

# Minnesota Women's Soccer League

Annual General Meeting  
March 3, 2018



[www.mwsl.org](http://www.mwsl.org)

@MWSLMN



Reminder:

Sign your team in on the MWSL  
Team Sign-in Sheet!



# Welcome

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## Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- YMCA Girls Circle H.E.A.R.T
- State and National Updates
- State of the League
- 2017 Accomplishments
- Budget & Treasurer Report
- Committees
- Election of Officers
- Registration (Team and Player)
- Field, Fee, Fine and Schedule Information
- Game Day Information
- Winter Leagues
- Tournaments
- Q&A



# MWSL Board Members

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- Officers:
  - Angela Larson, President
  - Chauntae Nichols, Vice President
  - Bethany Paradee, Treasurer
  - Karissa Richardson, Commissioner
  - Emily Fulton, Secretary
- At-large members:
  - Kris Nelson
  - Alli Eshelman
  - Kim Edelman
  - Kristin Frenn



# YMCA Girls Circle H.E.A.R.T

2018 Charity Tournament



# National, Regional and State Updates

- United States Adult Soccer Association (USASA)
- USASA Region II
- Minnesota Soccer Association (MSA)



# State of the League

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## 2017 Accomplishments

- Three Seasons, nearly year round
  - Fall
  - Winter: Two Sessions!
  - Summer
- Charity Tournament for Operation Glass Slipper
  - 16 teams
  - Over 200 players
  - \$14,000 raised
- Winter Clinic and Open Play
  - Around 30 attendees
- 1,215 total players in 2017
  - 78 of those single day pass for Charity Tournament or Clinic



# State of the League

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## Accomplishments in 2017

- Received **TWO** grants
  - \$2,000 from Region II – Use to lower costs for indoor soccer
  - \$3,000 from USASA - Use to lower costs for indoor soccer
- Conducted strategic planning
  - Focusing on membership growth, marketing, fields, website and charity tournament
  - Created five committees to work on these areas
- Clarified Rules and Regulations
- Kept fees low by being fiscally responsible
- Participated in Adult Soccer Night @ a MN United game
  - 80 MWSL players and family members
  - Raised \$435 from MN United





# Sportsmanship & Player Conduct

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- MWSL is an amateur league
  - Goal is to have fun
  - Want our players to stay safe
- Reports of unsportsmanlike behavior increasing
  - **Unsportsmanlike behavior is not tolerated**
  - Red Cards in MWSL may mean multiple game suspensions
    - Violent Conduct
    - Referee Dissent
- Rules & regulations in place for a reason
  - Player and member insurance
  - Player and referee safety



# Treasurer Report & Budget

- Bethany Paradee,  
Treasurer
  - Charity Tournament
  - Team Fee Structure on Website
  - Team Registration Fee
  - Performance Bond
  - Fields

Beneficiary	Donation
2011 MOCA	\$3,420.07
2012 Tubman	\$5,689.37
2013 Women's Advocates	\$6,700.00
2014 MOCA	\$8,275.93
2015 Cornerstone	\$7,016.84
2016 Alliance Housing Inc.	\$8,501.94
2017 Operation Glass Slipper	<b>\$14,441.16</b>



# Committees

- Player and Team Growth
- Marketing
- Fields
- Website
- Charity Tournament



# Player and Team Growth

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Focuses on expanding opportunities for women to play soccer.

Need: 1 or 2 individuals from each division, preferably women also familiar with other leagues.

Committee Lead: Kristin Frenn  
Commissioner@mwsl.org



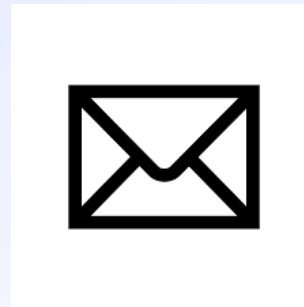
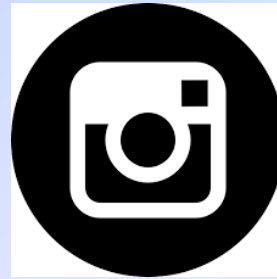
# Marketing

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Focuses on branding and promoting the MWSL.

