



## LOWER MERION SOCCER CLUB

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# MINUTES OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

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In Attendance, Jay Dubow, Howard Burde and Biff Sturla. Location: 333 Belrose Place restaurant in Radnor.

**Developmental Academy Program** - A discussion took place regarding U.S. Soccer's decision to have their Developmental Academy (DA) Program play 10 months a year, thus preventing local area male high school players from playing high school soccer in the fall. At the present time, most high school players are frustrated by this and there are rumors that some might opt to play high school soccer instead of returning to the D.A. If this does take place, then it is possible that more top level players will opt to instead play USYSA club level soccer instead. This means that we might have more players in the future wishing to play U-15 through U-19 in LMSC.

**Player Contract For Travel Team Players** - Howard Burde presented a first draft of a contract which explained the time commitment expected of travel team players as well as the financial expectations. It was agreed that the first draft was a very good start and the final version will be given to all LMSC players to sign and hand it at the LMSC Travel Team Registration Night. Players will not be allowed to register until a parent has read the form, signed a copy of it and returned it to LMSC. Biff, Jay and Howard will review it again in the next few weeks and make minor changes to it.

**LMSC Travel Team Coaching Staff** - We have expanded our "Paid Coaches Policy" to include having non-parent coaches, when available, for all new travel teams. All new teams, including 'C' and 'D' teams, now have very experienced non-parent head coaches. For the fall of 2012, only two of our 42 teams will have a parent-coach. These two teams are both older teams that started years ago with a parent coach. Our long term goal will be to faze out parent coaches. Our staff has to be one of the most experienced staffs of any club in the state.

**Field Usage For The Future** - Plans are going ahead for Tee's Golf Center in Conshohocken to have several turf fields with lights available for rental. These fields will be full sized 11v11 fields but will also be lined in an alternate color to have two simultaneous 8v8 games played as well. Tees will provide a set of 8x24 goals and two sets of smaller 7x21 goals for each field. LMSC will continue to talk with Tees and hopefully be able to secure field usage there in the near future. Their smaller practice field has been well received by LMSC travel teams so far.