



General Board Meeting | Sand Creek Middle School Library

February 13, 2020 | 7:00 PM

Announcements

Roy announced that Tim Owen's sister-in-law passed away this week. CDYSL sends their condolences to Tim's family and has sent flowers to the funeral home.

CDYSL received a thank you from New Scotland SC for donating the Yankee Trails gift cards to them.

Call to Order

Roy Pfeil, President called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. A quorum was established at 7:07pm.

Roll Call

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

Clubs absent: BK; CH; CS; EM; GW; HH; RA; SC; TV; and WF

Clubs excused: CT

Reading and Adoption of the Minutes

The January 9th minutes were distributed. It was noted that the New Scotland (not New Lebanon) soccer club is going to Portugal. Motion by Greenbush SC to approve the minutes with the correction, second by Bethlehem SC, motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Yule

Financials were distributed, current assets are \$249,613.23 with no current liabilities. Net income is \$15,208.41. Dave Y. reported that the second (and final) payment has been made for the scheduling/website program.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Clifton Park SC, second Valley SC, motion carried unanimously.

Communications:

Roy P. mentioned that he recently held a coaching course in Gloversville which had the second highest attendance utilizing the new format (25 people signed up, 23 people attended). There will be another class (11v11) immediately following the Coaches Workshop (1:00pm). The

requirements for the D License include completion of the 11v11 course, plus any another course, in addition to 1 online course.

Comments from the Floor

None.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Standing Committee Reports:

1. Rules – Tim Owens (absent)

No report.

2. Registrations – Jan Brown

Roy P. mentioned that Jan B. is working hard to ensure all clubs are informed of what the need to complete their registration.

Jan B. reported that Spring League registrations closed on January 31st, late registration closed on February 10th. Currently there are 193 boys teams, 134 girls teams and 30 co-ed teams registered. Appeals are due by the end of the day today (2/13), with the appeals meeting scheduled for February 18th.

Jan B. said that she and the Software Developer are working to make sure the new software runs even smoother for next year. Jan B. requested that clubs update their field information.

Bethlehem SC said that the software does not allow her to see what information CDYSL has in their system. In the past, an excel file would be sent to clubs, Bethlehem SC asked if there is a way to obtain this information? Jan B. responded that administrators are able to see this information, therefore if the person registering didn't list other people as the administrator, contact her and she will add that person as an additional administrator. Cathy K. also mentioned that she ran into the same issue. Bethlehem SC mentioned that the Field submission link is a dead link.

Albany SC asked what the deadline is to change divisions. Jan B. said the deadline is tonight. Albany SC then asked if there is any flexibility with the deadline. Paul B. said that anyone can withdraw, and the last thing he wants is an unbalanced division. Paul B. also mentioned that he would like to propose to the executive committee that a team receives a fine for running up the score (20-1, etc.)

3. Games – Paul Bascomb

Paul B. said the appeals meeting is scheduled for February 18th at CDYSL's office. Last year the league took a look at the some of the appeals request prior to the meeting and notified the teams ahead of the meeting if they were able to make the change. Jan B. confirmed that she would also do this for easy moves in divisions.

Paul B. requested that everyone be honest with placements, as they want balanced divisions.

Paul B. reported that they currently have 81 less referees than last year. There will be a new referee class held on February 29th. This is a 6-hour course, being held at CBA. Anyone 18 years or older also needs to take a 90-minute Safe Sport class.

February 24th is the last day to withdraw a team from the Spring League without paying a fine.

4. Finance – Dave Yule

No report.

5. Scholarship – Candace McHugh (absent)

Roy P. said scholarship applications are open, and the deadline is February 29th. There are four \$750 scholarships available.

6. Executive – Roy Pfeil

Roy P. reported that there is a state meeting on February 29th, if anyone wants to run for the Eastern NY Executive Board, let Roy P. know and he would be happy to nominate them.

7. Membership – Afrim Nezaj

Afrim N. reported that 2 clubs have expressed interest in playing CDYSL Spring League as a guest.

a. Oneonta SC – two teams.

1. U12 Boys Division 3 (previously U10 division 2).
2. U18 Boys at the division 1 level.

b. Colosseum SC – paperwork and bond have been received for two teams. Jan B. mentioned that they currently play in the Central NY Soccer League and are looking for more competition.

1. U13 Girls Division 1
2. U14 Girls Division 1

Paul B. mentioned that if a local team is not willing to travel to Colosseum or Oneonta's fields, a neutral field may be selected.

Colonie SC made a motion to suspend the January deadline rule to allow Colosseum SC and Oneonta SC to submit an application after the deadline. Second by Clifton Park SC, motion passed unanimously.

Following that, Clifton Park SC made a motion to accept Colosseum and Oneonta as a guest teams, second by Nirvana, motion passed unanimously.

