



## **General Board Meeting | Zoom Video Conference**

**June 11, 2020 | 7:00 PM**

### **Call to Order**

Roy Pfeil, President, called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. A quorum was established at 7:06pm. Roy P. announced that everyone except the recording secretary and the executive committee will be placed on mute. If a club has a question, please either click on the chat button or hand button, which will be monitored by Cathy K. (secretary) and Jan B. (LOD).

### **Roll Call**

Clubs present: AB; AV; BS; BE; BW; BR; CL; CU; CA; CP; CO; DU; FF; FU; GP; GB; GV; LS; LC; ME; NS; NY; NU; NE; RW; TV; VY; FIRESTORM (NIRVANA)

Clubs absent: AL; AM; BK; CM; CH; CZ; CS; CT; CR; EM; FR; GA; GW; HH; HF; NL; PT; RA; RO; SA; SC; VY; WF

### **Comments From The Floor**

#### **Scholarships**

Roy P. announced the 2020 scholarship winners:

- Tyler Trahan – LaSalle Institute, played for Brunswick SC. He plans to attend University of South Carolina in the fall.
- Amanda Gillenwalters – Voorheesville HS, played for Greenbush SC. She plans to attend Binghamton University in the fall.
- Cayden Smith – Voorheesville HS, plays for New Scotland SC. He plans to attend Hobart and William Smith College in the fall.
- Jared Meisel – Columbia HS (East Greensbush), played for Greenbush Soccer Club. He plans to attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall.

Dave Y. said that there were 52 applications, and the only requirement to apply is to have played CDYSL either during their junior or senior year of high school.

#### **Eastern NY**

Tim Frament, Vice President of Eastern NY, announced that Got Soccer will be the new state registration platform. The contract with SI Play expires at the end of June, and Eastern NY decided not to renew. This will also be used for include roster approval and creation of passes.

Tim F. explained that there are a couple changes with the process. Currently with SI Play, clubs pay a per player fee which is negotiated by the club directly with SI Play. Going forward, there will not be a per player charge to the club for the use of Got Soccer (there is a credit card fee similar to SI Play). Also, if clubs want to bulk register all their players at once, there is no fee. Therefore, if a club chooses to use another platform to collect registration money, there is no fee to upload everything to Got Soccer. If a club chooses to use Got Soccer to collect registrations (travel, rec., camps), there is no charge. As an Eastern NY member, tournament registration will be reduced per team from \$15 to \$13.

To pay for the system, Tim F. said that the leagues voted in February 2020 to increase the registration fee from \$19 to \$21 (\$7 to \$9 for rec). Due to COVID, Eastern NY decided to delayed the fee increase for 1 year.

Bethlehem SC mentioned said that Tim F. said Got Soccer wouldn't cost clubs anything, however registration is being increased by \$2 per player. Tim F. said that most teams are paying more than \$3 per player with SI Play. Again, this was approved by the leagues in February 2020.

Risk management will go through Got Soccer, and there are 2 changes:

- In previous years, coaches would use a separate registration to complete risk management. Going forward, risk management will be linked to the registration of passes.
- The federal government is now requiring that each coach watch a 30-minute Safe Sport video refresher every year.

Bethlehem SC asked if risk management is going to cost more. Tim F. said risk management has 3 components: Safe Sport (no fee), background check, and concussion management (no fee). Dave Y. confirmed that there will not be an increase in the CDYSL processing fee next year (currently \$12).

Albany SC asked for clarification on the risk management requirements. Tim F. clarified that background checks will continue to be required every 2 years, therefore there are no increases in risk management fees this year. Albany SC asked if there is contact information for Got Soccer, and Jan B. said that all club registrars will be learning about Got Soccer on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. Got Soccer will also be providing representatives to help each club get set up.

From the zoom chat, Cathy K. said there was a question asking if Got Soccer hosts websites, Mike Pike confirmed that they don't.

Northern United SC asked if each player will need to register with Got Soccer. Tim F. said that players do need to register with Got Soccer, and also said that clubs can also do as a bulk upload. Northern United SC asked if SI Play's information can be exported and imported into Got Soccer. Tim F. said that every club has a contract with SI Play, therefore each club should have access to all the information. Please contact SI Play directly to inquire about exporting data. Northern United SC mentioned that they do use Got Soccer for their tournament website. Tim F. said he would check with Got Soccer about the availability to host a tournament website.