Have 5 members who are working on developing a new logo, tagline and marketing strategy.

Committee Lead: Kim Edelman  
Kimedelman68@gmail.com



# Fields

Focuses on building connections and relationships to expand our field options.

Need: 1-2 extroverted people to help network and make connections for fields.

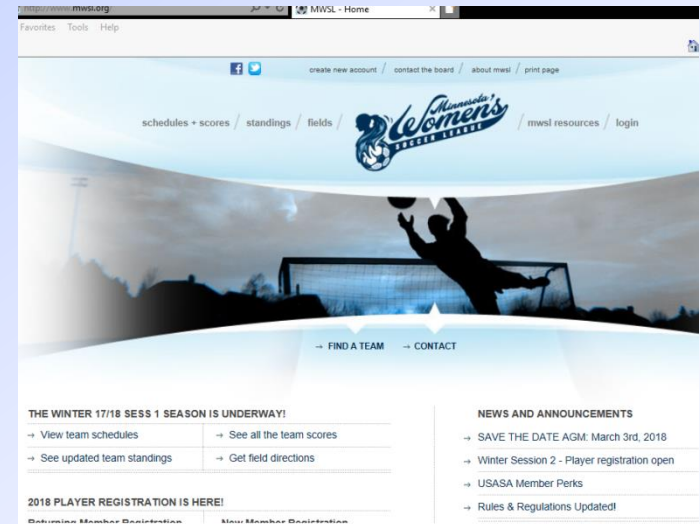
Preferably people with day-time availability for outreach.

Committee Lead: Karissa Richardson  
fields@mwsl.org



# Website

Focuses identifying requirements for website enhancements and other technology advancement opportunities.



Need: 1 or more business analysts, 1 or more people with web development experience, 1 or more people with database knowledge.

Committee Lead: Tae Nichols, [vicepresident@mwsll.org](mailto:vicepresident@mwsll.org)





# Charity Tournament

Focuses on: Planning annual tournament, soliciting donations, coordinating promotion

Need several people: Any/ All degrees of involvement welcome!

Committee Lead: Angie Larson  
president@mwsf.org





# ELECTIONS



# Officers Election

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- Running for Election:
  - Angela Larson for President
  - Chauntae Nichols for Vice President
  - Bethany Paradee for Treasurer
  - Kristen Frenn for Commissioner
  - Emily Fulton for Secretary
  - Karissa Richardson for Field & Schedule Coordinator (New position)
- **Would anyone like to nominate themselves or another individual (with their permission) as a Board Officer?**



# At-Large Member Election

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- Current members up for re-election:
  - Kris Nelson
  - Alli Eshelman
  - Kim Edelman



# How to get involved?

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- Become a board member
  - Officer
  - At-large member
  - Position descriptions on [MWSL website](#)
- Join a committee
- Volunteer at the charity tournament
- Attend a board meeting



# SUMMER SEASON



# Renaming Divisions: NOT changing days

Previous Division Name	New Division	Day(s) Play
1	1 (unchanged)	Monday and Wednesday
2	2 (unchanged)	Tuesday
3A	3	Thursday
3B	4	Wednesday
4	Recreational	Thursday

- Why change?
  - Divisions 3A and 3B confusing to new teams and players
  - Wanted to make it clear that we have a recreational division for beginners.



# Online Team Registration

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- Online Team Registration:
  - Opens today, deadline is April 4, 2018
  - Register for 1, 2, 3, 4, & Rec
    - MWSL will divide D1 teams in A & B
    - New teams automatically placed in B
    - MWSL board reserves the final decision on team placement.
  - **Full team fee of \$300 due upon registration**
  - Summer is 11 v 11 format
  - Team fee due in the PO Box by April 6, 2018 (if not paying by CC)
  - Returning teams with new name notify MWSL.
  - Deadline to alert the MWSL for us to schedule your fields: April 8th



# Online Team Registration

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## ***Reminder:***

***Make sure you register for the correct division based on division description (not based on nights of play)***

***The MWSL Board reserves discretion to assign a team to a division***





# Team Registration, Cont...

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- Field Rental Fees and Performance Bond due:
  - May 1st: D2, D3, D4, & Rec
  - May 15th: D1
- Failure to pay field rental fees and Performance Bond by deadline will result in a weekly late fee.
- If payment is not received by first game, the team will be removed from the schedule.
- Any games that take place during that time will be considered a forfeit in the standings.