8. Zero Tolerance/Appeals – Dave Yule & Paul Bascomb

Roy P. mentioned that when he was the zero tolerance/appeals chair, he issued small fines for violations as his goal was to educate the clubs. However, he was criticized by the executive committee for the fines being too low. Therefore, future fines will be larger.

Roy P. reminded everyone that the home coach in any game is responsible for removing unruly spectators as specified by the referee.

Paul B. said that he reviews all red cards and will make the determination whether to assess a fine. A club asked if the red card rule applies to tournaments. Paul B. clarified that the red card rule is a FIFA rule, however fees would only apply to CDYSL games.

9. Arbitration – Tim Frament (absent)

None

10. Nominations – Paul Bascomb

The nomination chair is open for this year's elections, as Paul B.'s position is up. Currently, there are 3 positions up for election: treasurer and 2 at-large positions.

11. Risk Management – Tim Frament (absent)

No report.

Special Committees

1. Programs – Roy Pfeil

a. Coaching Education – Roy Pfeil

Roy P. encourages experienced coaches to take the new format of the Coaching Course called "Play, Practice, Play."

b. Coaches Workshop 2020

Due to feedback regarding conflicting sessions, Roy P. mentioned that this year, a couple of the session will be repeated. Also, based on a suggestion, Roy P. reported that he would like to organize a panel session with all the clinicians at the end of the day. He would like to have questions submitted in advance by coaches, and questions pulled randomly for a hat. There was discussion of possibly having the clinicians answer the questions in text form and to post on the website. Saratoga SC, however, strongly encouraged the panel discussion to be face-to-face as it will be most impactful. Rotterdam United SC suggested screening the questions ahead of time instead of pulling from a hat. Afrim said that the timing of the panel discussion would need to be from 1pm-3pm.

Roy P. referred to the Coaches Workshop information handout that was distributed.

Roy P. also reminded everyone that there is a mandatory new coach meeting from 12-1pm that will be run by Paul Bascomb, 2nd year coaches are also welcome. Fines will be assessed for new coaches that don't attend.

Roy P. said that Afrim will be working to provide players to demonstrate during the clinics, but could use more 12-16-year-olds. Please contact Jan B. if you know of players that are available that day. Colonie SC mentioned that in the past, parents had to sign up prior to the event and sign the waiver, this way, the waiver isn't a last-minute scramble on the day of the event.

Fifty FC asked if the sessions will be videotaped, and Roy P. confirmed that all field clinics will be videotaped.

Roy P. also mentioned that scholastic coaches will be invited to the Coaches Workshop. There is no charge for the Workshop, and a coaching course will be offered at 1pm.

Registration for the workshop is now open.

c. ODP Program – Roy Pfeil

Roy P. said the program is moving along nicely, with local clubs each sending a few players. He said that ODP is a great way to develop each club's best players.

d. Exceptional Senior Showcase

No report

e. TOP Soccer

No report.

f. Empire Cup – Roy Pfeil

Afrim N. said that the Empire Cup is currently being promoted. He will be distributing a flyer to every coach that is attending Afrim's upcoming President's Day tournament.

Old Business

1. Registration For Recreation Players

Latham SC asked for more information on the rec. registration requirement. He asked if the club already has insurance, why is it necessary to register through Eastern NY? Jan B. said that Eastern NY is enforcing this rule because if a club is sued, CDYSL and Eastern NY could also be liable.

Dave Y. reminded clubs that this is Eastern NY's rule, not CDYSL's rule. Eastern NY is enforcing this rule, and has the right to pull the clubs travel players if the rec. players are not registered.

A club asked what is the fee is to register rec players. Jan B. clarified that \$7 goes to Eastern NY and \$3 goes to CDYSL. Eastern NY's insurance will provide the club with another level of protection, as private insurance doesn't cover risk management (sexual harassment) or board liability. Rec. coaches will also need to have background checks.

A soccer club said it would be helpful to have some written information that they could bring back to the club boards so that they know what the value of doing this is. Catskill SC said that his insurance agent has been working with Eastern NY, and Eastern NY's website shows a full detail of what is included in the insurance.

Columbia SC said that they currently have a town rec soccer, and a travel club. They asked if it would be better to keep these 2 things separate because of Eastern NY's registration requirement, and many clubs agreed that it would be best financially to keep them separate.

2. RISE soccer team

With regard to the previous meeting's discussion of the RISE soccer team, Roy P. said that he communicated with Albany SC to let them know what the procedure is to apply for financial aid for some of their players. Roy P. did mention that this could open up a can of worms as many clubs have players with financial issues.

New Business

1. SI Play

A club asked if Eastern NY will be abandoning SI Play. Roy P. clarified that Eastern NY will provide an update in March regarding SI Play. A club asked if they are going to switch programs for August registrations, and Roy P. said that we will not know yet as it is Eastern NY's decision.

Next board meeting is April 9th at Afrim's Sportsplex

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Clifton Park SC soccer club, and seconded by Guilderland SC, motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mendy Varga
Recording Secretary