

Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting

October 10, 2009

Held at Sand Creek Middle School

Meeting called to order: 7:30 pm

Roll Call:

Dave Sparks called roll call and the following clubs were in attendance: AD; AM; AV; BS; BE; BW; BR; CM; CA; CP; CS; CT; FU; GA; GB; GU; HE; HH; HL; LK; LC; MA; NS; NY; NYE; ON; PF; RA; RO; RW; SG; SY; SGF; TV; VY; WA

Dave stated that we have a quorum.

Announcements:

Dave Sparks introduces the new President of the Ballston Spa Soccer Club, Stephen.

Lakehill stated that they are now officially Burnt Hills United Soccer Club, the letter of intention will be coming into the CDYSL office.

Mike stated that the Guilderland United Soccer Club still has room in their Halloween Tournament and all charities go to a student in the school district who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Minutes:

The June meeting minutes were reviewed. No changes were so it was approved.

Financial Report:

Pat stated that the Treasurer and League Operations Director are not in attendance and Mary Ann explained what each handout was for. Mary Ann stated that there will be some adjustments to these handouts such as Empire Cup, Tournament Assigning.

Mary Ann stated that the statement shows a net loss and it didn't show the deposits so it is off by quite a bit and it will be corrected for next month. Hardcopies of these minutes will have the handouts attached.

Game Committee Report:

Kitty states that she sent out a notice of the Exceptional Senior Games and asked that it be sent out to all seniors in the Club. CDYSL does not make the selection of the players who play in this; it is done by Section II committee. Seniors should send in their profiles

so that it can be looked at by college coaches in the profile book. Capital Region.com has forms on their website as well. Kitty stated she believes it is October 23 or 24 when the deadline arrives. Kitty stated that any team in sectionals cannot play but they can have their profiles in the booklet. Kitty stated that there is a location change this year and it will be held at DiCaprio Fields.

Season Final Billing: Kitty stated that Tammy recently sent out another reminder of the bills that were not paid that were sent out in July and clubs did not pay these bills are considered in Bad Standings. Dave Sparks reads the clubs who are currently in bad standings because of unpaid bills. These bills were due by September 1, 2009. Kitty stated that the bills were mailed to the club presidents that we have on file.

Fall Ball:

Mary Ann stated that we completed our third weekend and we have 36 teams, which is up from last year. Things are going smoothly and each team will play between 6 to 10 games. Young referees are doing the games and things are going well. A representative stated that the kids are having a great time.

Registration Update:

Tammy reported that the flow of registration is about normal for this time of the year.

ENY:

Pat introduces Ray Ward, re-elected 1st Vice President and Lynn Thibdeau as the Secretary for Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association.

State Cup Play:

Ray states that they spoke of the President's Cup at our AGM and the venues are in the Capital District and they are looking for volunteers for this event. There should be approximately 120 teams from Maine to Virginia. They will play for the right to continue to play in the National President's Cup. It is called the US Youth Soccer National President's Cup. The committee for this has had another meeting and they have another meeting next Saturday and hope to be able to provide more details. Ray stated that they will have more information in the near future as to what the event will hold and what they need in ways of volunteers. They would love anybody who can give some time to this event. Ray stated they will have between 18 – 21 fields in play and their best guess is that they will need at least 200 volunteers for the weekend. Ray stated that he would like to come back and present more information at the next board meeting that is being held in January.

Pat asked about the profits and proceeds and Ray stated that all of these stay within CDYSL and ENY is giving up their part of the profit share and only ask for money that

covers what comes out of their state association. Ray stated that there will be something for the volunteers such as a t-shirt or something.

Ray stated that he is no longer the Chairman of the State Cup and they have played two rounds and things are going well. Numbers were down with CDYSL participants and it was asked that the U12 open from spring to fall and Ray asked the new Chairwoman to take a look at that to try to accommodate CDYSL as they realize we aren't ready for fall play. The u12 girls 8 v 8 were very low in numbers through CDYSL and he believes only 3 teams entered and 2 may have been CDYSL. Ray stated that they opened the U12 girls back up so they can still register up until January. Pat asked that this announcement get posted on the website. A representative stated that they have been having trouble registering for the U12 girls and he's spoken with ENY but there was a bit on confusion on the ENY website as to what they were doing. Ray explained the issue that was at hand this year and that it was a decision of the league presidents on the play. Ray stated that they may make some extensions and if that should happen, it will be announced. They will review it on the committee. It is a great experience for the players to participate in. Challenge Cup is in Soccer Park in Long Island and in LaGrange.

