

Mesa Soccer Club Board Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2006

Joan LaRose called the meeting to order at 6:38pm. Chuck Myers was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Gary Schulke agreed to take minutes.

President's Report – Chuck Myers

Joan LaRose read the email containing Chuck's President's remarks. (see attached) In summary the following areas included.

- Open board positions need to be filled.
- Communication has improved over the last year.
- A quarterly newsletter is planned.
- Volunteers have done an outstanding with Patriot's Cup.

Treasurer's Report – Jerry Hunt

Tournament was successful. We are waiting for payment from the Sports Photographer and Soccer Shack to determine the final amount of net revenues. MSC is in good financial position that has improved greatly in the last couple of years.

Jerry requested that all teams pay their December coach's fee by December 15<sup>th</sup> to help with year end.

Secretary's Report – Joan LaRose

October minutes were approved without change.

Director of Coaching – Jim Thames

The MSC web page has information on the successes of former MSC players. Tony Rowshanaei will join MSC and be involved with the YDL. He has a C license and is moving to Arizona from Tennessee. He has worked with some teams at practice and will hold a winter clinic in December.

Season 1 of YDL went well and Registration for season 2 has begun. Information is now on the website. The Spring 2007 YDL season runs from February 24 to April 14, 2007. Announcement will be put in various local newspapers. Other ideas were discussed for getting the information out on YDL.

Fields are closed on January 15 and Feb 19, 2007 because of holidays.

Jim has started planning Spring tryouts. YDL ends April 14 so U-8 through U-11 tryouts will be held the following weeks. If we have the tryouts on Tuesday and Thursday, we will already have the fields. This would be 1 to 2 weeks earlier than last year's tryouts. It may also be better weather than we have experienced at the end of May. Joan LaRose asked for someone to coordinate the volunteers for Jim to ensure we have lots of help getting the players registered and to the correct fields. She has notes on the previous two years that could be used as a reference.

Jim is also planning Summer Skills camp. It will start on May 28, 2007. A Summer Skills volunteer coordinator is needed to handle the admin and registration duties during the camp.

Jim will provide a list of MSC clothing and equipment each coach should receive so a decision can be made in January.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Submitted by Joan LaRose/Gary Schulke  
MSC Secretary

## President's Remarks

Everyone,

*My personal apologies... I have been battling pneumonia for the last week and half and it has just seemed to get the best of me this weekend. I had hoped to feel better today and be in a situation where I would not get everyone sick and be a part of the meeting tonight.*

*We have a lot to discuss and get ready for 2007 and I am sorry that I will not be there.*

*First, let me take a moment to thank David Cruz for all his help. Without him we would not have made it through 2006. As he always does, he continues to help by setting up the Winter Skills Camp.*

*Next, thank you to all the volunteers and team reps that helped with the 2006 Patriot's Cup. Stressful as it may have been, I have received numerous compliments from other clubs about the tournament and the job we did. Thank you. As always, thank you to the rest of the board...you were key in me maintaining my sanity throughout the tournament.*

*In the near future, I want to have a meeting that is comprised of myself as Tournament Director and as many volunteers as want to participate in analyzing and critiquing the job we did and how we can improve going into next year. By the way, our first planning meeting for the 2007 Patriot's Cup will be in February....*

*Jerry Hunt will be presenting the hard numbers. I think we will be pretty happy with the results considering the last minutes changes, field restrictions and late surge in registration.*

*Something we will have to talk about in our first planning meeting. The City of Mesa is making it very difficult to keep The Patriot's Cup in Mesa. I have already been told our cost for Quail Run and Red Mountain next year will be over \$2500 (a 10x increase). That is more than the entire CAP Basin Complex without concession rights and more expensive than Tempe Sports Complex; both 10 field complexes in 1 location. Again, there are other topics to discuss as it relates to the tournament and we can do that on our feedback session.*

*A few other topics:*

1. **Uniforms:** It is my recommendation as we have discussed before to stay with the uniforms we have throughout at least 2007. We have other, more important priorities.
2. **Coaches' compensations and contracts:** A sub-committee led by Shawn Kirkpatrick has been tasked with discussing and proposing a recommendation(s) that will be discussed, voted and enacted by the board for fall 2007.
3. **Officer and Board Vacancies:** We need to get these filled. Also, Jerry Hunt would like us to find a replacement for the Treasurer position. We need someone with accounting experience that can develop a budget, reconcile our financial statements and complete 1099(s). Please let us know if you have someone that would be willing to be nominated for this role.
4. **Communication:** Beginning 2007 we will be publishing a quarterly newsletter that will be posted to the MSC United Website. I will take on the initial challenge of start-up and will be looking for ideas and assistance.
5. **Volunteers:** We need more help. To those that have stepped up, thank you. Team managers and coaches PLEASE encourage your parents to volunteer. This club cannot be run by 4-5 people; it will never survive and it will continue to struggle as it has in previous years
6. **Corporate Status:** We are required to have a physical address to finalize our new corporation. Jerry is working on establishing this at a mail service business that will provide us with a physical address and PO Box. When we have that completed our corporate filing will be finalized. I appreciate your patience on this.

I know this is not everything we would have discussed tonight. I appreciate your efforts and for showing up tonight. Thank you to all the new parents and coaches that helped make The 2006 Patriot's Cup a success. We could not have done it without you. I was indeed a pleasure to meet some new faces and get a chance to work with you that weekend. I am excited about the direction we are beginning to head. I believe we have positive momentum and with your help we will continue to build this club and make a truly enjoyable experience for our children. Please feel free to email your thoughts and suggestions.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!!!

**Chuck Myers**