

**Medicine Hat Soccer Association**

Board Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2017

Present: Jeff Vangen, Theresa Hardiker, Lauren Bueckert, Darryl Getz, Trevor Copeland, Ryan Landreville, Heather Bach (Late 7:10pm), Hugh Lehr (Late 8:15pm)

Staff: Nanette Newton

Absent: Tonia Bogart (Regrets), Dwayne Alves, Garth Firman,

Guests: Barb Dolter, Becky Markie

Next meeting: April 10, 2017 7:00PM Chamber of Commerce

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	Action Item
1. <b>Call to Order:</b> by Jeff Vangen at 7:01pm	
2. <b>M162- Motion to approve agenda with amendments: Moved by Lauren Bueckert, seconded by Darryl Getz, carried.</b>	
3. <b>Approval of the Feb. 13, 2017 Board Meeting minutes:</b> Tabled to next meeting until amendments are noted.	3.Tonia
4. <b>Guests:</b> Barb Dolter and Becky Markie presented the Start, Stop, Continue Points from the Winter Classic 2017 Tournaments.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall tournaments ran very well and moving forward plan to continue with same dates and make tournaments bigger and better. Use some profits from the tournament to purchase temporary signs for FLC as required. Suggestion to charge RASC teams a minimal fee for the tournament to help with costs. Moving forward provide a survey monkey following tournaments to garner feedback.</li> </ul>	
5. <b>Matters Arising:</b>	
a. Sam Griffin requesting help with Summer Olympics. Nan to send list of needs to Board to see where help can be provided.	(a)Board
b. Complaints still outstanding, need to be dealt with.	(b)Jeff
c. Still need a drive to send board reports to one central location.	(c)Jeff
d. Coach development needed in house league. Technical Committee looking into.	(d)Tech Committee (e)Heather
e. Sponsorship matrix still being worked on. Heather to present once completed.	
f. <b>M163 – Motion to ratify purchase of laptop for office use: Moved by Heather Bach, seconded by Ryan Landreville, carried.</b>	
g. DRA position discussed. There is someone interested in the position and Jeff has been in discussion with them. Board of Directors supports the appointment and Jeff will communicate with ASA.	(g)Jeff



- h. ASA Women in Soccer Conference is being held May 6, 2017 and MHSA would like to send 2 representatives. Jeff to follow up with Cassie and we will also put a call out to the membership to see if there is any interest. (h)Jeff/Nan

**M164 – Motion to send 2 representatives to the Women in Soccer Conference May 6, 2017. Moved by Heather Bach, seconded by Theresa Hardiker, carried.**

#### 6. Office Manager Report

- a. Report Submitted
- b. Outstanding concerns still need to be dealt with. (b)Jeff
- c. Outstanding documents to be forwarded to the office. (c)Jeff
- d. Discussion about admin fee for Sr. Men's League Discipline. Ryan has had discussions with the men's league and will monitor the situation closely to hopefully reduce the amount of discipline issues. Depending on future issues an admin fee may be required. (d)Ryan
- e. A storage unit is required at FLC, hopefully by May 1. Jeff will draft a letter to the city to get approval to place a unit on the FLC property. Ryan will get some information on units (price, size) to approve at the next meeting. (e)Jeff/Ryan
- f. U12T3 Provincials this weekend will see 20 teams. Office has organized and everything is in order.
- g. ASA SGM in April to be attended by Nan and Jeff. (g)Nan/Jeff