## **Reading and Adoption of the Minutes**

The May 07, 2020 minutes were distributed. Motion by Greenbush SC to approve the minutes, second by Latham Circle SC, motion carried unanimously.

## **Treasurer's Report – Dave Yule**

Financials were distributed, total liabilities & equity is \$288,206.62 with liabilities of \$2,032.50. Net income is \$50,819.59. At the previous meeting, the net income was over \$100k, Dave Y. explained that this is primarily due to refunding the team commitment fees (\$36k). Therefore, Dave Y. estimates that CDYSL will be close to breaking even at the end of the year.

Dave Y. reported that next years' budget has been sent to the executive committee for review. Currently, Dave Y. is not recommending an increase to registration fees. He is however, recommending an increase to Fall and Spring commitment fees.

A club asked if CDYSL applied for the PPP loan, and Dave Y. confirmed that CDYSL was approved for the PPP loan program, and that is how staff was able to be paid during the COVID-19 shut down.

Greenbush SC asked if CYDSL would consider a club-wide player pass for non-competitive U10 players to give them some flexibility. Jan B. said she would check with Eastern NY to see if that is possible, Greenbush SC said that a group in Long Island is already doing it. Roy P. said that CDYSL is also considering making U12 non-competitive.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Latham Circle SC, second Albany SC, motion carried unanimously.

## **Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

- 1. Rules – Tim Owens**  
No report.
- 2. Games – Paul Bascomb**  
No report.
- 3. Finance – Dave Yule**  
No report.
- 4. Scholarship – Candace McHugh (absent)**  
No report.
- 5. Executive – Roy Pfeil**  
No report.

**6. Membership – Afrim N. (absent)**

Jan B. said there is 1 new application, North Star Premier Club based out of Clifton Park. North Star Premier Club will field teams from U8-U18, and Afrim's Sports Park will be their home field.

The board of directors will vote on North Star Premier Club at the AGM in August.

Latham Circle asked if the application could be sent out club-wide. Jan B. said she would find out what the protocol is on that.

**7. Zero Tolerance/Appeals – Dave Yule & Paul Bascomb**

No report.

**8. Arbitration – Tim Framer**

No report.

**9. Nominations – Mike Kinnally**

Roy P. mentioned that the following positions are open: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Treasurer, At-Large, and Secretary. Also, various committee chairs are open. Mike K. is the nomination chair, therefore please contact him directly if interested in any of the positions. The election is open until the AGM in August.

**10. Risk Management – Tim Framer**

No report.

**Special Committees**

**1. Programs – Roy Pfeil**

**a. Coaching Education – Roy Pfeil**

Roy P. reported that Coaching Courses will be starting up at the end of July with a C Course being offered at Afrims. They will not be using players until at least January. Therefore, the Coaches will be used as the demonstrators. Jan B. mentioned that more information regarding the coaching course is on the CDYSL website.

**b. ODP Program – Roy Pfeil**

Roy P. mentioned that ODP did 10 virtual sessions during the COVID-19 shut down, and refunded each player \$200.

**Old Business**

**1. 2020-2021 Tryouts**

Roy P. said that he has received a number of reports of coaches practicing with players. He reiterated that all CDYSL clubs are prohibited from any kind of play. Eastern NY has suspended all insurance. If a club has private insurance, Roy P. recommends that they should follow the NY State Governor's ruling. Once the capital region reaches Phase 4, then clubs can begin the 5 phases of return to play as recommended by US Soccer. He

reminded clubs that we all want to get back to soccer, but it is imperative that all clubs follow the rules for everyone's safety.

Brunswick SC asked for clarification on private training. Roy P. said that we can't stop parents/kids getting together. If a parent hires a trainer or coach, be sure that the parent understands that there is not any insurance coverage from the league.

A club asked that if an area reaches Phase 4 before all of CDYSL's footprint, can they begin Soccer Phase 1. Jan B. confirmed that Eastern NY said that as soon as Phase 4 is reached in each region, that region may begin Soccer Phase 1.

Scott Swere (Bethlehem SC) asked that once Phase 4 is reached, would Eastern NY or CDYSL provide a restart plan as clubs need to start planning now for when Phase 4 occurs. Jan B. clarified that Eastern NY is in the process of finalizing their plan for restarting, and will be sending it to clubs by the beginning of next week.

Scott S. said Eastern NY has already posted the 5 phases of Soccer, and Jan B. said that Eastern NY will be providing even more guidance.

