



Summary Meeting Minutes  
**Board of Director's Meeting of Thursday, April 14, 2016**  
Sand Creek Middle School Cafeteria  
7:00 pm

**Call to Order ~ Timothy Owens, President**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

Tim announced there are snacks and water in the back of the meeting room. Please take what you need when you want to. Tim stated that it seems like we have a lot of business on the table tonight but we really do not.

**Roll Call ~ David Sparks, Membership Committee**

The following clubs were in attendance: AB; AL; AV; BS; BK; BE; BW; BR; BH; CL; CU; CA; CH; CP; CO; CT; CR; FU; GB; GU; HM; HH; HF; LS; LC; NS; NE; NY; FT; NU; RA; RJ; VY; AM; CS; HL; NL; RO; CT; ME

The following clubs were not in attendance: CM; GA; GV; GW; RW; SA; SC; SY; TV

There is a quorum.

**Reading and Adoption of the Minutes ~**

**BOD Meetings ~ January 14, 2016; February 11, 2016**

January 2016 meeting minutes will be given out at the next meeting for review; February 2016 meeting minutes reviewed; motion made and seconded and motion carried to approve.

**Treasurer's Report ~ Dave Yule, Treasurer**

Review of the handout and financials and all on track; Futsal was not in budget and went over a little but first year and changes will be made next year; bottom line is we went a little over budget but over 1000 kids were able to play soccer; we need to put our investments into the kids; motion was made and seconded and financials were approved.

Discussion of the fines and fees that are brought into the office and Tim would like to see every penny of these invested back into the league which means back into the clubs; all clubs will need different things than another club and discussions will follow when they are in need.

**Communications**

Jen from At Peak Fitness Soccer outlined her program and what the benefits of signing up would be; handouts were given and any clubs interested can contact her and/or contact the office and we can give them the contact information.

Matt of Tri City Valleycats spoke about Soccer Night at one of their games, Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and flyer were passed out regarding this event; players are encouraged to wear uniforms and if this can move forward, there can be a parade, discounts, and various activities throughout the ball game to acknowledge and have the player participate in the activities.

Tim reminded all that we will not try to take up too much time at the meetings but we will give lots of information and what the league is looking forward in the future and there should be a visionary document to come out prior to the AGM in August.

### **Comments from the Floor**

Nothing to report at this time.

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

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

##### **1. Rules ~ Scott Swere**

There was a review of the USSF Player Initiatives and the discussion of the mandated dates and how the league thinks we should proceed and then have the clubs vote on what they want the league to do.

Proposal number one was the discussions on the U12 9 v9 format the roster size change and discussions followed; a motion was made and seconded to accept the change for next season (2016/2017) and a vote was taken and it passed.

Proposal number two was already taken care of so we don't need to do anything with this proposal.

Proposal number three was discussed on the change and not putting too much of a financial burden on the clubs; discussions on the sizes and formats we should follow and in the future for the clubs purchasing new goals, should go with the new sizes; discussions followed on certain situations with the teams and the ranges that will be acceptable. There was a motion and it was seconded and a vote was taken to accept the recommendations and it passed.

Proposal number four discusses the punting rule and there were discussions on exactly what was trying to be said in detail; it was decided to break this proposal into two parts and the first one will be the no punting rule and what strategy the players, coaches, referees will have to follow. A motion was made and seconded and a vote was taken; this proposal passed and Paul stated he will make sure the referees all know the new rule.

Build outline was discussed that for goal kicks, the goalkeeper may not punt the ball. When the goalkeeper has possession and is playing the ball out of the back by means of throwing or rolling the ball, the offensive team players must fall back to the "build-out line" which the initiative as fourteen (14) yards from the end line. CDYSL recommends the defensive end of the center circle. There was a vote and this passed.

Proposal number five is the birth year initiative and there were discussions on the benefits to change this for the upcoming season versus waiting another year; it was noted the registration system has already been changed for next season to follow the new initiative; there will be a new age matrix sent out in the near future for those looking to hold tryouts and such. These was already adopted by ENYYSA so we are not voting on this.

