

**NM State Soccer Association Meeting
Minutes
June 10, 2001
Best Western Inn at Rio Rancho, New Mexico**

AGM called to order @ 9:17 am by President Paige Buehler.

Present were:

Paige Buehler, President
Dan Urenda, Vice-president & ASL rep
Mike Maloney, Treasurer
Mike Edwards, Registrar
Tony Hernandez, TBSL rep
Billy Zamora, ASL rep
Cathy Short, MVSL rep
Taylor Locker, ASL
Mario Fong, Liga Latinoamericana rep
Dan Healy, State Referee Administrator

Minutes from March 17th meeting accepted.

Elections:

Motion made and passed to elect Dan Urenda as president.
Motion made and passed to elect the following officers and directors:
Taylor Locker - Vice-president
Mike Maloney - Treasurer
Pat O'Leary - Secretary
Mike Edwards - Registrar

Board of Directors

Cathy Short
Juan Rubio
Pete Raczek
Doug Creighton
Billy Zamora
Kim Mack

President's report:

Player fees to USSF will be going up Sept. 1, 2001 by \$0.50.
Over-30 tourney July 28&29 in Las Cruces
Over-40 tourney August 18&19 in Ruidoso
Must be a NMSSA registered player. \$15 tourney fee if registered.
Additional \$6 if registered with another USASA organization. Additional \$15 if not registered at all.

Vice-President's Report:

National Cup
NM sent 3 teams to Salt Lake City
KOD (AWSL) took 2nd place in Women's Amateur
Rangers (ASL) – Men's 0-30
German Sundowners (TBSL) – Men's Amateur
Website www.nmsssa.com has pictures

Treasurer's report:

\$9000 in account
We will be paying for 2 referees to go Portland, Oregon for the Region IV select tournament.

Registrar' report:

Some leagues still aren't registered. AWSL & ASL need to pay for spring 01 players. MVSL owes \$975 to NMSSA balance from Dec'00 payment.

Let MikeE know if you need player pass card stock.

Team reps. need to know about the international clearance rule. Forms can be obtained from registrar.

This is important for teams going to cups.

Referee report – Dan Healy:

Child Labor law affects referees and linespersons under 14 years old. Assignors are advised to not assign referees under 14 years of age. (However, independent contractor status may exempt them, per Colorado model.)

Referees are Independent contractors who contract their services to the soccer league. They need to have a signed contract agreement with the league. Independent contractors only need to file form 1099 (provided by the league) if they make over \$600 a year. If they are Independent contractors they have to pay all their own fees and certification costs. This includes clinics, uniforms, assessing, etc. Some leagues have been paying for these items. Balance needs to be made between incentives for building referee pool and subsidizing referee costs.

As of the Fall season, Grade 10 Linespersons are not eligible to referee amateur games, only youth games. A new referee grade has been created to fill the gap: Grade 12 Assistant Referee. Requirements to become a Grade 12:

- 18+ years old
- At least 3 years prior soccer "experience"
- 7.5 hrs clinic

There are several dozen Grade 10 Linespersons, especially in AWSL, who will not meet the age requirement for the Grade 12. To continue refereeing they will need to certify as a Grade 8 referee where there is no age limit (except for as Child Labor Laws apply...) Grade 10s who meet the age requirement will need to upgrade to Grade 12 to continue lining games. The State Director of Instruction is willing to hold upgrade clinics from Grade 10 to Grade 12 upon request.

New business:

Proposal to use another id number than social security number to be made by Mike Edwards prior to Fall season.

President's Day tourney possible in Bernalillo. Open to all teams not just NMSSA.

Possible Spanish speaking referee clinic in Las Cruces in Jan or Feb.

Instructor clinic in Las Cruces July 6 & 7.

Referee clinic in Las Cruces August 14 thru 19.

MikeE met with Kit Vela the UNM Women's Soccer Coach. She is interested in getting the women's state select going. Cathy Short reiterated that Ross Mitchell is also interested, but more in a north and south NM model.

**Next NMSSA meeting to be Saturday, September 15th in Las Cruces from 9:00am – 1:00pm.
Exact location to be announced.**