# Online Player Registration

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- Available once the team's fee is verified and team is activated.
- Players registered in previous years **DO NOT NEED TO CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT!** Contact MWSL if email changed.
- Each player must register under a team
- Deadline: June 30th
- Fall '17 & Winter '17/'18 players do not need to PAY again, but they do need to REGISTER
- \$22 per player



# Player Registration, Cont...

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- Players registered after 2005 have photo on file.
  - MWSL may request a new photo if current one does not meet standards. Please upload a current photo.
- Team Managers able to pay player registration fees (if desired) and track players' outstanding requirements via the Manager tab.
- NO EXCEPTIONS!
  - Players ***will not be permitted to play*** without registering.
  - Letters ***will not be provided*** for players that have not registered and have all met requirements.



# Player Registration, Cont...

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- **NEW** Free Agency option
  - Player registers for the season
  - Player pays \$22 annual fee
  - Select team “Free Agents”
  - Player can then sub on or be picked up by any team during the season



# Players Seeking Teams

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- Players/Team Managers can access Player Seeking Teams List.
  - Please update your status on Account info when you find a team.
  - Cannot control whether players remove their names.
- Sub List
  - Available on Player and Manager Tab
  - List of players who are registered and willing to play as a sub for other teams and divisions.



# Summer Fees

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- Team Registration Fee: \$300
  - NEW: Full fee due upon registration
- Player Registration Fee: \$22
  - Players registered in Fall '17, Winter '17/'18 do not pay for Summer 2018 (but they still need to register)
  - This fee may increase in Fall 2018
- Performance Bond: \$300
- Forfeit Fee: Full Referee Fee
  - Plus \$50 for games cancelled after 12:00pm on game day.
  - If Performance Bond is depleted, teams have 7 days to replenish it, otherwise future games cancelled.



# Summer Fees Cont...

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- Player Pass Card Letter Fee
  - \$10/player/game
  - Reminder: If players register for more than 1 team, their pass goes to the primary team rep. They only get one pass. It is up to the player to make sure they have their pass for all games.
- Website Payment Prompts
  - If a player has already paid the fee, but they are prompted for payment when they register for Summer, please do not pay the registration fee, but instead contact the Treasurer for help; chances are they have logged in under a different username than what they had used for that previous season



# Double ID System

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- Double ID System for all players
- Reduce forgeries of cards or players using someone else's card
- Players not playing with their appropriate identification greatly diminishes the ability of the league to effectively manage player/team behaviors.
- Insurance coverage through the MSA requires proper identification of all players.





# Scheduling Fields

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- MWSL will continue to schedule fields for teams if requested
- Alert the MWSL for us to schedule your fields. Schedule being made April 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - If the MWSL schedules your team a field – your team is responsible for the cost
  - April 9th we send payment to the fields so your team is responsible for the cost regardless if you obtain other fields.
- Teams may indicate preferences (or special notes) and we will try make accommodations where we can. Sorry, no promises can be made.



