



Executive Board Meeting
CDYSL Office
Thursday, November 1, 2018
7:00 PM

Call to Order

Timothy Owens, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Roll Call

Present: Tim Owens, Roy Pfeil, Dave Yule, Paul Bascomb, Jon Caraco, Tim Frament, Afrim Nezaj, Tammy Kishbaugh

Absent: Mike Kinnally, Paul Bascomb

Reading and Adoption of the Minutes

The October 4, 2018 executive committee office notes were distributed and reviewed. A quorum was established at 7:10, followed by a motion to accept the minutes as submitted by Jon C., seconded by Dave Y, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report – Dave Yule

Financials were distributed. Dave Y. explained that \$79,000 was collected during September and October, and that the tax review process will begin on Monday, November 5th. He reported that there are \$236,027 in assets.

Office Report – Tammy Kishbaugh

Tammy K. distributed the Monthly Report for October, and said that Spring League Program commitments begin on November 2nd, which is 2 weeks earlier than last year. Field commitments will be held off for now.

Tammy K. reported that a survey for the teams and parents who participated in the Fall Program will go out soon.

Tammy K. indicated that she requested the date of March 12th, 2019 to use Sand Creek Middle School for the coaching workshop, as is waiting for the decision by South Colonie School District.

Regarding the Exceptional Senior Showcase, the date is set for November 12th at DiCaprio Park. Rammy K. explained that there are 237 students signed up for the profile book, and 71 college coaches signed up to attend. Some board members expressed concerns that coaches are not communicating to the students about submitting their profile.

It was mentioned that a concern from previous years is that there wasn't enough time for a coach to see kids and not enough time in between the games for coaches to speak to students. Afrim N. asked why CDYSL continues with the showcase, as the point was brought up that many other areas in NY state have discontinued the senior showcase. Tim O. and Tim F. answered that it is an opportunity for our local seniors to have a last "hurrah", and some students will be seen by college coaches. Tammy K. questioned what the procedure is if a team doesn't have enough players. Tim O. stated that the proper protocol is to call the league rep, and also mentioned that the coaches could be contacted directly.

Tammy K. indicated that new CDYSL office employee, Stephanie Taylor-Durenay is training to do team registrations.

Committee Reports:

1. Rules - Roy Pfeil

Roy P. reported that the Spring league calendar will be short this year due to Easter being late, and various holidays. He suggested that in an upcoming meeting, they will entertain a motion to suspend the no-play rule for Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Tim O. mentioned that he would like volunteers to sit on a subcommittee to clean up some of the rules. The blueprint was completed, but now with a shorter Spring than usual, along with weather issues, he suggested the board consider reducing the number of games played from 10 to 8. This would also help the shortage of referees. By reducing the number of games, it would allow more clubs to play in member club tournaments. Tim F. volunteered to be on the committee to clean up the rules, however brought up the point that reducing the number of games would be a massive restructuring of schedule, and it should be its own committee. Dave Y. proposed playing 8 games for older teams, and 10 games for younger teams. Tim F. proposed 4 play dates where each team would play 2 games on 1 day. Afrim N. mentioned that this would cause a lot of scheduling issues. Tim F. said that other leagues in other parts of the state don't have games on weeknights. Tim F. volunteered to create a survey that would be sent to clubs and due back in January 2020. He will then present the results with the goal to implement the changes for the 2020 season.

2. Finance – Dave Yule

No report

3. Games – Paul Bascomb (not present)

As discussed during the Rules Committee report, the upcoming Spring season will be short, which would result in 8.5-9 weeks to fit in 2,000 games. Jon C. requested that no fines be assessed for scheduling issues with older teams as long as both teams agree within a 2-week window.

4. Membership/Nominations – Afrim Nezaj

Delaware United has expressed interest in joining CDYSL, however the club is not in CDYSL's area. Since Delaware United is located in Broom county, the club will need to be voted in by the general membership. Afrim N. clarified that many players in the club live closer to CDYSL area, and said that Paul B. reached out to the club and they agreed to use a field closer to CDYSL's member clubs. A decision was made that Tammy K. would contact the club and have them apply as guest teams for the upcoming season to serve as a transition to becoming a full member.

