



Annual General Meeting | North Colonie Soccer Club

August 11, 2019 | 1:00 PM

Call to Order

Tim Owens, President called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm. A quorum has been established.

Roll Call

Clubs present: Clubs present: AB; AL; AM; AV; BE; BS; BR; BW; CH; CL; CP; CU; CO; DU; FU; GA; GB; GV; HF; LC; LS; ME; NL; NS; NY; NY; NE; RA; RO; RW; TV; and VY.

Clubs absent: BK; CA; CH; CS; CT; CR; EM; FF; GP; GW; HH; SA; SC; and WF.

Establishment and Certification of Voting Strength

Paul Bascomb informed each soccer club of their voting strength for voting purposes.

Reading and Adoption of the Minutes

The 2018 AGM meeting notes from August 12, 2018 were distributed. A correction from page 1 was noted that Richie Christiano's name was misspelled. A motion was made to approve with the correction noted by Saratoga Wilton SC, second by Latham Circle SC, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Yule

The Profit & Loss statement and the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget were distributed. The Profit & Loss showed that the gross profit is \$319,446.67, and net income is \$39,544.24.

Dave Y. pointed out that the income is under budget by \$22,253.33, mostly due to the Empire Cup and registration. Expenses are also under budget by \$61,797.57, mostly due to the change in Empire Cup.

Budget Proposal: Dave Y. mentioned that a \$10,000 income line has been for EDP Registrations. The Empire Cup income/expenses have been adjusted to align with the new structure. Dave Y. reported that the office staff is now down to 3 people, and they have increased Jan's hours.

A motion was made by Hoosick Falls SC to approve the treasurer's report and budget as presented, second by Valley SC, motion carried.

Unfinished business

None

Comments from the Floor

Eastern NY Annual General Meeting: Tim O. presented a report from the meeting.

- Eastern NY's annual budget included a \$1 per player increase.
- \$10,000 in ODP scholarships were distributed
- Eastern NY hired a new Social Media person
- Eastern NY President report – The have adopted an AIMS (Athletes Injury Management System) which will track all injuries to athletes
- Public Relations report – 2 members of US Women's National Team are from Eastern NY.
- Representative from EDP spoke about their partnership with the Federation and Eastern NY
- FIFA rule changes: will not be in effect in Eastern NY until Spring 2020:
 1. Substitution rule – players can exit the field at the nearest point (no longer at the midfield touchline).
 2. Coaches may now be yellow and red carded.
 3. Drop ball rule – At a stoppage of play outside the penalty area, the ball will be dropped for a player from the team that last touched the ball. Inside the penalty area, the goalkeeper gets possession of the ball and can use his/her hands
 4. Hand Ball (handling) – did not discuss rule change as it is not being adopted until Spring
 5. Direct Free Kick – a direct free kick inside your own penalty area does not have to leave the penalty area. Ball is in play as soon as it is touched. This applies to the build out line also.
- Eastern NY is going to continue with SI Play for this year.

Eastern NY - Tim Frament - Tim F. explained some of the new rules from Eastern NY in detail.

- \$1 per player increase: US Youth increased the fee per player by \$1.25, and Eastern NY is absorbing \$0.25 per player.

