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Moscow United Board meeting

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Present: Jan Boll, Barbara Broyles, Dale Graden, Scott Grieshaber, Kelly Isaakson, Mike Mortimer, Malia Odberg, Luke Ordway, Peggy Quesnell, Pedram Rezamand, Tiffany Skinner, Dan Strawn, Daniel Taylor, Marci Wood.

Board members not present: Jen Seegmiller, Mike Stubbers, Erika Lassen, Tami Burton, Leah Johnson, Matthew Helmke

Commenced at 7:30.

Review of Minutes from October 2015. Motion by Dan, second by Pedram.  
Unanimous support.

**Fundraising.** Pedram notes a recent discussion by the fund raising committee. Question is how to approach large donors such as Pepsi and Gritman Hospital. Suggestion to make contact with the Hamilton family fund.

Luke notes that there will be a new soccer field at UI. He notes that there might be opportunities for MUSC access to this new field.

**Facility committee.** Jan notes the importance of an indoor facility. He has spoken to individuals who are interested and who have expressed interest. Lee Vierling has volunteered. Matt Helmke might be interested. Luke is interested. Mary Mordhorst is interested.

Winter schedule. Luke notes that winter futsal has 51 registered. There are 33 signed up for Thanksgiving camp.

**Sprenger Merit Scholarship.** To apply, the player has to provide academic record, two letters of recommendation and a letter of application. The recipient can write a letter of thanks for the scholarship. Approximately one thousand dollars per year to fund the four scholarships.

There was discussion that we start with full registration with one player per season so that impact on budget would be less. Motion by Dan for one player per season, non-gender specific, second by Pedram, Unanimous vote.

**Team accounts.** Jan has been thinking about the way we can close several accounts. Jan has informed managers that all accounts will close. A question is if managers will be disadvantaged without the account, particularly with regards to tournaments. Jan does not see a problem, after dealing with Hayden and Ross. Logistically within 7 to 10 days there will be reimbursement for costs of teams. Jan can create a small form to document how payments occurred. Managers can assign a parent to collect funds. There is a need to streamline the accounting by the treasurer.

**Scheduler position.** No update on the scheduler position. Jan is planning to discuss with Butch Fealy the possibility of him being the scheduler.

**Palouse Cup 2016.** Need to discuss Palouse Cup now. We need to be ahead of the game. Craig Warner has noted it might be best to change the date for our Palouse Cup. Full teams are back playing in early August, hence Palouse Cup is not a tournament of choice. Perhaps we should schedule the Palouse Cup in June. Pedram suggests that the tournament be full teams. Question if we could afford the seven fields. If it were to be a regular tournament, the first week of August would be the best time to do it. Perhaps collaboration with Pullman. Pedram notes that it is difficult to find another weekend. It has been hit and miss who shows up. Last year we made about \$8,000. There is a desire to increase the number of teams from present number of 60 back to 70 or above.

Luke suggests more effective integration of the Palouse Cup into the town.

We need to discuss the possibility of changing the format. A subcommittee would be helpful to plan the Palouse Cup. Jan would like to see things moving forward by January. For example, sending out publicity of plans for the tournament.

**Bylaws Revision.** Jan would like to create a committee to discuss changing the bylaws. Last revision of the bylaws was in 2008. This relates to a proposal by a parent with regards to voting rights. Jan believes it will not take more than a year for the revision. Craig Warner offered to help with the revisions. Luke suggests that we address the revisions each month. Jan and Dan agreed to be involved.

**Micro soccer issue.** Kelly asked about Micro's benefits. She suggests a small committee to discuss the future of Micro. We are losing kids who are better athletes because they are not impressed by Micro. When parents are involved with the Micro, it works better. She suggests a Micro Academy of some sort. The players need to be emotionally and physically ready for such training. How could this work financially? How could it be organized? Luke will be involved in this.

Kelly feels that there is big interest in such an Academy for four to seven years old players.

This could be included in the Parks and Recreation spring brochure.

**Club updates.** Luke is suggesting a Rural United concept. He envisages the involvement of these towns with MUSC. Luke is also interested in having UI players help MUSC teams.

**Fusion update.** Jan discussed ongoing Fusion development and planning. MUSC is chair of the board this year. Jan states that Pullman and Lewiston were concerned about a lack of full commitment by MUSC, for example 13 and 14 year olds.

Jan is asking if MUSC is ready to register all our teams under Fusion.

Jan is working to increase Fusion's effectiveness. He is still working on the finances from last year. Luke reports that communications between DOC are good.

**Joseph fields.** There may be a need for goals. Perhaps MUSC could help with purchase of the goals. Jan recommends that we meet with the city and MHS.

Notes by Dale Graden