5. Executive

No report

6. Registrations – Tammy Kishbaugh

Tammy K. referred to the Office Report that was distributed regarding the registration numbers. Dave Y. asked about the CDYSL registrations through Eastern NY. Tim F. said that if a team registers with EDP, CDYSL will get money back from Eastern NY.

7. Zero Tolerance/Appeals – Roy Pfeil

No zero tolerance reports during fall program.

8. Arbitration/Appeals – Tim Frament

Tim reported that an arbitration against a club that violated the commitment date rule that mandates that tryouts can't occur prior to June 20th and a team can't require a commitment prior to July 25th. The committee's ruling was that the club was in violation of the rule, and a decision was made that the players commitment money would be reimbursed and the club was assessed a fine. At this point, an appeal by the club has not been made, and CDYSL is waiting for the fine to be paid.

Tim F mentioned that he would remind clubs of this rule during the January general meeting.

Special Committees

1. Programs – Roy Pfeil

a. Coaching Education – Roy Pfeil

Roy P. mentioned that for planning purposes, he would like to plan an entire year of clinics. This will also assist coaches in selecting the date that works best for them, and logistically to arrange for players needed for the clinic by age group.

b. ODP Program – Tim Frament

No report

c. Exceptional Senior Showcase

No report (covered in Office report)

d. TOP Soccer

No report

e. Coaches Workshop

The date of March 12th, 2019 has been set, waiting facility to confirm. Tim F. asked if it was possible to get some federation clinicians. Tim O said we have a finite number of clinicians (10).

Unfinished Business

1. Empire Cup 2019

As a result of the change of date from June to April, a facility would be required to accommodate potential weather issues. CDYSL sent an email, requesting that any clubs interested in submitting a proposal to host the tournament, do so prior to the November Executive Board Meeting. 1 proposal has been submitted by Afrims.

Afrim N. said that his facility is not available during the proposed dates of April 6-7, and suggested the date be changed to April 12-14th. The proposal includes all marketing, registration, scheduling, operations, and a survey to teams after the tournament. Afrims would coordinate with Got Soccer, design placements, and provide t-shirts & awards. CDYSL would be on site during the tournament handling public relations. Afrim N. stated that the goal would be to have 75-100 teams for the first year.

Afrims would remit payment to CDYSL of \$75 per team. Team hotel reservations will be handled with through CDYSL, and any incentive from the hotels would go to CDYSL. CDYSL would be the sanctioning league, and Afrim N. would be contract director.

Tim F. asked what the tournament fee would be per team. Afrim N. stated that he would increase registration by \$50 per team from last year.

David Y. mentioned that last year's profit was \$5,000, however it doesn't factor in CDYSL office staff hourly rates.

Tim F. & Roy P. suggested a second Tournament during the second weekend in June.

Tim F. made a motion to approve proposal in principal. April 12th-14th at Afrims. Dave Y. second. Motion carried, Afrim N. abstained. Tammy K. will put an application into Eastern NY.

New Business

Roy P. suggested sending email blasts to more people by utilizing lists from 2-3 years ago. Dave Y. and Tim F were opposed to going back any further than this year and last year. Roy P. asked if we could use add in the list 1 year older, everyone agreed.

Tim F. suggested have a U8 developmental fun day festival (not tournament) without parents on the sideline. He stressed that it should be about kids out having fun. Roy P. and Dave Y. expressed concern about not having parents on the sideline, and therefore suggested having "silent" games

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Roy P., and seconded by Tim F., motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM

Announcements

11/12 – Exceptional Senior Showcase, DiCaprio Park

12/6 – CDYSL Executive Committee Meeting (7:00pm)

Respectfully submitted by:

Mendy Varga
Recording Secretary