- EDP registrations: Because the EDP partnership happened so fast last year, they allowed registration through EDP. That was only for the 1st year of the partnership. Future EDP registrations will now go through CDYSL
- SI Play software – Eastern NY has 1 more year of their contract with SI Play. SI Play was purchased by Sports Engine.
- Policy 212. Explained that Bylaw 212 and Policy 212 is a requirement of US Soccer. All member clubs must register any recreation/in-house/intramural players through CDYSL. US Soccer is beginning to more closely monitor compliance, primarily due to the passage of the Safe Sport legislation in 2017. It requires mandatory sexual abuse training and more rigorous background checks, which has extensive insurance implications. By US Soccer rules, CDYSL may not allow any club to be a member unless all players in that club register with US soccer. Tim F. then fielded several questions from clubs:
 1. Colonie SC mentioned that registering players twice a year is cumbersome and wondered if they can purchase their own insurance. Tim F. said that US Soccer states that even if you get your own insurance, if all players are not registered with US Soccer, no players from that club may be a part of US Soccer. He also mentioned that it isn't only about insurance for injuries, there are other liabilities like sexual abuse. He clarified that if you register any players with CDYSL, they are also registered through US Soccer.
 2. Saratoga SC said the town and club are a partnership. Tim F. mentioned that if the club isn't arranging for insurance, etc., then it is a different situation.
 3. Colonie SC asked if a player needs to register twice for travel & rec, and Tim F. clarified that they only need to register once.
 4. FC Dutchman said that their rec teams are insured privately, so he questioned why all rec players need to be registered. Tim F. confirmed that US Soccer requires all players in a club to be registered.
 5. Bethlehem SC asked about changes to background checks. Tim F. said that the Federation attorney is recommending county background checks as the rates per state are drastically different (\$3 in Texas, \$95 in NYS).
 6. Bethlehem SC asked what the benefit of registering a rec player through CDYSL is when they are already private insurance. Tim F. said unfortunately it is just to comply with the Policy 212. He did say that the CDYSL insurance does offer more coverage than the typical private insurance (sexual abuse, traumatic brain injury, etc.).
 7. Dave Y asked if a club registers rec player, will the rec coaches also need a background check, and Tim F. confirmed that they would.
 8. Rip Van Winkle SC asked if a rec coach already has completed a background check (teacher, police officers), do they need to do it again? Tim F. said that you can submit the official background check to the risk management committee for review and said that Eastern NY is working to streamline this process.
 9. Amsterdam SC asked if there is a deadline to comply, and Tim F. said that Policy 212 has been in effect for quite a while now, but compliance is becoming more of a priority with Eastern NY. A club asked if there is a penalty if they don't comply, and Tim F. said that the club wouldn't be able to register their travel players.
 10. Bethlehem SC noted that the increase of registering rec players will greatly increase the volume in the office. Tim O. announced that an all-digital system will be implemented this year.

- Eastern NY AGM: 6 proposed changes
 1. In the past Vice Presidents were determined by seniority. A proposal passed that the role of each vice president will be determined by the executive board.
 2. In the past, there were 13 members of the executive board, which included 4 trustees. A proposal passed to lower the number of trustees to 2 trustees.
 3. A proposal was made to create an oversight committee, which was not passed.
 4. Executive Board elections - Tim Frament has been elected as a Vice President.

- Tim O. introduced our new league operations director, Jan Brown. Jan introduced herself to the board of directors. She requested for flexibility as she adjusts to the new role. Tim O. also introduced Stephanie in the CDYSL office.

Officers

No Report

Standing Committee Reports:

1. Rules

No report

2. Registrations

No Report

3. Games – Paul Bascomb

Paul B. reported that there were only 41 comments from coaches received from the 1600 games, 9 of which were due to teams running up the score.

Paul B. is looking to form committees of 6 people per age group to assist him with team placements. He requested that teams attempt to get more complete rosters before the team placements. Team placements are a difficult process, and the more info the better.

Paul B. would like EDP team consider playing limited play schedule through CDYSL. The goal is to get more Division 1 games; therefore, he is willing to schedule limited play games later in the season when EDP is generally done.

4. Finance & Scholarship – Dave Yule

No report

5. Executive

No report

6. Membership – Afrim Nezaj

1. Due to the rule that any clubs not active after a 2-year period becomes inactive, the following clubs will become inactive: Chatham, Cohoes, Empire and New Lebanon.

2. Nirvana North has submitted all paperwork. They have 7 girls' teams (U8-U18). They are based in Clifton Park, and have about 150 girls participating. Richard BIRTHAMMER is the President, and the club representative mentioned that they do have 1 team interested in fall ball. The second read of the application will be at the October general board meeting. Mike K from FC Dutchman asked what the purpose of the 2nd read of membership applications is, and Tim O. responded that the rule is in the CYSL Bylaws.