# Reserving Your Own Fields

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- Notify Field and Schedule Coordinator via email when you find fields. Include:
  - Home Team Name
  - Date of game
  - Field location and number (if applicable)
  - Address if field is not currently on MWSL website
- Need field information 2 weeks prior to your first game
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> for all divisions but D1
  - May 15<sup>th</sup> for D1



# MWSL Contracted Fields

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- 2018 contracted fields:
  - National Sports Center, Victory Park, Coon Rapids, Dredd Scott, and Vadnais Heights (Outdoor /Indoor), Mounds View School District, St. Paul Public Schools, City of St. Paul (A/A and McMurray)
  - **PLEASE do NOT contact these fields directly**
- Costs are equally divided among all teams
  - Projected 2018 cost = \$120 game
- Why go through MWSL?
  - Many field coordinators not open to working with teams.
  - Reduces game modifications/changes for MWSL Field and Schedule Coordinator



# Field Locations

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- MWSL Boundaries
  - 35 Miles from the Minnesota Fairgrounds.
  - Address for MapQuest to determine distance of field:
    - 1265 North Snelling Ave. St. Paul, MN 55108
  - Field size requirement:
    - 110–120 yards (100–110 m) long by 70–80 yards (64–73 m) wide
  - Contact Field & Schedule Coordinator with questions.



# Schedule Information

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- Schedules available end of April.
- MWSL can not promise we will provide home games for dates you reserve with fields ahead of the schedule being posted.



# Schedule Information

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- Check MWSL website for 'banned' fields
  - Afton, Maplewood
  - Geranium, Maplewood
- Fields required 2 weeks prior to your first game.
- Bye Games:
  - D1: Monday July 3
  - D2: Tuesday July 4
  - D1, D4: Wednesday July 5
  - D1: July 19
  - We may need to add additional Byes due to field availability
- Check website for schedules mid April



# Referee Fees

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- 2018 Fees
  - 3 Referees = \$210/game or \$105/team
  - 2 Referees = \$150/game or \$75/team
  - 1 Referee = \$90/game or \$45/team
- No increase over 2017



# Game Information

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- For weather cancellations, forfeits, and game changes, email [fields@mwsf.org](mailto:fields@mwsf.org)
- Weather Cancellation Fee Prior to ½ time = \$15/team
- Forfeit = Full referee fee + \$50 if cancelled after 12:00pm on game day.
- Game changes within 48 hours of game = \$15
- All fees deducted from Performance Bonds. Do not pay fees at the field.
- NO INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY





# Reporting Scores

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- Team managers submit game score under “Game Score Report Form” in the Managers tab in [mwsl.org](http://mwsl.org).
- Referees and teams should report scores within 48 hours of game.
- Both home and away teams should also report score in case referee does not.
- Use comments section to inform of any game related situation (good and bad).
- Team managers should email the MWSL Commissioner to report incidents, complaints, or score errors.



# Rosters

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- Only approved MWSL Rosters printed via the MWSL Website will be accepted.
- Failure to provide printed roster is a \$5.00 fine per game.
- Both Players and Team Managers can print from the website.
- Remember to reprint rosters if you have a game change or add players to your roster.



# Jewelry

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- ABSOLUTELY NO JEWELRY, NO EXCEPTIONS
  - FIFA Regulation
  - Even ‘permanent’ jewelry is unacceptable. If referee says it has to come out... it comes out or you do not play.



# MWSL Winter League

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- Winter 2018 – 2019 is dependent on field availability
  - It is possible we will offer session(s) at varying locations as traditional scheduling likely will not be an option
- More information to come
  - Watch Facebook, MWSL.org, Twitter and newsletters for updates



# Tournaments

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## Ancient Rangers Tournament

- September 8-9
- 11 v 11, outdoor games at National Sports Center
- 4 games over Saturday and Sunday
- Women's Over 30 Division
  - Would like more teams to better divide skill levels
- Costs around \$35/player, depending on roster size.



# Tournaments

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## **MWSL Charity Tournament benefiting Girls Circle H.E.A.R.T**

- October 13, 2018
- Location West St. Paul Dome
- \$400 Team Registration Fee
  - \$350 if Team provides Gift Basket valued \$50+ for Silent Auction
- One-day, indoor, 7 v 7, Competitive & Rec Divisions, 3 game minimum, 20 minute halves
- Players must be registered with MWSL
  - \$6 one-time player registration - Tournaments Only
  - Onsite registration, no player pass cards
- Winning teams get T-shirts and help select the following year's charity







**Questions?**



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