

Soccer Maine
December 3, 2017
Meeting Minutes of Presidents Meetings and Annual General Meeting

Presidents' Meeting Summary:

I. Todd Sniper, Director of Coaching and Director of ODP

US Soccer Coaching Pathway

- No longer have Youth Module and E license
- 4v4, 7v7, 9v9, 11v11 modules
- Online component paired with on field classes
- Stressed the importance of all coaches holding the appropriate license

Todd will share more information as it becomes available from USSF in 2018

Olympic Development Program

If you have elite level players you think would benefit from the program, please contact Todd directly, tsniper@soccermaine.com

Spring Leagues

Maine State Premier League registration will open by end of December – close on February 1.
Pine Tree League registration will open by end of January – close on March 15.

II. President's Remarks

We have completed another extremely successful year. The Fall Classic League's success is a credit to all of you who provide a quality program that players/families want to be a part of. We are constantly facing competition starting at even the youngest age levels; families are seeing the value of our town travel programs and classic leagues. Thank you for all that you do!

Follow up to Todd's presentation: Discussed the challenging times of mandates coming down from US Soccer Federation with minimal input from the State Associations. The new coaching path is the latest of these mandates.

Discussed the up-coming election for President of US Soccer Federation - Soccer Maine has endorsed Eric Wynalda. For more information about Eric, you can check out his website at EricWynalda.org.

New for 2017/2018

Target United Cup (formerly Kohl's Cup)

If you are interested in hosting this event, please contact Loren Peters at vprecsoccermaine@gmail.com.

III. District Directors' Reports

Each district shared the concerns of their members. List below are some common themes that the Classic Committee will explore before the next season:

- How to ensure that all players have a positive final experience
- Possible change to end of season playoff structure (not all teams qualifying for playoffs)
- Saturday games (difficulty to find fields and referees). One solution would be to designate certain age groups (U9/10, U11/U12, U13/14) on specific Saturdays.
- Possible revising of districts
- Consideration asked for over-age player waivers.

Awards Presented at Luncheon:

- Soccer Maine Volunteer of the Year: Ray Grogan, Freeport
- Girls' Travel Coach of the Year: Charlotte Regan, Bonny Eagle SC
- Boys' Travel Coach of the Year: Kirsten Buchanan, Yarmouth Colts
- Girls' Premier Coach of the Year: Mark Serdjenien, Central Maine United
- Boys' Premier Coach of the Year: Robert Krul, DSA United

Maine Referee Awards:

- Female Young Referee of the Year: Destiny Anair, Richmond
- Male Young Referee of the Year: Dawson Renaud, East Waterboro
- Bill Bailey Memorial Scholarship: Dawson Renaud

Annual Meeting:

I. Approval of Budget – budget approved by majority vote.

II. Approval of the By-Law Change – change to bylaws approved by majority vote.

III Elections – the following individuals were elected or re-elected to 2 year terms:

Vice President of Classic, Bruce Jones

Vice President of Premier, Rob Rodriguez

At-Large, Jim Skvorak

At-large, Michael O'Connor

At-large, Todd Whitcomb

At-large, Cindy Bailey

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm on 12/3/17.

Shari Levesque, Executive Director