Latham Circle SC said that New York State hasn't dictated exactly what is included in Phase 4, and because it could change, Phase 4 doesn't necessarily mean that New York State will allow soccer to open up.

A club asked if they could have virtual tryouts, Dave Y. confirmed that they can have virtual tryouts as of June 21<sup>st</sup>, but reminded clubs that they can't do anything in person.

Paul B. said that allowing virtual tryouts is a slippery slope, and Greenbush SC also voiced a concern that it could be a way to poach players. Colonie SC said that he was under the impression that clubs needed to suspend all activities, even if it is virtual. Cathy K. clarified that insurance wasn't completely suspended, only insurance for outdoor activities. Jan B. clarified that the insurance is tied to the fields.

Greenbush SC asked if they can start collecting registrations for tryouts (for whenever they are able to have the tryouts). Roy P. confirmed that they could, as long as they don't post an in-person tryout date.

## 2. Spring League Reimbursements

Roy P. mentioned that team commitment fees have been refunded. Eastern NY is saying that they will be refunding approx. \$15k to CDYSL, which represents approximately 800 registrations that were received during the month of March.

Currently, the registration fee per player is \$35, CDYSL keeps \$16 to pay staff and overhead. Roy P. said that he will have Dave Y. run calculations to see if any of the \$16 that can be refunded, and will notify clubs at the CDYSL AGM in August.

William from Northern United asked if Eastern NY has considered reimbursing

registrations prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>. Roy P. said that East Hudson did propose that, but was voted down by the Executive Committee at Eastern NY because much of that money has been sent on to the Federation and was used for office staff and overhead.

A club asked for confirmation that any Eastern NY refund that is made will be distributed to clubs equally. It was confirmed that it was voted on at the previous meeting. Roy P. said that this comes out to about \$350 per club. The other option was to divide it up by per player which would come out to about \$1.50 per player. If the board wants to overturn this decision, it would need to be voted on by a 2/3rds majority. Roy P. said that he feels this would be more equitable for travel clubs.

Albany SC motions to change the previous decision (May 2020 meeting) regarding the Eastern NY refund to say "Any monies refunded by Eastern NY will be divided among clubs by players who has registered for travel players after November 1<sup>st</sup>." Latham Circle SC seconds the motion.

Bethlehem SC said that not including players who registered for Fall Ball isn't equitable. William asked if CDYSL didn't have any registrations after 3/1, would the refund from Eastern NY would be zero. Jan B. confirmed. Therefore, William said that he feels that people who registered in March should get their money back. A club said that if that is the case, they will now be registering late in the future. Jan B. reminded clubs that if your club is going to practice or play indoor soccer over the winter, then you need to register prior to that for insurance.

After discussion, Albany SC withdrew the motion, Latham Circle SC agreed with the motion being withdrawn. Latham Circle SC asked if there is a chance that Eastern NY will refund more money, Paul B. said that he believes there will not be any more money refunded. Ed from Latham Circle SC said that he has parents that are hesitant to pay for fall ball in case it is canceled.

Roy P. did also say that there is a possibility that CDYSL provides a refund from the portion that CDYSL collected from registration fees (\$16 per player). Paul B. said if Dave Y. and Jan B. recommend that CDYLS refunds a portion of the registration money, it would go to all players that registered (regardless of when they registered).

## **New Business**

1. NY State Forward Plan Phase 4/US Soccer Phase 1  
See above.

Paul B. asked what the plan is for the AGM in August, because if anything is changed (date, etc.), CDYSL has to notify clubs prior to 60 days before the AGM. Roy P. said that we will make the decision at the July Executive Meeting.

2. Fall Ball  
Dave Y. mentioned that the Executive Board has decided to put a request for bids out for clubs for hosting Fall Ball. Paul B. said that one of the biggest selling points is that it is at

one site. Jan B. said that we need a site to have at least 10 fields, and will put out a request for bids next week. It is a 6-week session.

Roy said that there are 2 options:

- 1 site, and CDYSL would share part of the revenue with that club
  - Multiple sites (1 site per weekend), and CDYSL would prorate the share of revenue with each club.
3. Dave Y. mentioned that long-time soccer coach John Bramley passed away and wondered if CDYSL should send a donation. Roy P. said that he hasn't been involved in quite a while.

The next board meeting is the August AGM on August 9th.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn by Valley SC, seconded by Latham Circle SC, motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mendy Varga  
Recording Secretary