

Wednesday August 26, 2026, 7-8pm

Board Meeting Minutes



Attendance:

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| ☐ Alyssa Rupp | ☒ Lauren Smith | ☒ Steph Gallatin | ☒ Zelig Capolupo |
| ☐ Diana Yang Lee | ☒ Amy Colegrove | ☒ Lindsay Arnett | ☐ Tia Cappillino |
| ☒ Karissa Richardson | ☒ Laurie Aaronson | ☒ Sheng Yang | |

Community members:

Emily Moeller

Immediate Items:

- Approval of July meeting minutes: **APPROVED**
- Meeting Minutes - Going forward, we will try indicating anything captured during the meeting in **red**, while action items are **highlighted in yellow**, so the meeting minutes are more clear.
- Winter II 2026
 - When dome was down unexpectedly for last week of season:
 - Amy to confirm Todd's invoice included payment for one affected ref.
COMPLETE
 - Lauren confirmed with Erik we were not charged
 - Assignor check: Todd hasn't seen that come through - **Laurie to look online to see if the check has gone through. Laurie to check with Todd to see what works best (Zelle, physical check, etc.).**
- Summer 2026
 - Playoffs
 - D2 playoffs begin Aug 11 - **Lauren: Doing anything for the playoff winners?**
 - When will times and fields be assigned? Lauren will assign playoff games after 8/4
 - What about the couple teams who have byes during this time or don't play the last round - haven't they already paid for 12 games? Teams will at least have 12 games.
 - Lauren emailed D2 managers with bracket information

- Rec playoffs begin July 28
 - Testing with these 2 divisions. Will look to open up to all divisions next year if it goes well.
- Retired FC (7v7 rec) skill level doesn't fit that division
 - Diana to address/encourage the team to move divisions if they register for future seasons
- Mutiny asked to re-open player registrations so they could fill the places of multiple college players leaving
 - Amy inquiring further asking if the team is headed toward forfeiting and giving options to make it work.
 - If they have no other option than to forfeit, will allow a select, pre-determined number of people to register.
- Laure/Lauren completed IFC team reg refund
- Fall 2026
 - Team registration is set up and ready to launch. Player reg also setup
 - Zelig and/or Diana to communicate to membership
 - Sheng to post on link on homepage and Seasons & Divisions page
 - Registration LINK: the link needs to be updated to the player registration (vs team)
 - Pursuing Little Canada field again and leading for one in the city center.
 - Competitive will play here during the fall
 - Pre-season info email to membership - Diana
 - Make sure to include that the league has decided to adopt 2026/27 Law changes starting Fall 2026.
- Winter 2026/2027
 - Fields are ready to go - Savage (early in the season), West St. Paul, Conway

Committee/Director Updates:

TREASURER

- MWSL registration with AG's office
 - AG's office needs an annual report (write-up of what was accomplished for the year - Need for 2022).
 - Laurie to follow up to see why they need a report for 2022 vs 2025 (potentially leveraging AGM deck). Laurie needs contact information of MWSL Accountant to refresh this initiative.
- Names on MWSL bank account
 - Officially transferred from Bethany's name to Laurie and Alyssa's
 - Bank account login credentials kept only with Laurie and Alyssa for security reasons.

MARKETING/WEB/SOCIAL MEDIA

FIELDS

- Bandemiere address in Otto is incorrect but no known instances of people not finding the proper field - Lauren to try and fix
 - This should be resolved. Lauren to check again.
- Conway Winter availability
 - Lauren responded to Eric's reservation request and noted that we are set with 2 fields for 8PM & 9PM. Trying to snag a third timeslot.
 - 10pm time slot is open to MWSL: Some people might take this time slot in lieu of 7pm at Savage.
- Hazelwood field conditions -
 - During Summer 7v7 games, both north fields have not had the nets in place with anchors the last few weeks and have been impossible to anchor into the hard ground. Lauren to talk to the field coordinator (Neil).
 - Fields not looking good in general - even refs have expressed concerns with safety.
 - Lauren has reserved fields in Little Canada to make up for the Hazelwood fields that are not safe to play on.
 - Invoices - Lauren will send to Laurie for payment.

