



General Board Meeting | Sand Creek Middle School Library

January 09, 2020 | 7:30 PM

Call to Order

Roy Pfeil, President called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. A quorum was established at 7:45.

Roy P. introduced Kalekeni Bonda. For the past 10 years, he has collected and distributed soccer balls and uniforms in Malawi, Africa. He explained that Africa doesn't have organized sports like there is here in the States, and playing soccer helps to keep kids in school. Currently he is selling \$1 bricks to build changing rooms for the girls' teams. He distributed flyers regarding the bricks to soccer clubs representatives.

Roll Call

Clubs present: Clubs present: AB; AL; AV; BK; BE; BS; BR; BW; CL; CP; CT; CU; CO; CR; DU; FF; FU; GA; GP; GB; HH; LC; LS; ME; NL; NS; NY; NY; RA; RO; SC; TV; VY and WF.

Clubs absent: AM; CA; CH; CS; EM; GV; GW; HF; NE; RW and SA.

Clubs excused: CD and CR.

Reading and Adoption of the Minutes

The minutes from the November meeting were distributed. Dave Y. mentioned that on page 2, bullet point #4, Dave Y. was listed as absent, but was in attendance. Clifton Park SC made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction noted, second by Valley SC, motion carried unanimously.

Due to there not being a quorum at the meeting in November, June's meeting minutes needed to be voted on at this meeting. Minutes were distributed via email however a hard copy was not available at the meeting, therefore Bethlehem SC and Colonie SC abstained. Motion to accept the June's minutes by Clifton Park SC, second by Albany SC, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Yule

Financials were distributed. Current assets are approximately \$263,000, there is \$1,600 in receivables, and the net income is \$34,000. Dave Y. mentioned that website advertising is strong.

The financials and tax return have been completed, copies are available upon request. The year-end showed a gain of \$20,000, mostly due to EDP registration money that wasn't budgeted for and lower payroll.

Motion to approve the financial report by Bethlehem SC, second by Albany SC, motion carried unanimously.

Communications:

None

Comments from the Floor

None

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Standing Committee Reports:

1. Scholarship – Candace McHugh

Candace M. reported that there are four \$750 scholarships available. The CDYSL website has been updated with the information and criteria, and the due date is February 28th.

Roy P. mentioned that there has been discussion in the past about creating a rule that CDYSL officer's children are not qualified for the scholarship. Dave Y. disagreed and suggested that the student's application should be able to stand on their own merit. Cathleen K. said that she asked the executive committee if her children would be allowed to apply for the scholarship if she became secretary last year and was told that it wasn't a problem.

2. Rules – Tim Owens (absent)

Jan Brown mentioned that at the August AGM, a proposal was brought to the board regarding meeting requirements. Therefore, the rules committee submitted a motion to exempt all clubs from all meetings except the AGM without fines if a club has zero votes. Motion was read by Jan B. on behalf of New Lebanon SC, second by Clifton Park SC. After a discussion, it was decided to amend the motion to replace "zero votes" with "clubs with zero travel teams."

Motion by Colonie SC to approve the proposal, second by New Lebanon SC, motion passed unanimously. Paul B. did clarify that there are approx. 5 clubs that have zero travel teams.

3. Registration – Jan Brown

Jan B. stated that the Spring league registration website is live and reminded everyone that there is a 10-day turnaround for registration paperwork. CDYSL game photo rosters do not meet Eastern NY's USYSA requirements, therefore passes will still need to be printed. Northern United SC mentioned that there was an issue last year with players doing EDP with one club, and then being unable to register to play with a local club. Paul B. said that the rule is now that a player can register with both, as EDP is a different league. Jan B. said to contact her directly if anyone has difficulty registering players in this situation.

Capital United SC said that there was an issue last year when they were registering a player with 2 teams (U15 & U16). Mike K. said you can register them with the U15 team and then have them guest with the U16 team. Capital United SC clarified that in this case, the player only needs 1 pass. Jan B. explained that guest passes can also be registered now.

