

**Berkshire County Youth Soccer League**  
**BOD Meeting**  
September 23, 2008

Present: B. Farley, W. Metclif, D. Larocque, C. Schnopp., J.Hunt, B. Koziara, T.Alfonsi,  
B. Monteleone, B. Yehle, C. Dumas, D. Supranowicz

Quorum present, meeting convened 7:10 PM.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Previous meeting Minutes:** J. Hunt motioned. D. Larocque second, accepted unanimously.

**Member attendance:** no issues: R. Swann absent.

**Fines:** Treasurer reports all fines levied for the 2008 Spring season have been remitted.

**Alcohol/Cigarettes:** B. Monteleone generated a new bylaw language proposal. It was agreed that the language should be added to both the bylaws and the Zero Tolerance Policy. B. Monteleone moved to accept the language as proposed. W. Metcalf second. All in favor.

**Annual Referee Meeting:** should be implemented and deemed mandatory. Referees need to follow protocol and be knowledgeable of game rules: rosters and cards are to be collected before game time and held until after game time.

**U8 Division:** B. Monteleone relays interest from Williamstown SC, Pittsfield YMCA, PSC and Adams SC. Perhaps teams could scrimmage at this level.

**U10 Coach:** Lennox coach will not appeal league suspension.

**Referee Assessments:** W. Metcalf, B. Koziara and C. Filios will review and determine which assessments need to come to the attention of the BOD.

**MYSA Accommodation of Western Mass:** [Action Item:](#) B. Farley will address at the Leagues Committee meeting.; continued

**BOD Protocol for Code of Ethics:** will be added to the bylaws.

**Delegation of BOD Duties:** [Action Item:](#) B. Farley will reissue to BOD.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Games in Question:** Zero Tolerance Policy(ZTP)violated at U12 Girls games accompanied by referee ability issues.

1)Parent complaint to BCYSL President, B. Farley was relayed to Bobcat Club Coordinator [REDACTED]. Complaint pertained to accusations of verbal misconduct on the part of the Berkshire Bobcat U12 Girls coach [REDACTED]. Bobcat Club Coordinator [REDACTED] informed B. Farley that the coach [REDACTED] confessed to the misconduct.

2)There have been many reports of incident involving a particular player at games between PSC and the Bobcats. B. Farley addressed issue with mother of alleged offender. Father and stepfather of player have also been singled out as offenders of the ZTP. The question raised is whether or not the Bobcats club coordinator required the club constituents to sign the ZTP forms. BOD agrees the signed ZTP forms from the Bobcats Club must be submitted to the BCYSL board for review.

**Action Item:** W. Metcalf will issue a verbal warning to the offending coach.

**Action Item:** B. Farley will request ZTP forms from Bobcats Club Coordinator.

**U10 Divisional Format:** B. Farley announced that divisional subcommittees need to be put in place. This seasons scheduling did not appropriately place teams according to ability. In future seasons, club coordinators will need to justify in writing, the division placement request for each team. The BOD will review all forms and assign teams by strength. Club coordinators will then be notified of team placement. W. Metcalf suggested that club coordinators be encouraged to form even U10 teams. B. Yehle speculated that it may be feasible to break team formation down by grade level creating older and younger U10 teams. The teams would then compete accordingly.

**End of Year Games:** Referee assignment for MTOC eligible divisions.

B. Farley suggested that, initially, officials not be assigned to games in the final three weeks of the Spring season. Tensions are high among the stronger teams still vying for MTOC berths. It would be prudent to assign more experienced officials to these games. W. Metcalf motioned to implement this tactic. T. Alfonsi second. All in favor.

**Maple Limitation:** continued

**League Rule:** for Spring try-outs; continued

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2008. Time and place TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 9:91 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Schnopp  
Secretary, BCYSL