

Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting

October 21, 2010

Held at Sand Creek Middle School

Meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm

ROLL CALL:

The following clubs were in attendance AD; AB; AL; AM; AV; BS; BW; BR; BH; CU; CA; CH; CZ; CP CS; CO; GA; GB; HM; HL; HF; LC; ME; NS; NE; RA; RW; SG; SC; SY; SGF; TV; VY; CM; NY. There is a quorum per Dave Sparks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pat asks to see clubs after the meeting so he could give out the banners that they didn't receive at the AGM.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Banda thanked all at CDYSL in helping him with his foundation and he stated that the league has helped him tremendously in donating used and semi-used equipment to his program. Banda presented CDYSL with a plaque from his foundation.

MEETING MINUTES:

Pat asked if there were any additions or changes and it was noted that under Scholarships that Meghan's last name was not in the minutes.

MEMBERSHIPS:

Dave stated that part of the housekeeping of the new season; the league is asking that all clubs supply CDYSL with all of their information in their officers with names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mails. Information can be sent to the office at CDYSLOFFICE@CDYSL.ORG OR CDYSLREGISTRAR@CDYSL.ORG.

Dave read the first letter of the Adirondack Bobcats for all of those who were not in attendance at the AGM where the first reading was done. They have met all of the qualifications that the league has asked them to submit before they applied for membership. Dave stated that they are applying as an affiliate membership which is similar to Chazy and a few other clubs. They must attend the AGM but they have no voting rights.

Steve of the Bobcats spoke on why they want to be part of CDYSL. He would like to stay in the area but they were homeless because of certain events and they want to join. It was asked where they

did play and Steve stated that they were part of the Adirondack Lynx and they played in the Thruway League last year. Pat asked if the Thruway League would accept an affiliated club and it was stated that they would be okay.

Mechanicville Soccer Club made a motion and Hoosick Falls seconded and there was a vote and they were voted in as part of CDYSL.

ODP/PDA:

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Pat stated in the past few years were ran the ODP through ASI at UAlbany but we ran an RFP this year and ASI did not win the bid. Pat stated that most if not all have received an e-mail from Johann Aarnio is the same as last year and Pat stated that it is not the same as they are not representing nor are they affiliated with CDYSL.

He is stated that it is no longer ODP and the new name is PDA which stands for the Player Development Academy. Pat stated that this group will not be in a competitive mode, it will be purely developmental and Afrim's won the bid so they will be training at the Dome in Latham. Pat stated that if the group seems to be a competitive group, they will bring that request back to the ODP Committee and that could be looked into to see if they will play in some tournaments.

Pat reviewed the handout of the program and the trainers for the program. A copy of this document is attached to the hardcopy of these meeting minutes.

Brunswick stated that a couple of the trainers listed have dealt with their club in the past and she gave them great remarks as she stated they did a wonderful job and the players really enjoyed working with these trainers. Pat stated if there are any questions please call the office and/or Afrim's and information is also on the CDYSL website.

FINANCES:

Italo stated that Dave Schubmehl prepared a document and a handout was reviewed at the meeting and a copy of this handout will be attached to the hardcopies of these meeting minutes. It is projected that we will have a net profit of approximately \$9,000 for the 2009/2010 season.

REFEREES:

ASSIGNING:

Pat stated we are currently using referees for the Fall Program. He stated that we were unable to provide a program for the U14's this year as the schools took care of that group so not many participants were interested this year. Mary Ann is currently doing the assigning for this program and the venues being used are Maalwyck Park, Bethlehem Soccer Club and Phillips Road. Pat stated that they rotate to different fields each week and Pat stated that he went to watch the U12 Girls play one

weekend. He stated that it is a very casual program and he will ask the Games Committee to look into something for the U08's and U10's for next year.

Mary Ann stated that the program grew by 15 teams this year and we are using three sites this year because of the increase in numbers. She stated that she has received nothing but positive reports about the program. She stated that the young referees are being trained in the program and there have also been mentors helping the young referees.

Patty stated that there was poaching going on at some of the games and she asks if something can be done to stop that especially with most of the players being registered as rec. plus. Mary Ann stated that ENY sees rec. plus as recreation players and travel is really the only registration that binds a player to a team in regards to poaching. Pat stated that if anyone feels someone has crossed that line in poaching, she should contact the office and report it so we can intervene and tell them to stop poaching in the program.

Amsterdam stated that there was a team that had 22 players and the numbers were against some teams who only had 9 players. Mary Ann stated that it was a referee issue as that team was told to only use only 16 players and she asks Manfred to give him further information so the office can work on correcting this issue.