Roy P. reminded clubs that it is vital to have all paperwork and materials complete when registering. Any missing paperwork will delay the process beyond the 10-day processing window.

Jan B. said that the new software's security certificate may require a club reset their password. If any club discovers a glitch in the new software, let Jan B. know right away as the developer is on standby ready to troubleshoot any issues. Player registration is due February 28th.

A club asked for clarification on the requirement to register recreation players. Roy P. said that all recreation players that are associated with a club are required to be registered. Mike K. said that the rule has been in place for a long time, but Eastern NY will now be reinforcing this rule. Dave Y. said that the fee is approx. \$11-\$12 per player, and registration goes through CDYLS. The main benefit of registering is the insurance coverage. Candace M. said that private insurance doesn't cover risk management (sexual harassment) or board liability. Also, recreation coaches will be required to have background check.

A club asked what the coaching licensing requirements are for this year. Roy P. said that for CDYSL, 1 in-person course (4-hour class) is required. Each coach can obtain a waiver for 1 season by participating in an online 2-hour course. To pursue a D level coaching license, the pre-requisite is a 11v11 class plus 1 other in-person course in addition to 1 online course. Right now, the in-person course is valid in perpetuity. Roy P. said that in the future, Eastern NY may be mandating a grassroots course.

Roy P. announced that the Eastern NY meeting for league Presidents is on February 29th, if anyone is interested in going, CDYSL will reimburse expenses.

4. Games – Paul Bascomb

Paul B. requested that clubs submit their information for the Spring league right away, even if the entire roster isn't ready. It is easier to add players later than waiting till the end to register, as it will slow the process down.

East Greenbush SC asked if there would be a more comprehensive survey for coaches to complete to help determine CDYSL with placements. Paul B. said that he is looking for some coaches in each division to help with placements, to better idea of the capabilities of the teams. The goal is to have balanced divisions, with game scores being balanced (6-

5, etc.). When there are big disparities in teams, kids/parents leave the sport out of frustration.

Paul B. is also hoping to get EDP teams to participate in CDYSL limited play. The CDYSL games would be scheduled after EDP's season (June 1st) and would allow CDYSL to have more Division 1 teams.

Paul B. mentioned that CDYSL is currently down 117 referees from last year. There is a new referee course on February 29th at CBA from 9-3. This is a 1-day class and must be over 14 years old. If the referee is over 18 years old, the safe-step program (approx. 90 minutes) is also mandated. Paul B. mentioned that the minimum number for the class to be held is 60 people. The fee is \$190, and it includes socks, whistle, flags, 2 shirts, pants and a bag. For referees that haven't been active in 2 years, recertification is required. CDRef holds 6 classes during each season, in which new rules, etc. will be covered.

The new FIFA rules have been handed out, and Paul B. discussed that when the ball hits the players hand/arm and drops to their foot, that player can't then score. For U8 and U10, within the buildout line, the ball doesn't have to leave the penalty area any longer before a defender plays the ball. If another defender touches the ball within the build out line the opposing team may move to play the ball. Paul B. asked that this information be passed on to coaches. He also reminded clubs that 1st and 2nd year coaches must attend the coaches' workshop; where new rules will also be reviewed then.

5. Finance – Dave Yule

At the October 2019 meeting, At the October 2019 meeting, it was mentioned to lower the replacement passes and guest player passes back to \$5, lost and expedited passes would remain at \$25. Since there was not a quorum, it was tabled until the January meeting.

A club asked what qualifies as a replacement pass, and Cathleen K. said that if a team turns in a pass because the player needs to be on another team, that would be a replacement pass. Motion to accept the proposal by East Greenbush SC, second by Albany SC. Motion passes unanimously.

