



MNSRC Board Meeting
August 20th, 2024, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
Hilton Bloomington
3900 American Blvd. West
Bloomington, MN 55437

MNSRC Board of Directors and Executive Board Members

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Troy Cohrs, Mark Kelley, Conor Tobin, Matt Tiano, Brian Koehler, Jeff Filipek, Dan Stupca, Jim Engelking

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REPORTS OF DIRECTORS

Troy Cohrs, SRA

- Referee shadow budget
- 2025 budget \$90k

Mark Kelley, SYRA

- Last year's budget was \$15k; came in at \$20k
- Key questions: what's happening w. Mid-West Championship & travel for President's Cup
- MNSRC pays more relative to other SRCs for these events (on SD pays more than we pay)

Dan Stupca, SDA

- corrected # of referees going to Orlando is 5
- LY budget was \$10k but assessor fees will increase; volume of assessments will increase in 2025
- In-person academy events
- Proposed \$10k budget for 2025
- Determine where referee coaches costs go - is it SDA or SDI

Brian Koehler, SDA

- LY spent ~\$14k (does not include shadow program)
- Next year's costs will increase dramatically

- Proposed \$38k budget for 2025 - due to doubling of referee shadow program - intending about 10 referee shadow events
- 1,700 brand new (first-time) referees in 2024; 3,400 total referees (\$40 revenue per referee)

Jim Engelking, SD Assignment

- \$500

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion and approval of the current budget.
 - Proposed budget of \$158k for 2025
 - Balanced budget vis a vis LY costs of \$158k
 - Jim Engelking motioned to approve 2025 budget of \$158k; Brian Koehler seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Connor Tobin - budget discussion.
 - \$158k revenue last year
 - Anticipated balance, after recent budget items, should be ~\$248k
 - Instructor budget was largely contract driven
 - CD matured this month; need to vote on new CD
 - Jim Engelking motioned to start a new \$100k CD maturing in 7 months at Huntington Bank; Dan S. seconded.
 - Motion unanimously approved
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 - Broke even on the year
 - Discussion regarding the use of Certificates of Deposit for idle funds.
- Discussion to increase registration fee.
 - Better to not increase registration fees but look for sponsorship revenue elsewhere
 - Issue refunds to registrants who paid \$65 recently
 - Regional fees will be revisited
 - SRC administrative fee will remain at 2024 rates for the 2025 certification year
 - Jim Engelking motioned to move 2025 Regional Emeritus fees in line with other licensure fees; Brian Koehler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- March Madness
 - Troy will lead this discussion.
 - Referees certifying in April typically have a limited number of games because the spots fill very quickly

- We need to convey to referees to certify early with a push from February to early April
- Will revisit at November meeting

- Discussion of requirements to participate in SRC-endorsed traveling events, such as but not limited to Presidents Cup and Midwest Champions Cup US Club Soccer Midwest Regionals, NPL Finals, etc., before attending the regional events.
 - Aim to treat all cup events as equal where resources spent is similar for all events
 - Referees participating in travel events ought to also participate in the local version of the event so that they are prepared for the intensity of feedback at regional level
 - Question of whether adding a local participation requirement might dissuade participation
 - Will revisit this topic at next board meeting

- Discussion of the Forester Davis annual clinic and recognition inaugural event.
 - The inaugural event is currently scheduled for November 16th. Rob Davis has committed to providing airfare and hotel cost to a US Soccer speaker. Jeff Filipek will outline.
 - Location to be determined
 - Learning session still on the table
 - Recognition of newly promoted referees; referees participating in regional events; top performing youth referees
 - Sponsors will be recognized
 - Event will take place in the Blaine area
 - HoF will be part of this event in the future

- Election/Reelection of Officers and Directors
 - Jeff Filipek, President
 - Brian Koehler, SDI
 - Jim Engelking, SD Assignors

- Jim Engelking motioned to reelect Jeff Filipek as President; Kenny seconded. Motion unanimously passed. Jeff is reelected.
- Brian Koehler or Wayne Lemens as SDI; Wayne Lemens won the vote
- Jim Engelking motioned Briana Pensini as incoming SDA; Mark Kelley seconded. Unanimously approved
- Troy thanked Jim for his many years of service

- Meeting adjourned at 8:47 by Jeff Filipek .