Regional Play:

Pat stated that the ENYPremier 1 league is now called the Eastern New York President's League. Ray explains some of the background on the caliber of teams and such for this event.

Pat thanked Lynn and Ray for attending our meeting and offering details.

Zero Tolerance Committee Update:

Pat stated that the committee has been developed and have met a couple of times. Tim Frament, member of this committee stated that they are looking more at the conflicts between parents, coaches and referees on the field and some changes that they are looking at to stop the conflict and improve the situation. Tim stated that the first items they reviewed were a lot of e-mail complaints from things said to kids, to young referees, to parents screaming at kids and things that are degrading the game it is getting unbearable. It seems to be relatively few people who are causing these problems and hope to give some of the referees some tools on how to handle the situation. They are still meeting to come to more concrete ways to help solve this problem.

Tim stated that ENY sent out a statement that is starting September 1st, any foul language heard is a that is deliberate is a red card, one that is not deliberate is a yellow card. This is up to the referee on how he wants to handle this issue. That is for any rostered person on the roster.

LODP:

Roy stated that the Executive Board decided to bid out the coaching and facility and Roy stated the Bid came in today and the Executive Board received the recommendation from Roy and it will be announced tomorrow. Roy stated there will be a revamping of ODP based on experiences of last year. Each year there are changes due to what they find out from the year before. Roy stated that ENY seems to be copying our model. There is a developmental piece which just trains kids. The training will begin around 6:00 pm and the second piece will be the competition piece and that is getting better and better each year. Roy stated the tryout for the competition program. Roy stated that he hopes to work with Mary Ann and have details about this in the next week or so. The sessions will be on Mondays, the U10's will be on Tuesdays as they play indoor soccer on Mondays. Roy is very pleased with the staff that he has available. The staff is determined on the numbers of the participants and he names some of the quality coaches they would have in their program. Roy stated that there were some very good kids mixed with some kids that needed more training and he hopes to break them up by ability. The developmental part of the program does not mean you will make the competition program. You need to try out for the competition program. Any players who want to better develop themselves or just want more soccer, Roy suggests that they join this program for the developmental program. It is for 9-14 year olds in the developmental program. The competition age groups can vary depending on the numbers.

Patty Gibson of Rip Van Winkle stated that her son was in the competitive program last year but that they mixed them with the developmental program and some were pretty weak and wanted to know if that will improve this year. Roy stated that he realized it didn't work and they will change it this year.

Coaching Classes:

Roy stated that we are going to have our own F license course and it won't be ENY driven. We will hold our own courses and it will be slightly modified for our needs and issues and the reasons for doing this is that most of the individuals seem to be taking this course; it will keep the money in the capital district instead of sending tons of money down state. We will still send some money downstate but it will be at the higher level coaching courses. He stated the courses will be cheaper than what we have in the past. Roy is working on the curriculum and he will have a schedule up before the end of the year on upcoming courses. It will be a CDYSL F course and the course will be shorted in time too so it won't be a nine hour course. Mike Swanwick, of Eastern New York, gave his blessing to us teaching our own courses.

Roy stated that an E course will be offered in the next few weeks and individuals need to register through Eastern New York. Mike Kinnally asked when the next D course was

going to be and Roy did not know but stated if any club is interested in hosting one, please contact him. Roy stated that the last one that was offered was attended by a wide variety of individuals from various locations, not just within the Capital district.

Pat states that the recreation coaching clinic is still offered free for clubs who register their recreation players through ENY. For those that don't register them through ENY, there is a small charge for this same clinic. Pat stated he didn't believe there was a minimum of coaches to have this course offered. Tim Frament stated that what is holding up on Highland is that it states there is a minimum of 20 coaches listed on their website. Pat states that clubs can join together and get the course pulled together if needed.

Old Business:

John Seltenreich, Clifton Park Soccer Club, stated that clubs were just notified via e-mail by CDYSL to their club presidents that we are no longer sanctioning indoor facilities. John stated that he would have liked to have received that information as well as a CDYSL representative. His concern is that this is having a large impact on all teams. John feels that the Executive Board should not have just made this decision and feels that the clubs should have been given a notification beforehand. Pat stated nobody should have been surprised as this has been discussed over several years on how CDYSL tries to follow up with the facilities to make sure they are following the rules in proper sanctions.

