Joan and they can get paid.

- (8) Referee Assignor - Jim Livingston – Submitted a summary of games covered. 99.0% referee coverage rate for 2004.
- (9) John Nikula – Game Scheduler – Discussed issues with regards to deadlines for submission of teams sharing fields
- (10) Competition Committee Chair – Dee Burke –
  - 1. New fields need to be submitted prior to the season starting, before the fields are due requirement.
  - 2. Posting of all Divisions playoff schedule prior to the start of the season
  - 3. Planning and hosting of D1 All-star game. If other divisions are interested please let her know.
- (11) Web Master – Dick Fischman – No report
- (12) M.A.S.S. Liaison - Lois Farrell- Donnelly Cup was played in LA it is a part of the Select Team program. Contact Paul A. if you have players that are interested in playing in the State Select team.
- (13) Lois Kessin –
  - 1. No woman was elected to hall of fame.
  - 2. Two people were elected for recognitions – Joan Raiano and Sue Spencer from Charles River. Rules have changed to some degree regarding age requirements. Dinner will be April 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - 3. Cambridge fields – new rules for fields: Teams have not been cooperative about the scheduling of putting up the nets.
  - 4. Glacken is in rough shape and may not be playable after this spring season. Therefore, teams should seek out an alternative and not rely on Cambridge fields for their home games.

**V. Election of officers –**

- a. President – Nominated - Seconded to approve the nomination. Vote was held and Diana McKee was elected until 2007.
- b. Vice President – Lois Farrell - Seconded to approve the nomination. Vote was held and Lois Farrell was elected until 2006 February meeting to finish the term for Diana McKee.
- c. Treasurer - Seconded to approve the nomination. Vote was held and Heidi Brown was elected until 2007.
- d. Division 1 Registrar - Seconded to approve the nomination. Vote was held and Peter Counsell was elected until 2007.

- e. Division III/IV Registrar - Seconded to approve the nomination. Vote was held and Anne Lynch was elected until 2007.
- f. New Player Coordinator – Arleigh Kennedy - Seconded to approve the nomination. Vote was held and Arleigh Kennedy was elected until 2007.
- g. Game Scheduler - Seconded to approve the nomination. Vote was held and John Nikula was elected until 2007.

## **VI. New Business:**

1. Relegation and Promotion for Spring 2005 – Based on standings for Fall Shortly after breakdown is set a home and away schedule will be sent out.
  - ❖ Revision of Rule 3.5 – See attached sheet – Motion was made and rule change was passed.
2. Fall tournament format – Proposal was made for D1 to have their portion of the tournament reduced to just one day.
  - ❖ 1 day tournament this Fall for all divisions – Motion passed.
  - ❖ Motion that the Fall tournament be held on Saturday – Passed
  - ❖ Motion that we continue to play regularly scheduled games on that Sunday – Motion not passed.
3. Prospective new players contacting teams directly via the web site: Teams will be contacted via email directly from players looking for team, only if the team selects this option – A copy of the email is also sent to the New Player Coordinator. This will not replace the new player coordinator system.
4. The contact system will allow a blind email link on the team links page if the team selects that they are looking for new players. A copy of this email from the potential player would go to the new player coordinator. Motion Passed.
5. Discussion of whether or not to count cross-over games:
  - ❖ Cross-over games in all season inter divisional will count in the division standings. Motion not passed.
6. League Logo - Vote was held to determine the new league logo. Two logos were submitted for nomination.
  - ❖ Motion to table the entries until their have been more entries submitted – Motion not passed –
  - ❖ Ballets were collected by Diana McKee.

7. Emergency form to be posted on the website for team managers and players to use to notify teams of any important medical issues and emergency contact information.
8. Cambridge time slot to develop new D-4 teams (D4 will be changed to D3C after next business item:
  - ❖ The Cambridge field timeslot is for newly developing teams in Division 3C. That team would be required to pay for the permit.
9. Possible combination of Divisions IIIB and IV – discuss with teams in grouping by-laws revisions.
  - ❖ Change the title of Division 4 to Division 3C. Motion passed.
10. Bylaws Revisions – New bylaws will be posted on the website. In our August meeting will be voting the new by-laws in.
  - ❖ Calendar – proposed that Division 1 Summer season to start on Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>.
11. Adjournment.