6. Executive – Roy P.

Roy P. expressed concern that the rules chairperson, Tim Owens, has only attended 1 executive committee meeting since August (and no general board meetings since August). Roy P. said it is important to have an active rules chairperson. Therefore, if anyone is interested in the rules chairperson position, please let Roy know.

7. Membership – Afrim Nezaj

Since October's general meeting did not have a quorum, the executive committee approved Nirvana FC's membership at December's Executive Committee meeting conditional on a final vote in January by the board of directors. Because of this, Nirvana FC could go ahead and be moved to active status so that they could obtain insurance for its players. Vote to allow Nirvana FC to become a club member, Niskayuna SC voted no,

Greenbush SC and Waterford SC abstained, remaining clubs voted yes. Nirvana FC's membership has passed.

Niskayuna SC stated that Nirvana SC held tryouts last year prior to the CDYSL tryout date. Since this was prior to Nirvana SC seeking CDYL membership, Dave Y. confirmed that they will be under the same CDYSL rules in the future.

Special Committees

1. Programs

a. Coaching Education – Roy Pfeil

Roy P. mentioned that a new coaching course will be announced on Monday. Also, a coaching course will most likely be offered during the upcoming coaches workshop.

The "C" coaching course will also be coming up soon, and costs approximately \$1900 (scholarship opportunities are available through EDP). This is the first time a national licensing course in the Capital District.

b. Zero tolerance – Paul Bascomb

Paul B. reminded clubs that the new FIFA rule allows for yellow and red carding coaches. For example, if an assistant coach yells at a referee, the yellow or red card could go to the head coach as he/she didn't control their bench. CDYSL may impose a fine for any coach that receives a red card. If there is only 1 coach on the field and the coach is red carded, then the game ends. Please pass this info to all coaches. Paul B. said that all Red cards (players & coaches) issued are sent to Paul B. to be reviewed.

Roy P. reminded everyone that if a referee has an issue with spectators, they are to go to the home team coach, and the coach/club is responsible to remove the spectator. The referee is not to challenge a spectator.

c. ODP Program – Roy Pfeil

Roy P. said that ODP is looking for players. The tryout fee is \$65, and teams will play at least 3 tournaments (Massachusetts, Delaware, and Capital District).

d. Exceptional Senior Showcase

No report

e. TOP Soccer

No report

f. Empire Cup – Roy Pfeil

The Empire Cup will be held on April 17-19th at Afrims Sports Park. There is a link on CDYSL website, please sign up now.

Old Business

Roy P. said that the Executive Committee is recommending that the board of directors approve Afrims Sports Park to host the Empire Cup for the next 3 years. A club asked if CDYSL would have any input to how the tournament is run as there were some concerns at last year's Empire Cup. Afrim N. mentioned that there was a survey that went out, but if anyone has any other comments, please contact Afrim N.. Afrims is asking for a 3-year contract as it will better help them promote the tournament earlier.

Roy P. also mentioned that if the facility fills up, that Afrims teams up with local club fields.

Motion to approve a 3-year contract for Afrims Sports Park to host the Empire Cup by Dave Yule, 2nd by Clifton Park. Greenbush abstained – all else in favor. Motion passed.

New Business

Dave Y. proposed to gift 20 of CDYSL's Yankee Trail \$50 gift cards to the New Lebanon Soccer Club. There are 20 CDYSL players from New Lebanon Soccer Club that are going to Portugal. CDYSL obtained 50 gift certificates due to issues with last years Red Bulls bus trip. Motion was made by Colonie SC, 2nd by Rotterdam United SC, Motion passed unanimously.

Roy P. stated that there is a request from Ballston Spa to register the former RISE team (refugees) for financial assistance in registration fees. Roy P. proposed to credit the CDYSL portion of the team registration for 18 players at \$16 each. After discussion, the motion passed (Albany abstained).

The upcoming Coaches Workshop will be held at Afrims Sports Park.

Next board meeting is February 13th.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mendy Varga
Recording Secretary