

**MIDLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION**  
**General Board Meeting**  
**September 8, 2021**

**Members and Staff in Attendance:**

LaDawna Zertuche – Registrar  
Adrian Padilla – Vice President  
Clint Brunson – President  
Jace Sparks – Windlands Park VC  
Jimmy Hudson – Treasurer  
Whitney Davidson – 7U Boys VC  
Melanie Hall – 5U Girls VC  
Stephanie Ramos – 6U Girls VC  
Lynny Nutt – Butler Park VC  
Megan Cannon – 5U Boys VC  
Tiffani Hamilton – 6U Boys VC  
Greg Mills – 8U Girls VC  
Carlos Quinones – NTX Vice President - Guest via teleconference

**Absent:**

Megan Morgan – Secretary  
Leo Gonzalez – Adult VC  
Bobby Wojciechowski – Director of Officiating & Referee Assignor  
Juan Ochoa – 4U Girls VC  
Buddy Loftin – 4U Boys VC  
Robert Bussey – 9U Girls VC

Clint called meeting to order at 6:34pm.

LaDawna stated the date needed to be changed for the minutes. Megan made a motion to edit and accept August minutes. Adrian second. All agreed.

Greg made a motion to approve August minutes. Adrian second. All agreed.

**Registrar Report**

LaDawna stated that for the Fall we had just over 2600 players. 293 teams. We've had about 30 late registers. 31 TOPSoccer Players.

LaDawna stated that no one has access to the system. She wasn't sure when everyone would get access it would be up to Clint & Adrian. Right now, the system is not very user friendly as there are so many different tabs you have to go to, to get to the right information for this season. If she were to give everyone access you could see all of the players that have an account even if they are not actually registered for the Fall season.

LaDawna stated for the schedule she is having to manually populate the teams in the divisions and games. The new system does not auto generate the teams in the divisions nor does it auto schedule the matches. Currently there are 1180 games or matches created that will not be all of them as some of the older teams will need extra games. Most of the schedule is done she is needing to go through and check for coaching conflicts, as the system is also not showing the conflicts like gotsoccer used to. LaDawna said hopefully will have the schedule posted by September 10<sup>th</sup> or the latest 14<sup>th</sup>. We are still waiting on the 13U & up schedule with OSA.

LaDawna stated that at the coaches meeting they asked the 11/12u coaches that attended about playing Odessa teams and they opted not to. We have enough teams here to have our own divisions here. Odessa reached out to her to see if we could include them in our schedule or if she could reach out to the coaches to see if they wanted to play them. So, a few options would be One: to redo the 11/12u girls schedule to include Odessa, Two: all games be played here in Midland and have OSA pay half the ref fees, Three: have our teams play their regular Saturday games and then whoever want to play them can play games on Sunday or the weekday. Board agreed to add Odessa to the schedule and have all games played here and OSA pay half the ref fees.

LaDawna stated something she wanted in the minutes is that this last Spring season there were some adult players that had red cards. She flags those players so that Adrienne Berry and she will know who owes us money. Leo removed those flags saying they paid him the money; however, the office still has not received that money. LaDawna had an email from Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> asking Leo for the \$150 that he owes Midland Soccer. She stated that this was not the first time that he has done this, this is the second time. Clint asked if Leo had responded to the email, LaDawna said no. LaDawna stated that Adrienne is trying to get out of GotSoccer but we have pending fees from the adult league not just from the \$150. LaDawna stated that she emailed Leo the adult league registration he did not respond and he did not do his team formations she did them. The last time that this happened LaDawna told him that the players needed to pay the office. They can email or call the office for them to run their card or come by the office to pay cash.

#### **Adult Commissioner**

Absent

#### **Windlands Commissioner**

Jace stated that Adrian was getting the supplies he needed and he will be out there Friday filling holes.

#### **Butler Commissioner**

#### **Director of Officiating**

Absent

#### **Director of Finance**

Jimmy said that the City denied our request for the \$20,000 for the Turkey Shootout so the August financials will drop a little. Cash of approximately \$350,000. Deferred income \$190,000.

Jimmy stated we will be hiring a part-time employee to help LaDawna. Clint stated that the new employee is Stephanie Eaton, she will be in the front office and LaDawna will move to the back office.

Jimmy stated he strongly believe that we move to a closed-door policy in the office due to people feel entitled to come in and harass the registrar about things she has no control over. Everything basically being done by email now days people don't need to come by the office. If they do need to come to the office, they will need to make an appointment and two people will need to present. We can ask MSS to place a receptacle at the door so that if people need to drop something off, they can place it there and leave they wouldn't need to come inside the office.

Adrian made a motion to vote to implement the closed-door policy. Megan second. All agreed.

#### **Vice-President**

Adrian stated everything is ready to go. Butler is painted and they should be by to mow tomorrow. Dirt was delivered. Butler ref hut is cleaned out and extra cleaning supplies there. He will work on cleaning out the Windlands ref hut.

#### **President**

Clint stated that he will spend all day at either Windlands or Butler whichever one is needed when he is here.

Clint asked the board what they thought about getting mini-splits installed at both parks in the ref huts they are \$1650 (air conditioner and heater). All agreed would be beneficial to refs and board members. None opposed.

**Committee Reports:**

None

**New Business:**

Adrian made a motion to change board meetings from 6:30pm to 6:00pm. All approved. None opposed. October meeting will be at 6:00pm.

**Old Business:**

Park usage for board members was discussed with Carlos Quinones Vice President for NTX.

Per Carlos, two months ago, the board voted to remove the usage of practice fields away. It cannot be brought up for a motion to be voted on again unless it is from someone that was for removing the use of the fields. Any Vice Commissioners that use the park should recuse themselves from voting. Field painter should also recuse themselves from voting as well. The motion would stand as a 1-0 vote to remove the use of fields from the board members.

Covid Guidelines will be mimic last Fall

Spectators - Parents and teams sit on same side.

Snacks - Up to teams as long as they're individually wrapped snacks.

Masks - Masks recommended for those over 10 years old.

Social Distance - Where able.

**For the Good of the Game:**

Adrian proposed that the approved board meeting minutes being posted to the website. It would allow us to be transparent to all of our members being able to see what is discussed. All approved. None opposed.

Megan proposed to create a fundraising committee. As a 501(c)3 we are a tradeable organization that we can do fundraising and not all of our money would have to come from registration. The fundraising chair would be in charge of executing two fundraising events per calendar year, following all federal guidelines in all acceptable events, writing up grants and finding grants to apply for. We are needing clarification from North Texas Soccer with our status within their umbrella.

LaDawna stated that any rec or club teams wanting to do fundraising has to give the office & board a 30-day notice of the fundraiser.

Adrian brought up coaching meetings if we could post any sessions available online. Lynny stated that he would not be having sessions during the season he will do them during the off season. He stated people can still contact him and he will help them out.

Meeting was adjourned 8:04pm

Submitted as acting Secretary  
LaDawna Zertuche