#### 7. President

- a. Report Submitted
- b. Discussion on the Soccer Hut expansion. Concerns expressed on whether it fits into our long-term plans for a bigger venue/facility. This would be a short-term solution that would help us to have the proper facilities to host events. Possibly look at some fundraising opportunities to assist with this project. At this time, no contribution is required from MHSA. Approval for this project is not until 2018 so there is time to review development. Jeff has some sketches and would like to set up a meeting to review plans. Jeff will circulate an email to set up. (a)Jeff
- c. Review of ASA recommendation on discipline section of our Rules and Regulations to be more consistent with the rest of the province/country. **Motion 165 – Motion to hold section 15.10 in abeyance until an adequate review, stakeholder engagement and revision can be completed and to replace that portion of the MHSA Rules and Regs document with Appendix C of ASA's rules and regulations on yellow and red card offence minimum disciplinary penalties until such revisions are approved by MHSA. Moved by Jeff Vangen, seconded by Heather Bach, carried.**
- d. ASA Governance Policy was presented for review to apply to our own association.
- e. Request for new jerseys for RASC from the Technical Committee. Concerns of allocating funds when we are looking at having a brand review. Would it be wise to hold off until the review is completed which should be completed in time for the indoor season. **M166 – Motion to allocate \$22,000 for replacement of the RASC jerseys to be purchased and delivered prior to outdoor season. Moved by Hugh Lehr, seconded by Ryan Landreville, defeated.** (f)Exec.
- f. Schedule next Executive Committee meeting for April 4 at 7pm. Nan to see if Chamber of Commerce is available. Committee/Nan

#### 8. Past President

- a. Report Submitted



- b. Presented updated RASC Next Steps Document for review. Theresa to put RASC Program Costs into a policy document in time for RASC Outdoor 2017 Tryouts. *(b)Theresa*
- c. Jeff and Nan to work on guidelines for cases that require exceptions. *(c)Jeff/Nan*

**9. Vice President**

- a. No report submitted

**10. Secretary**

- a. Nothing to report

**11. Treasurer**

- a. No report submitted

**12. Senior Director**

- a. Report Submitted
- b. Would like numbers for high school league to see where the drop in numbers are for the girls. Have also spoken with Ladies League to ask if they have some insight into why we are losing girls in the program. *(b)Trevor/Nan*
- c. Moving forward would like an update on coach screening. *(c)Trevor/Dwayne/Ryan*
- d. Look at possibly developing a Board Effectiveness Committee to evaluate board function to ensure the board is operating effectively. Table motion for the time being.
- e. Shared some fundraising ideas for our association.

**13. Equipment Director**

- a. No report submitted

**14. Mini Director**

- a. No report submitted

**15. Minor Director**

- a. Report Submitted
- b. Discussion in regards to what is being done about the RASC U16 Girls moving forward as there has been no update. *(b)Tech Committee*
- c. Would like to see more communication from the Technical Committee. *(b)Tech Committee*
- d. Ralph's Steakhouse has a great fundraiser for sports teams and associations. Heather will reach out to Ralph's to get more details. *(d)Heather*

**16. Referee Director**

- a. No report submitted

**17. Communications Director**

- a. Report Submitted
- b. Discussion on the RFP proposals. Seven companies submitted proposals and the Marketing Committee met and narrowed selections down to three companies.



- c. Theresa and Heather met with the three companies to hear their presentations. **Motion 167 – Motion to invest \$20,000 to hire two companies to do Brand Review and Environmental Scan. Moved by Heather Bach, seconded by Theresa Hardiker. Friendly amendment to the motion made. Motion to allocate \$20,000 for the Branding Research Development and Environmental Scan, moved by Jeff Vangen, seconded by Ryan Landreville, carried.**
- d. Contracts for successful candidates to be ratified at next meeting.

*(d)Heather*

**18. Discipline Committee Update**

- a. No report submitted

**19. Bylaw Committee Update**

- a. No report submitted

**20. Tech Committee Update**

- a. No report submitted

**21. Executive Committee Update**

- a. No report submitted


**22. Tournament Committee Update**

- a. Report submitted as attached

**23. M168- Motion to adjourn at 9:40pm. Moved by Trevor Copeland.**

**Board minutes approved (date): April 10, 2017**

*[Nanette Newton to prepare draft minutes to distribute*

**Signature:** 

**MHSA, Office Manager**

