

Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2011

Held at Sand Creek Middle School

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm

ROLL CALL:

Dave Sparks did roll call and the following were in attendance: AD; AL; AV; BS; BK; BW; BR; BH; CM; CA; CP; CS; CO; CT; CR; FU; GA; HM; HH; HL; LC; NL; MT; NE; RA; RW; RJ; RO; SA; SY; SGF; VY; GB; HF; NY; AB; NS.

Dave stated that there is a quorum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kitty stated that the scholarships are now on line so any senior who plays in CDYSL can apply. It is under the player and parent section of the webpage. She also added links for ENY and USSYSA for the scholarships they may have as well.

Pat announced that the guest speaker is present to speak about fundraising. The speaker thanked the clubs who have used them in the past. He stated his company is in Cohoes. He has Save Around coupon books and they cost \$20 and he has a free sample for each person in attendance. He stated this booklet goes from Saratoga to Albany and a few in the Lake George region. He has the Flower Power booklet that you can purchase flower bulbs. There is a 50% profit for each order. He also has the Joe Corbi Family Favorite brochures which has the pizza kits and other food items. What sets them apart is their selection as they have over 50 different products. He said that two members of each club can attend an invite and he gave details of this information. He stated that they can teach more about their programs regarding fundraising. He passed around the brochures.

MINUTES:

Pat asked if there were any corrections to be made and it was determined that there were not.

FINANCIALS:

Italo reviewed the handout of the financials that were at the meeting. The hardcopy of the meeting minutes will have this document attached. Italo stated that the registration numbers are low at this time as registrations haven't been coming in as fast as in the past. He stated that these should pick up with the outdoor season getting ready to wind up. Italo stated that the bulk of the income will be coming into the office within the next few weeks.

MEMBERSHIP:

Dave Sparks stated that we have a request from a team, not a club to play in our outdoor season. Dave read the application that is a U17 Boys team from the Berkshire area and they are part of the Massachusetts area. This team is made up from players all from Monument High School. They feel they are better suited with CDYSL rather than their programs teams. They will have a home field and they are happy if more of their games would be away games. They would like to add more teams to the program next year. Their area isn't offering games above the U14 age level. This team's coaches are both licensed, have experience and have never received cards from referees. It was stated that the travel to here was 50 minutes and the field is probably four miles from the intersection of NY22 and Mass 102. It is B3 on the Mass NY line.

Dave states that our rules only deal with clubs and not just teams. Dave's personal opinion feels that this would be good for our league to have teams come in as "Guest Teams". Dave and Tim have spoken and Tim speaks of his feelings on this subject. Tim states that he feels the teams should submit a resume, location of the club, location of home fields and any information of the team and proof of risk management and proof of registration of the team and a performance bond of \$100 since they are not part of the membership and we can only enforce certain things with the team. We do need to receive a note from the State Association is releasing them to play in our program. Tim stated that a first reading could take place, any information gathered would be sent to each club and then a second reading is done at the next meeting so it can be voted in or voted down. If the team is admitted in, they also need to follow our rules and pay the referee fees that are assigned to that age group. Dave stated that they would like to follow this process as each year it could be a different mix of teams so it wouldn't necessarily be the same teams being faced with these guest teams.

Yveginy Mednikov states that maybe we should put a limit on the traveling time such as sixty minutes and if it is more than that travel time, a neutral field could be found to play these games. One suggestion was that if they are allowed in, these teams must have a field within a sixty minute radius within CDYSL limits.

The new team was asked if they explored joining in with another club and what their intentions were in the future. Pete of this team stated that they are very happy with their situation in the past; however, they do not have a competitive organization to play with at U16, U17 and U18 age groups. There are the Massachusetts Premier League is Maple Leaf and most of these towns are around Boston, Worcester area and the travel is all day on weekends. Pete stated that they would be happy not to have any home games if the travel is an issue with the league. He would be happy to play at a neutral field. Pete stated that the team and players that they have now and if they went to join a single club, because of the number of kids, there may be a mix of those kids as they have a full team of 19 players and they don't wish to split up.

Dave asks if the board would be in favor of adopting a guest player rule and it was stated that there is a majority of interested clubs. Tim reads the definition of a guest team and a copy of this document is attached to the hardcopy of these meeting minutes. A motion to accept from Highland and seconded by Rotterdam and a vote was taken for the rule change that Tim just read and it was voted in. Dave stated

that the second reading of this guest team will be held at the February meeting and then a vote will be taken.

Pat stated that the team commitments are due on January 21st. Pat stated that if they want to follow the rules, they can wait for the second reading or they can vote it now and it was decided to wait for the second reading.

GAMES COMMITTEE:

NEW PROPOSALS:

Tim reminded that the commitments are due next Friday and we currently have two clubs in the office at this time. Tim stated that the things that screws up the flow of getting the schedule flowing for the outdoor season is when teams withdraw. Tim stated that they are trying to discourage this as much as possible and we end up fining these clubs an outrageous fee to prevent them from withdrawing but it still happens. Tim stated that they want to see registration into the office by March 1st will be put on a waiting list and then possibly fit them into the schedule. If they don't have a team and paperwork together showing they have a minimum amount of players, these teams will be put on the waiting list rather than schedule them in with the rest of the teams.

Tim stated that the team commitment packets went out detailing the change and he is making a motion that the teams who don't have a viable team roster in the office by March 1st, they will be put on a waiting list and all we need is a copy of a roster. Tim takes a vote and it was stated that all were in favor except for two and the motion passes.