## **2. Registrations ~ Tammy Kishbaugh**

Registrations are moving along smoothly but there are still registrations coming in so those are not processed yet; there will be some players out there who will not be able to play until the rosters and passes are completed; the office is not at fault for this as they were caught up but they are coming in constantly; all full teams have been registered and what is not registered are changes, additions, guest players and such.

Tim stated that a few clubs had to be fined due to the fact they didn't bring in their full team registrations before the deadline and we've collected around \$2,000 due to this.

## **3. Games ~ Paul Bascomb**

Paul stated that 112 games will be played this weekend for CDYSL and there are games that will not have referees because they are so low on referees. Paul stated that make sure your fields are ready and the goals are set and the lines are down, flags, etc. The U08 rule from last year will be enforced as it is now policy; fewer referees this year so there may be some games not covered; be kind to the referees, especially the new referees.

Paul talks as a referee and speaks about the bad behavior towards the referees and please do not harass the referees and act appropriately; ask your parents and coaches to watch the educational video on the CDYSL website or the TED talk.

## **4. Finance ~ David Sparks**

Dave stated that the budget process for the 2017 budget has started which is earlier this year.

## **5. Executive ~ Timothy Owens**

Is being reported throughout the meeting

## **6. Membership ~ Dave Sparks**

We received interest from the Waterford Football Club but it is not the Waterford Soccer Club and the paperwork is being reviewed.

## ***Note: No Reports ~ Arbitration, Nomination, Zero Tolerance, Appeals, Risk Management***

Tim will be reaching out to the chairs of the committees.

## **Programs**

### **Coaching Education ~ Roy Pfeil, Second Vice President**

Roy stated that starting in July the F add on module will have a charge. That is what he was told. \$25 for each course (check with Roy).

There is an E course coming up.

If you want an F course, call ENYISA or Roy and let's get it going.

### **ODP Program (tryouts and follow-up) ~ Roy Pfeil, Tim Owens**

Tim stated that the regionalization is under way. Monday nights through the winter, North North have been going to the Queensbury Dome and that has ended and we are now going outdoor and it will be weekly at Bethlehem Soccerplex. Once a month the North North and the North South get together for group training so everyone North of NYC will go to one location. April will be in Stringham Park starting a week from Monday. The committee has said that the girls are going to Bethlehem on that Monday after Mother's Day for all age groups and all of the boys will be going to Latham. They are trying to compress the times to do so with

the traveling time. We want to make sure that it works for everybody. Ideas for next year are already being discussed.

Monday night is still that reserved night where ENYYSA is recommending that teams don't hold regular practices to allow the players to try out for ODP. Next year we want two regional up here and one down state because we have the numbers. It has hard to sell when we only have 6 players up north and 18 down south. That has pretty much been the drivers of where we practice. You need to encourage the players to go out if they are decent players and they need to recognize the talent and move it along.

Roy backed up Tim's comments and stated we do have a lot of talent in our area and we need to promote it.

### **FUTSAL ~ CDYSL League (Interim) Report; Survey Preliminary Results**

Tim stated we already covered the financials and the survey came back and there was a 76% approval rating. Positives were the kids had a great time and the negatives were that there was referee inconsistency. We knew we were going to add that in for training next year and we will add in a few other items such as teams who didn't bring their Futsal Ball.

### **Exceptional Senior Showcase ~ no report**

### **TOP Soccer**

Tim stated that we have three clubs who have a TOP Soccer program. There are mandated programs, but we earnestly want to do something in our TOP Soccer Program.

