



MINUTES OF THE
CDYSL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 4, 2021

Present: Roy Pfeil, President; Keith Dolan, 2nd Vice President; Dave Yule, Treasurer; Cathleen Knauf, Secretary; Jon Caraco, At-Large; Adam Cohen, At-Large; Afrim Nezaj At-large.

Not Present: ; Mike Kinnally, 1st Vice President

Also in attendance: Beth Pike, Bethlehem Soccer Club; Paul Bascomb, Valley Soccer Club. Jan Brown, CDYSL.

Meeting called to order by Roy P. at 7: 16 pm.

1. Reading and adoption of Executive Committee January 7, 2021 Minutes. It was noted that the recording secretary had not provided the January 7 minutes.
2. Finance Report. Dave Y presented the January Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statement, and the August Check Detail. It was noted that spring team commitments were down this year. It was asked whether CDYSL would apply for the second round of the Payroll Protection Program and Dave Y indicated that it would apply. A comment was also made that it would be helpful to have the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Year to Year Comparison to see how the league's finances compared to last year. Roy P asked about the money clubs will receive money from CDYSL Spring Ball Registration. The recommendation is to reimburse clubs \$7 per travel player and \$1 per recreation and recreation plus player. The refunds would be issued as credits to this year's registrations unless a club specifically asks for a check. It was **Moved** by Beth (Bethlehem) and **Seconded** by Adam (Fifty FC) that the Financial Report be approved. **Motion Passes.**
3. Office Report. Jan B. reported that Laurie Lester has adjusted into her role as the new Registrar. It was also noted that similar to the problems that clubs were having with the GotSport system, the league was having similar problems but the office is working closely with GotSport to get issues resolved.

The Executive Committee was informed that there were several clubs interested in CDYSL membership. Oneonta Soccer Club, 970 United Soccer Club based out of Clifton Park and MBP FC based out of Albany.

Paul B. asked if it were possible to create a Guest Player Roster in Got Sport. He was informed that a single guest player roster could not be created because in GotSport all rosters need a coach listed on a team. It was decided that for Spring Season, the current guest player roster found on the CDYSL website would be used and a coach would need to bring a copy of the player's primary team roster (instead of the guest pass) to the game. It was also agreed that the office would work with Afrim's Sports regarding the scheduling of games for the Spring League given that several clubs used the fields at Afrim's for home games.

4. Committees Reports

- a. **Rules Committee.** The Rules Committee held an open comment period on the rules after the January Board meeting and received some feedback. It had several comments about how they liked the document and one or two comments about the poaching issue, which will be addressed at a later date.

The committee also noted that there were several comments about the code of conduct and officers rule change, and upon further review, the Rules Committee determined that the rule was not meant to apply to directors, volunteers, and officers of clubs, but instead to the directors, volunteers, and officers of CDYSL. Therefore, the committee is recommending that the rule not be deleted from the rule book and instead clarifying that the rule refers to the CDYSL directors, officers, and volunteers.

The committee also made some adjustments to the rules regarding Tryouts/Poaching and agreed that more discussion was needed; however, it wanted to clarify what registered with a club meant under CDYSL rules and what constituted poaching. The committee wanted to add to the following language: "Once a player has registered and made a to a club team, the player shall not be poached to change clubs unless the player seeks it out themselves and it will be up to the discretion of the originally registered club whether that player will be released to play with another club." **The committee recommends adding that "a registered player is one that is registered with a club on its website and has made an initial payment. Poaching would include but is not limited to contact or invitation to tryout, practice or invitation to join a club by phone, text or email, in-person or any form of social media.** This added language is meant to clarify the current rule and not substitute for any changes that could be made after further review of this rule. It was **MOVED** by Jon C and **SECONDED** by Keith D that the Executive Committee recommend that the additional language be added to the proposed rule change.

- b. **Registration Committee.** It was noted that clubs had started to register players through the GotSport system. And register teams for the spring league.
- c. **Games Committee.** Paul B informed the committee that EDP and National Premier League have already put out schedules for the spring. Paul noted that there were approximately 72 referees that registered for the spring and hopes to offer a class this spring. Paul B. and Tom Green, the head referee assignor, met with the office staff to review the scheduling program and to determine the process of communication between CDYSL and CD Ref. Finally, Paul will recommend to clubs that when they receive their preliminary schedule, that they look to reschedule games so that they are playing multiple games on the same day at the same site.

5. Programs.

- a. **ODP.** Roy P. informed the committee that there are plans to create a sub-regional event on Sunday, April 25, 2021 that would include western NY, Southern NY, and Northern NY ODP programs for the 2004-2009. Scouts from Women's Soccer League Developmental Academy, Generation Adidas as well as representatives from several boys developmental academies. The event will be held at Afrim's Sports Park.
- b. **Coaching Licenses.** A "C" Coaching course will be held by Tim Bradbury April 20-23rd at Afrim's Sports Park. Roy P. also reported that he will be adding additional courses this spring.

6. **Old Business.** There was no old business discussed.

7. **New Business.** Jan B. shared two items that will be on the ENYYSA February 9 meeting agenda. The first is that beginning next year, ENY will charge a non-refundable fee for tournament applications and require a \$250 bond, which will be refunded if the hosting club submits its Post Tournament Report within 30 days of the tournament. The second item is that ENYYSA will change the method that it charges for background checks. One consequence of the new method is that leagues will no longer have the ability to add a league fee to the background check payment,

8. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectively Submitted by Jan Brown