Italo stated that have been some very positive e-mails that the program has been very appreciative from parents, players and even grandparents.

Italo stated re-certification has taken twice already and there will be another one held on December 10th and it will be posted on the website very soon. Mike Rennick is now beginning to plan referee courses and we will probably have them offered after the first of the New Year.

Pat stated that the referee fee schedule is currently in place until August 31st and after that time there will be a new contract and he submitted his numbers to the coordinator of ENY. They will probably meet as a group in February to make a decision on next year's contract fees.

GAMES COMMITTEE:

SEASON:

Pat stated that there was a change in formatting of Games Committee to relieve some of the stress off of Kitty in trying to do the administration and be chair of the committee and he has named Tim Frament as the chair on that committee. He stated the group has met twice already and will be meeting again in November. A survey went out to see what the clubs would like to see changed.

Tim stated that there was a decent amount of feedback of the U19's. Basically the U19's were having issues with getting the games played, getting enough players to show to play on those teams and they are trying to find a way to make it work for the teams and clubs. At this time there are a couple of recommendations to make it less problematic and that is to eliminate the restrictions on league guest players. He stated at this age the kids just want to go out and play so the committee is also feeling that it

will be non-result and moving the games from Sunday to Monday evenings. The only thing being run on Monday evenings is ODP and this age group does not participate in ODP. He stated that the league guest play issue will have to be voted on and we will get to this later in time. Tim stated that some clubs asked to have a U18 division and he stated the committee has no problem with this but we won't be able to see where this leads after the team commitments arrive in the office.

It was asked on the maximum roster size and Tim stated that it will still be 22 but the league guest players are being looked at as unlimited but the number still cannot exceed 22 players. Tim stated that if there was a U18 division they would be included in the schedule with the other groups who play in the spring program. It was asked when the U18's played and Tim stated that it would probably be Sundays and Kitty stated it would probably fill in the area where the U19's had once played. Kitty stated that comments could be sent to her at cdyslgames@cdysl.org.

Tim made a motion to change the rule for the guest player policy to remove the restriction of the guest player numbers for the U19 age group. Kitty read the change that would be made in the rules of the guest player policy at this time if it is approved. A vote was taken and it was voted to make the change in the guest player policy.

Tim stated that the next area they spoke about was the team commitment process. He stated the past couple of years that is getting worse and worse and it deals with two separate items such as late withdrawal of teams. He outlines the time-line of the process of team commitments and then to the withdrawals. He stated that after March and the schedules are done, the teams continue to withdraw and especially if it is several teams in one division, the schedule needs to be re-done. This causes more work in the office but more importantly they are changing the divisions and those teams are not happy with their age group divisions having to be re-worked if too many withdraw at a later date. He stated that currently there are large fines for the late withdrawals and it does not seem to deter the late withdrawals. And then there are clubs who cannot afford the withdrawal fees when it is later in the process and then they are asking for help because they cannot afford the fines.

He stated that the other issue is that the registration comes in later every year and the office has to work overtime hours which increases the payroll and still teams cannot get processed in time. The teams that were already registered end up being inconvenienced because if a team withdrawal and it affects that team, they have to have their game rescheduled and/or they lose a game.

Tim stated that the time-line is looking to be changed and in January when the team commitment come in that a roster is included, it doesn't have to be completed or passes don't have to be done at that time either. The committee wants to see that these teams are viable and by February 18th, the rosters should be completed with at least 11 players and U12's have to have 8 and U10 and U 8 have to have six players. Tim states that if the teams don't have these numbers, it is a likelihood that the team may withdraw. If there is no roster by February 18th, the team is put on a wait list and/or they will be looked at as not having a team. The waiting list teams will not be put in the schedule and the same penalties apply but if you withdraw while on the waiting list, you only lose your team commitment fee and will not incur the additional fines. The games committee is recommending this procedure at this

time. Galway asks how a team can commit a team when they don't have enough players and Tim stated that there is no guideline at this time and Galway just doesn't understand how a coach and/or club can send in a team commitment when they don't have enough players. Kitty stated that we do have teams do that and then there are a good deal that end up withdrawing later hoping they will add more players. Tim stated that what we would like to see is if a team has only a few players and another team has the same problem, that they speak with each other and combine the team. Galway has stated that there seems to be a personality issue between coaches and clubs. It was asked if CDYSL could meet with those clubs to help them mediate this process so the kids can play and keep the club, coach or whatever personality problems may be. Tim stated that we can mediate this process and Pat stated that we can hopefully get the two clubs to come to an agreement. Saugerties asks that this procedure be put together and sent out to the clubs and/or put on the website so all can see would be preferred. There were lengthy discussions on the various ways and ideas that should be considered especially in the lower number of kids on rosters so clubs can work together. It was stated that there is no guarantee on the waiting list that you can play. If nobody drops out of a division and/or there aren't a group on the waiting list that meet your needs, that is the chance you are taking because you don't have enough players so that is why you are on the waiting list so you take the chance you may not play.