7. Zero Tolerance/Appeals – Roy Pfeil

Roy P. mentioned that last fall he created some protocols to help coaches know how to deal with a variety of situations. This was distributed to clubs last year, and will go out again this fall. Roy P. requested that club presidents share it with their coaches/managers.

Roy P. reported that he assessed 3 zero tolerance fines this year, and that the executive board had recommended that the fines be higher. Roy P. also said that about 17 zero tolerance letters were sent out this year.

8. Arbitration

No report

9. Nominations

No report

10. Risk Management

No report

Special Committees

1. Programs – Roy Pfeil

a. Coaching Education – Roy Pfeil

No report

b. ODP Program – Roy Pfeil

Roy P. said they had 26 players from upstate NY make the ODP regional pool. Tryouts are next Sunday at the North Colonie Soccer Club from 9am till noon. Scholarships are available. Practices will be indoors at Afrim Latham Dome and outdoor practices will be in New Paltz on turf.

c. Executive – Tim Owens

Tim O. thanked everyone for allowing him to serve as President and affirmed that the league remains strong. He mentioned that there are many challenges that soccer leagues are facing, including expansions of other leagues which force everyone to work harder and smarter.

Elections of Officers

Paul B., nominating chair, announced the nominations for open officer positions.

President – Tim Owens & Roy Pfeil. Due to term limits, Tim O. has withdrawn his name as President.

1st Vice President – Michael Kinnally

2nd Vice President – Albany SC nominated Tim Owens to finish Roy P's term as Vice President (August 2020)

At-Large Members (two positions) - Afrim Nezaj. Paul B. noted that Tim F. is stepping down because of his role with Eastern NY. Roy P. nominated Bruce Rosenthal, but he respectfully declined. Candice McHugh from RCS SC volunteered to fill the other at-large position.

No further nominations from the floor, vote held and passed unanimously.

Roy P. then continued with the meeting as President. He thanked Tim O. for all his work the past 4 years.

Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

None

New Business

1. Hoosick Falls made a motion to exempt all member clubs with less than 2 voting allotments from general meetings except for the AGM. Tim O. said that because the current rule is in the constitution, the motion would need to be submitted 60 days prior to the AGM.

Tim F. mentioned that if a notice is sent out to all members prior to the October General Board Meeting, the members could vote on the constitution change in October.

Paul B. mentioned that there are 18 clubs that have 1 voting allotments, so if all those clubs were exempt from a meeting, it would be difficult to reach a quorum. Hoosick Falls SC then withdrew the original proposal and made a motion to exempt all member clubs with zero voting allotments from general meetings except for the AGM. New Lebanon seconded the motion. Jan B. will send notification of the motion to clubs early next week, and there will be a vote at the October General Board meeting.

2. Paul B. mentioned that fall ball registration closes on August 31st, and games begin on September 15th.
3. A club asked if there is a referee meeting prior to the season to go over all the rule changes (in particular build out lines). Paul B. said that there will not be a meeting as it is difficult to schedule. He suggested that the coaches help the refs out.

4. A club asked about the team committee fees included in packet (yellow sheet). Tim O. clarified that currently, teams pay a team commitment fee and then per player registration fee. The new option would combine the commitment and player fees into a flat fee per team. For teams that wanting to only play EDP, the team will still need to register their players through CDYSL. The new option would generate a one-page roster with all player photos, therefore would not require the office to print player passes.

Good and Welfare

Tim O. shared that he had an 11-year-old player from the Albany SC that came to the United States in 2010. When ODP was looking for kids up North, Tim sponsored him and drove him to Queensbury every week. Later he received a full ride scholarship to college to play soccer. Just a reminder that small town clubs and ODP both work well together and has great value.

Roy P. mentioned that ODP will have regional champions for each age division (4 regions), which will then proceed to a national championship

Hoosick Falls recommended that CDYSL have an online meeting option for clubs that are a long distance away, or when winter weather causes concern.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hoosick Falls, 2nd by Brunswick.
The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 PM

Next board meeting is October 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mendy Varga
Recording Secretary