Tim speaks about the guest player policy changes they wish to make. Tim states that they would like to have guest players borrowed onto teams within their club and the changes are that they similar to the past such as playing within their club, and a certain limit of guest players. Tim stated that they don't want guest players of a higher level team guest playing on a lower team. The old policy was for U14 and up and the new policy starts at U10. Tim stated that at some age groups, you can possibly guest play on a couple different teams, not just one team. Tim stated that the old policy didn't let a player on the B team guest play on an A team but this new policy can guest play in such instances. Another item they put into this new policy is that if a girl is registered on a boys team, they would not be eligible to guest play on a girls team regardless if they are age eligible. These rules are only for CDYSL league play and it isn't valid for playing in tournaments out of state or any other game.

Niskayuna stated that the table showing the guest players shows a number of players is lower than the roster number and Tim states that the players who show up for the game and not the number if players rostered. For example, if you have a team of 16 players but only 9 shows up for the game, you are allowed to use those guest players. Tim also states the example if you have 14 players rostered on a team and all 14 players show for the game, you cannot use the guest players.

Patty Gibson asks if CDYSL will have the clubs ranked so that they can't abuse this guest player policy and Tim stated that we do rank the teams when we put the schedule together. There were discussions

on other scenarios of using the guest players. Tim stated that this has nothing to do with SportsSignup as it is a separate form and pass. This pass will look different than a normal soccer pass and is only valid. Tim stated that the girl who cannot play on the boy's team should be worded as they cannot guest play on a girls team in the same level as the boys team. There were lengthy discussions on this topic. Tim makes a motion to have the document he read to pass but to change number 7 to say, adding at the end of the sentence "in the same age group". Tim asks if there are any amendments, and Lisa of BW amends that they use a roster instead of the player passes, and it is seconded. Pat states that the purpose of the separate pass is for the referee to be a guest player and it is the first basis because all of the passes look alike and there are coaches out there who are looking to do what they can for an advantage, and the referees can tell immediately with a colored pass it stands out and the referees can follow it easier. A vote was taken on the amendment to do away with the pass and just a guest roster and there were only a handful and there was a vote against this amendment and it was not accepted.

Tim makes a motion with the change of number seven as he presented earlier and a vote is taken and it was passed.

INDOOR LEAGUES:

Italo stated that Eastern New York reminded us again that any club who is playing in a facility that is not sanctioned under CDYSL, the team must ask for an insurance certificate from that non-sanctioned facility. This is for practicing in this facility and/or hosting a tournament at one of these facilities and CDYSL must be added onto this policy as well as an additional insured. If you need copies of what the policy should look like, please contact the office.

Pat stated that the office has received some notification of injuries that played in a non-sanctioned facility and they were denied. Pat stated that none of the facilities are sanctioned under CDYSL at this time. Tim stated that no indoor facilities asked to be sanctioned this year.

OFFICE:

REGISTRATION:

NEXT YEAR \$:

Pat stated that CDYSL may or may not be increasing their registration fees however; Eastern New York has no choice but to increase their fees for various reasons. This is not confirmed at this time but when we find out, we will pass this along to the clubs.

Pat stated that the registration numbers are down considerably from last year and he feels that it is because the clubs aren't registering because they don't need the rosters and passes for the indoor facilities.

SEASON START UP:

TEAM COMMITMENT:

These are due on January 21st.

FIELD COMMITMENT:

These are due on January 21st. Italo asks that each field being used by a club have a form filled out and have it indicate which teams are playing on which fields.

CLOSE OUT DATES:

There is no close out dates; however, we do not schedule games on Mother's Day and Fathers Day.

ENY:

PRESIDENTS LEAGUE:

The deadline for this league is done within a week or two to determine which teams will be accepted. They will make these announcements soon.

ODP:

It was stated that this program is self-sufficient this year so Eastern New York contributes no monies to this program.

REGION 1:

Pat stated that there are 86 teams registered at this time for President's Cup and Clifton Park and Saratoga will be the host fields and possibly Niskayuna if they receive more teams.

REFEREES:

There is a referee course being conducted at this time and tonight is the last night for that course. Most of the referees attending this course are 16 years and older. There will be a Grade 9 coming up to be sponsored by Highland Soccer Club and another Grade 8 course will be given in March. Recertification of referees is going along but not as well as had been expected. It would be nice to have more referees recertified because we will need them when the season is in full swing and tournaments are happening almost every weekend.

Pat stated that the when changes are made at CDYSL, the referees will find out at the referee meetings. He stated that we will drill the referees with the new rulings and the coach's manual will also be available to the referees of the rules of the league.

MINI WORKSHOP:

Pat stated that the Committee met last week and he said there have been some changes on what he originally planned and it is moving forward. This will include the Coaches Meetings and the date for

these are planned for April 2nd. Italo stated that he is dealing with the High School to finalize the rooms that will be needed for this event.

Roy asks the representatives if their clubs have teams entered in for State Cup and Roy states that April 2nd is a State Cup weekend and it may present a problem.

WEBSITE UPDATE:

FOCUS GROUP:

Pat stated that we are looking to re-organize and develop a new website for the league for easier access and easier usage. Pat states if anyone wants to have some in-put on this matter, please contact the office as we'd like to hear from you so we know what the clubs and individuals are looking for. He states that we want to know what the public would like to see on the website. The whole website will be handled from scratch and it will be a financial burden but it needs to be taken care of and made better.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing at this meeting was mentioned.

NEW BUSINESS:

A member asked if there will be first-aid at the mini workshop and Pat stated that he does have this taken care of and there are first aid items and first aid certificates will be given. It will be open for any who wish to attend. As soon as we solidify what we need to do, we will post it out to everybody. The first aid is available but not a required course.

The only mandatory item at the mini workshop will be the coach's courses.

GOOD OF THE SPORT:

The season will start May 1st. The next meeting will be on February 10th.

Meeting adjourned: 8:48 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

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Recording Secretary