### **Unfinished Business ~ Goal Safety Initiatives, CDYSL Scholarship, Empire Cup**

Empire cup registration is still open. Please sign up. We want this to become a huge event. Imagine if one team from every club comes to the tournament, we are at 50 teams. It is a revenue generating tool for the league and we can do a lot of items with those resources. We would like to grow it, some of our clubs send many teams to the event. He will put it out there, it is an Empire Cup, it is OUR tournament. Having said, that, trying not to step on any toes, and he lists many tournaments, we do what we can do accommodate your tournament, all of your clubs should be in our own host tournament. All of our clubs who are playing D1234, it doesn't matter, we have club and we have premier, please put the word out there to participate in our tournament. It generates revenue so we can put it back into our clubs.

Goal safety, we purchased for you, in the office we have 160 of these. Tim shows them. NY state law all goals must be anchored properly. This with the proper amount of sand inside should do the work. There is also a tether system in the law but it is tethered to the post, they are. The challenge is how to distribute to the clubs. We are working on a way to your clubs with field commitment to your club field commitment, fillable pdf to go to our website and populate it with your request. And then we see what we get and we don't want to keep them in the office long. It was stated it should be one in each corner in each goal. Minimum 2 per goal and 4 per field is the proper system. Some will need it and some will not need these bags we are giving out. Tim Frament stated that the law states that the law states you need to have the goal anchored at all times, not just play times.

Scholarship was closed on April 1<sup>st</sup>. There are about 25 altogether. All information will be sent out to the Scholarship committee. Kathy will scan and get it to the committees, it is announced at the June meeting. Tim stated that the winners come to our meeting in June and we give them the award and check. It was proposed

that we present them at their school and it would give them recognition and Pat Ramundo had this idea and we think it is a great idea and we need to make that happen.

Dave Yule asks for the deadline, Roy stated that there are usually around May or so for presentations and we will need to move quickly. Dave stated how most are done which is a blurb in a book for the awards, if we can't make it happen this year, we can do it next year.

Italo stated that we have 112 games will play on Sunday and the week of the 24<sup>th</sup> we are down to about 78 games on Sunday due to spring break. It then starts picking up. We have two teams playing on Friday and Saturday prior to the season on Sunday.

Tim wants us to send a bus to Red Bulls (at least one bus) for the fourth of July weekend, more information to follow. Cost of bus and ticket \$55. Up until Mother's Day. You don't reserve, you get left or you pay more. We will post on the website. We want to send at least 1 bus. Season is over and we know it is a holiday season, it is a noon game.

### **New Business ~ April BOD Vote on USSF player development initiatives**

#### **Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm. Chatham made the motion and New Scotland seconded the motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tammy Kishbaugh  
Recording Secretary

#### ***CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***Executive Committee (next 4 meetings) ~ May 5<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup>***

***CDYSL Spring League Opening Day ~ Sunday, April 17, 2016***

***CDYSL EMPIRE CUP ~ June 25-26, 2016***

***CDYSL Annual General Meeting ~ Sunday, August 14, 2016***

#### **CDYSL Constitution, Article II: CDYSL Goals**

- a. To teach the game of soccer to the youth of our community.
- b. To operate a youth soccer league to help in developing the character of the youth of our community.
- c. To foster and engage in competition for the furtherance of the above purposes.
- d. To encourage and engage in other activities which will enhance and improve these stated purposes.
- e. To support the players to their highest level of competition possible.

**CDYSL Rules and Regulations, Section X, Sub-section D**

1. Regardless of the time and sacrifices you devote, no director, officers or volunteers receives any financial benefit or credit for their volunteer services.
2. Organization goals will be set before personal goals. Put the best interest of the entire program ahead of individual desires. We are here to serve all of the children with quality programs.
3. Minimize complaints and pettiness. Look for ways to improve the organization rather than pointing fingers.
4. Speak up when you have questions or disagree, but support the final decision of the organization.
5. Look at problems from an organization-wide perspective. Focus on the best interests of all the children and youth sports in general.
6. Treat your colleagues respectfully. Give your colleagues the benefit of the doubt. Don't jump to conclusions. They are just like doing the best to help build a quality program for kids.
7. Conflicts should focus on issues, not personalities of individuals. Courtesy goes a long way toward building harmony and cooperation.