Kitty states that the registrar's will need to get the players registered so that we avoid the problems like last year in having teams not registered. If we can get them to get their work in earlier, the earlier their work can be completed. It was stated that there would be a minimum of 5 teams in an age group on the waiting list to play and Italo stated that he could make four work as well.

Tim asks to take a straw poll to see if there was some support and at this time that all supported this new method being discussed. Tim states that if anyone wants to speak with the games committee they can speak with him and/or send an e-mail to Kitty at cdyslgames@cdysl.org.

OFFICE:

REGISTRATION:

Pat reported where the numbers are at with registrations at this time versus where we were at last year. He stated we do have more done this year against last year. Italo stated that could also show because we had more participants in the fall league.

Pat listed the clubs are in bad standings at this time and until their payments are paid up, no registrations will be done in the office until the payments are made.

TRAFFIC:

Italo stated there was surge of activity for registration for the fall program but it is in a very slow period right now.

EMPIRE CUP 2011:

VOLUNTEERS:

Pat stated that we are always looking for volunteers for this event as this is a tournament that CDYSL presents. Mary Ann stated that she will be looking for a way to market this tournament to teams outside the area to bring in more teams from outside the area. Pat asks the clubs especially the premier clubs to market this event as well.

ENY/REGION I:

Pat stated that he was in Pittsburgh over the weekend for a Region I meeting and they have selected CDYSL to host the President Cup finals and this will be held on Memorial Day weekend again. The State Associations tried to persuade Region I to change the date but they will not change the date. Pat stated that ENY will not be sending any volunteers to this event this year so it will be our league needing the volunteers. He stated that all of the revenue that we generate will be ours to keep. He asks that if you think about volunteering. He mentioned that there are some people looking for financial scholarships in a program such as PDA and he stated that if that is given to these individuals, they may be asked to volunteer at this event. Tim stated that most of the volunteering used last year was field marshals. He stated that the work was not hard and you could watch the games as well. Pat stated that there were a couple of local teams in this event and it was a very nice event.

EXCEPTIONAL SENIORS:

Kitty reviewed the handout regarding the exceptional seniors and states that she has approximately 100 profiles at this time. This is open to all players who want to be listed in the booklet which profiles each player who submits the form; this does not mean they will play in the games as section two decides who plays in these games. A copy of this handout will be attached to the hardcopy of these meeting minutes. Kitty stated that the games will be held on Veteran's Day and at DiCaprio Fields. She stated that the schedule is posted on the CDYSL website and she asks that these fliers be passed along to all seniors that they know.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Pat stated that the current website was put together in 2004 and we are currently looking to make changes with the site. He stated the system is very old and we will be looking to start from scratch with a whole new program that will be beneficial to all clubs, players and CDYSL. It will not happen instantly because it will take time to work and create what we want. He stated that we are looking for volunteers to be on a Focus Group and you don't need to know computers but we want to know what you want to see on the website and what you would like it to do. If you have ideas or want to be part of the focus group, please contact the office and give them your name and contact information. He stated that we will not begin to build the website until we know what we want and what the clubs want.

Pat stated that there are no indoor facilities are sanctioned by CDYSL therefore any player who gets hurt cannot claim it on ENY. He stated that there is ADK Soccer Academy, Sportsplex of Halfmoon, and both of Afrim's Sports. He stated that he just wants the clubs to know that there are none at this time so any issues need to be dealt with at the facilities. It was asked if there were any last year and Pat stated that the only one was Sportsplex of Halfmoon. Tim wanted to clarify that CDYSL didn't turn down

these facilities; it is that no facility has asked for sanctioning. Mechanicville stated that Sportsplex stated that they are not looking to be sanctioned but they did say that they will charge approximately \$10 per player for this difference.

OLD BUSINESS:

There is nothing to report on at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is nothing to report on at this time. Pat stated that we will meet again until January so he asks that Games Committee items be looked at closely as the time line cuts it close with team commitments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tammy Kishbaugh

Recording Secretary