John stated he still feels that the clubs should have been given an opportunity to discuss this because it now will cost players more money to play indoor soccer when they are not sanctioned. Pat stated that there was a facility who tried to work with CDYSL, there was a facility who did the minimal and didn't respond to CDYSL attempts to work with CDYSL and there was one facility who didn't correspond to CDYSL at all after numerous attempts by CDYSL to work with them.

Italo stated that the workload in the office was not the issue of CDYSL it was more an insurance issue with the players and staff.

John Seltenreich feels that the facilities are just finding a way to just throw a charge on the teams so it ends up that more money has to be spent to play soccer.

Italo stated that summaries of the Executive Meeting Minutes are being put on the web page so please feel that things are not being hidden from the clubs. John feels it is very important and asks that all clubs participate in this kind of discussion.

Since not all club presidents did not share this information so asks for a brief synopsis of what this letter said. Italo explains what the sanctioning means and how after a few years, some facilities were not even near complying with the rules to being sanctioned

and it was decided by the Executive board members to not sanction the facilities this year.

There were lengthy discussions on what has happened in years past and what the difference is this year.

An individual asked why CDYSL didn't just not sanction the two facilities and sanction the one facility that did follow the rules. Pat stated that we just received an appeal today and it is being looked at. Italo stated that the Presidents and Representatives will receive an e-mail once this appeal is reviewed and a decision is determined.

Roy stated that the problem is the facilities that did not comply with the sanctioning rules and the clubs should take up the issue of making them pay more to play within a facility that does not follow the sanctioning rules. He also stated that he knows of at least one club who has continually asked for a facility policy of insurance and has yet to receive it. This has been going on for over a month.

Tim Frament uses an example that should a player on his team, who is registered through CDYSL, and plays in a facility who isn't following the sanctioning rules and plays a team who is not registered and/or does not use a proper referee and the child on his team gets hurt, his child is not covered because the facility was not following the rules. Tim states that CDYSL is not taking anything away from the clubs; it is the facility that did not follow the rules is the one who made this happen.

New Business:

Pat stated that there are new officers in clubs and CDYSL needs an updating of all officers in the clubs. Please send this in to the office so we can update our records. Italo stated to include the registrars; this is a large turnover so we need this information.

Newly formed financial committee:

Pat stated that we have money in CD's and it isn't giving a great return value on these. A new committee was formed called the Strategic Planning Committee and Tim Frament is the Chair of this committee. They are looking to give some suggestions on what we can do with the money regarding investing and such and what we should do while this money grows. Pat stated that two separate companies came in and put on a presentation of how they can help us invest this money. Pat states that two other members are Roy Pfeil, 2nd Vice President and Dave Schubmehl, Treasurer and he asks that two other individuals who are not affiliated with the CDYSL board to volunteer to be on this committee. Any interest in this, please contact the office to let us know of your interest. It is the money of all of the clubs and we want to get the best money investment. Roy stated that we would also like to see where this money can be used and suggestions will be needed this as well. Tim stated that any interest in clubs who

can think of what this money can be used for, should be sent to the office to be forwarded onto the committee.

Tim states that an individual who has a connection with St. Rose who contacted the committee and are looking for an endorsement from CDYSL for a project they are trying to accomplish. Tim stated they are looking to talk to the Albany Soccer Club and others regarding this project. Roy states they are seeking a grant and with a grant it is typical to get an endorsement to receiving this grant.

Tim asks John Seltenreich if he thinks we should ask the clubs for support on this project. Tim makes a motion that Pat designate someone to find more information on this and if agreeable that we send this endorsement. A question was that the field at Hoffman Park was dedicated to Tony Tirino and now they want to change the name of the fields, Albany Parks should be in attendance and others, such as St. Rose to make a presentation to the board.

Mary Ann stated that the Albany Recreation Department did tell St. Rose to contact CDYSL. Pat thanked Mary Ann for that information and still wants to talk to the Albany Parks Department. Pat stated there are quite a bit of questions he would like answer just to protect what is already in place. Questions were discussed in detail on what this project is intended for. All in favor to investigate based on due diligence and then see if we want to support this suggestion, a vote was taken by Pat, and all were in favor.

Next Meeting: January 2009

Adjournment: 9:34 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

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Recording Secretary