Emily - Would like to add to the field list. Chippewa Middle School field - Issue with it being too small, line issues (maybe adjust the lines)

COMMUNITY & PARTNERSHIP

- Community Survey: [Summary & Key Takeaways](#)
- [MN Aurora](#) - Tia
 - Results of previous calls with Andrea; reconnecting on 6/15
 - Partnership built on growing the MN Women's Soccer community
 - *Grow the Minnesota women's soccer community through a partnership between MWSL and MN Aurora. Build community on and off the field in ways that offer welcoming spaces for women, centered in their unique needs. Create the most connected, women-centric women's soccer ecosystem in the U.S.*
 - Use summer to test ~2 events based on MWSL community input, gather feedback post-events, and assess to build a future calendar of events and longer term partnership strategy
 - Leverage MWSL survey results to plan 1 "on the field" event and 1 "off the field" event in Summer 2026
 - On the Field: Skills Clinic hosted by MWSL (Registration), Soccer by Aurora (Coaches, Equipment) - **Aurora has not seen the turn out with adult clinics**
 - Childcare/soccer for kids, snacks, etc.
 - Date/Location TBD based on survey results
 - Off the Field: MN Aurora x MWSL watch party @ ABOTO

- Community input survey results
 - Review high-level results
 - Tia to dig into key themes and share back w/ board
 - Who receives the Aurora gift pack of free player registration? **Tia to send Aurora the winner information. Tia to email the winners directly.**
 - Fall Registration Winner: lc.herbers@gmail.com
 - Aurora Prize Pack Winner: allieshelman@gmail.com
- Other near-term opportunities - are we pursuing any of these?
 - Community tabling opportunity @ Aurora home game: [submit interest form](#)? Sat June 20th? **We can start planning now for next season**
 - Community partner discounts: send an email? Tia to get final confirmation that we can send out the discount
 - Discounted tickets for staff and participants: COMMUNITY26AFC
 - Discounted merchandise: AuroraCommunityPartner10
 - [Group tickets](#)
 - Discounted MWSL registration for MN Aurora STH & Community Owners?

Charity Tournament

- Donation amount determined - **Alyssa to confirm numbers after this meeting**
 - Laurie has check - deliver whenever or along with July 26th or Aug 2nd NWSL watch party at ABOTO?
 - **Check was delivered.**

Open Agenda:

Karissa to log into the Google drive and review the changes that were made to the rules & regulations. Then the board can schedule another special meeting or via email.

- Law updates policy change: will adopt at the start of the next applicable season (Fall of any given year).
 - **Alyssa to update documentation and relay this change to Todd**
- Age-specific divisions
 - Recent inquires about wanting an age-specific division
 - **Discuss piloting a 7v7 version?**
 - **Facebook poll for quick data?**
- Google Drive for Nonprofits - Laurie
 - **Individuals can begin setting up their access to MWSL Google drive setup - get in touch with Laurie**
 - **Couple instances of emails not coming through when sent to treasurer and fields emails amidst the background work, but since fixed**
 - **Sheng: Webmaster email address**
 - **Zelie: Laurie will set up a marketing email address for Google drive access. Tia can use it as well.**
 - **Password: mws12026! (will need to reset right away)**

- Lindsey: set up lindsey@mwsll.org password is mwsll2026! And then need to reset
- Go to shared drives to save documentation
- Laurie - are we able to post or allow MWSL members to view the Google calendar? Send out via social media when the date and time is determined.
- Full transition target: Winter I 2026
 - Migration plan
 - Document organization and moving
 - Creating meetings (Google Meet), create meeting pole, and invites (Google Calendar) within Google drive
 - Laurie to check to see if there is a pole option.
 - Message Laurie via Google and she can respond quicker
 - Link to the board meetings and be able to add them to your personal calendar.
- Social Media
 - Zelig has been checking daily on the notifications
 - Karissa gets them as well. Let Zelig know if something needs to be approved/accepted.
- Emily
 - Revisit the end date for player registration. Do we need to have an end date at all? Can we keep it open the entire summer?
 - Karissa: MWSL needs to report the players each month. Now they are reporting players at the end of the year. Keeping it open is a possibility.

–ADD ITEMS HERE THAT WE WANT TO REVISIT –

- [On-going projects doc](#)
- \$1000 grant from MSA available - what would we want to use it for?
 - Goal anchors for teams
 - AEDs - **Program through USASA providing a discount and rebate (\$1600 down to \$1000). In addition, MSA has a program as well for an additional discount. MSA bought a few.**
 - Ryan mentioned a couple pickup games/mixers so players and managers can meet, grow the league, connect in person, etc.
 - What else?
- Free agency functionality
- MSA page on website
- Policy changes for consideration:
 - Paying refs at half year-round (*could help with having to refund teams for ref no-shows in fall/winter and keeps one approach for all seasons instead of 2*).
 - Replenishing or starting a performance bond at the beginning of each season (*some teams don't play in summer, would make it easier for teams to keep track, and charge players fees that occurred during a single season*).
- How do we keep track of the teams that need to move up or down in the divisions?
Maybe review as a board on a yearly basis (closing of summer and winter seasons)? Do in preparation for the AGM.
- [Do we have bylaws re: guest conduct?](#)
 - [Consider adding new bylaw or make edits to Article 14 section 02](#)
 - [Idea came from unsupervised child](#)