



Mid-Michigan Men's Soccer League (MMMSL) Memorandum

TO: All League Participants
RE: League Meeting Minutes
DATE: December 5, 2004

Discussion: The Over-40 Division wants more games next season, 12 would be a good number of games. The issue is the lack of fields available in the spring and fall. Several options were discussed.

1. The East Lansing Complex could be used on Tuesdays and Thursdays
2. The North Meridian Road field might be available
3. The Central Park Meridian field might be available

The Over-40 Vice President will re-visit this issue closer to the season. John Wolenberg volunteered to talk with Meridian to see about their field availability.

Discussion: The Over-40 also would like to decrease the number of players to 8 per team (7 field + 1 keeper). There also was some talk of having fewer referees. MMMSL needs to talk about the number of referees with GLASRA because technically there must be a 3 referee system in place for all USSF-sanctioned matches.

Discussion: Referees – MMMSL would like to see more consistency from game to game. GLASRA is holding a meeting on January 5, 2005 to request feedback from all of the leagues. MMMSL will send a representative. Mike Yassine has some comments to take to the GLASRA meeting.

Discussion: Is it too harsh to suspend a player for a game for a hand ball red card? After discussion, the majority of those present voted to retain the existing card cumulative point and suspension system with no changes.

Discussion: How does MMMSL deal with the situation of a team forfeiting out of the league? Is there any way to minimize the chances of this happening again? In general, how does MMMSL protect itself against a team who fails to pay the referee fees?

Decisions reached from this discussion (will be added to the MMMSL By-Laws):

1. All teams in all divisions in the 2005 season must pay a refundable \$200 deposit to MMMSL as part of the registration requirements. The deposit will be returned in full at the end of the season, UNLESS the team forfeits and fails to pay the referee fee. This deposit also will provide a slush fund for other expenses, such as the need to reschedule a game that did not reach half-time (but for which referee and/or field rental fees were paid).
2. Open and Over-30 Divisions – to register, a new team must have at least 15 members on the roster.
Over-40 Divisions – to register, a new team must have at least 12 members on the roster.
NOTE: Returning teams do not face these minimum roster requirements.

Decision: For the 2005 Season, a game is considered to be complete if half-time has been reached. This will be added to the MMMSL By-Laws.

Decision: The 10-day waiting period for team registration must be observed whenever a player joins a new team. This applies to new players entering the league, returning players registering to the same team at the beginning of the new season, and to existing players who are changing teams during the season for any reason. This clarification will be added to the MMMSL By-Laws.

Decision: The Open and Over-40 Divisions would like to send a team to the MS Cup this year. If possible, the Over-30 Division will send the top 2 teams from the regular season last year (CCFC and Arsenal) to the MS Cup this year.

Point Of Information: GLASRA will be charging \$35 per referee per game for the 2005 season. There might be higher assigning fees as well (currently \$3 per referee per game with no extra charge for rescheduling).

Decision: The Secretary/Webmaster will find a suitable ISP to host the MMMSL website for the 2005 season. The website hosting fees will be paid by the teams.

New MMMSL Board Members:

President Mike Yassine stepped down. The new President is John Wolenberg (gwole@aol.com). John will retain his Treasurer duties as well.

Secretary/Webmaster: Kevin Thomas stepped down. The new Secretary/Webmaster is Matt Williams (mcwilliams910@comcast.net).

Over-40 Vice President: Bill Pettit stepped down. The new Over-40 VP is Gary Ferenchick (gary.ferenchick@ht.msu.edu).

All other Board members remain unchanged for the 2005 season.

NOTE: Rick Helson will be stepping down from his Registrar post after the 2005 season. All teams are urged to find nominees for this critical position.