



## **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING OF THURSDAY, January 11, 2018**

**Sand Creek Middle School Cafeteria**

**7:00 PM**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

#### **Call to Order ~ Tim Owens, President**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Tim O. welcomed all to the meeting. This is our second meeting of the season.

Before we get started with our roll call, Tim O. wanted to make an announcement. He would like to thank Dave Sparks, our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for all the time, effort, and experience he has brought to the league. He resigned last week due to family matters but he is fine and his family is fine. Tim O. stated that Dave volunteered for over 21 years. We should recognize him in a special way at another time.

#### **Roll Call ~**

Italo handled roll call.

The following clubs were in attendance: AL; AV; BS; BW; BR; CL; CM; CU; CA; CH; CP; CO; CT; CR; FU; GA; GB; GU; HH; HL; HF; ME; NS; NE; NY; RA; RW; TV; VY; WF; EM

It was stated that we do have a quorum. Tim O. asks that anyone who makes a motion or second a motion, please state what club you are with so we all know and can hear you clearly.

The following clubs were not in attendance: AB; AM; BK; BE; BH; CS; FT; GV; HM; LS; LC; NL; NU; RJ; RO; SA; SC;

#### **Reading and Adoption of the Minutes ~ October 12, 2017**

Tim O. stated that if you did not receive these meeting minutes in your e-mail, please reach out to the office to make sure we have the correct e-mail. The minutes are sent out

within a day or so of each meeting. Waterford FC made a motion to accept and Tim F. made a second motion. No questions or discussions needed. Vote taken and motion carries.

### **Treasurer's Report ~ Dave Yule, Acting Treasurer**

Dave Y. stated that there is a handout and the dates should say as of December 2017 and not August 2017. Dave Y. reviewed the handouts and discussed specific line items and explained the reasons why he was discussing specific line items. Dave Y. will be looking at this document in more detail.

Dave Y. stated that the taxes have been done by our accountants and the office will have a copy if you wish to review and we will mail out the returns in the next week or so.

There were discussions regarding the format of the handout and how it is presented and Dave Y. explained how we use QuickBooks and what the amounts show. Motion to accept by NE and it was seconded by GB. Vote was taken and motion carries.

### **Communications ~**

Tim O. stated that since we last met in October, we have already announced that Dave Sparks has resigned from the Board and we are also going to announce that Scott Swere has also resigned from the Board citing that he has too many time demands that won't allow him to effectively take care of his responsibilities of an at large member. The Executive Committee has three open vacancies and they are the first vice president, secretary and an at large member. Anyone who would be interested in any of those positions will need to contact the CDYSL office or if you know anybody interested, have them contact the office. If you are a sitting member chair and want to change a role, please contact the league office. We will ask you to do that within the next week, and let the office know before next Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>. The challenges are we are a little bit pigeon holed right now because we have 9 positions and our constitution and bylaws state the number six as an executive committee as a quorum so we are challenged with that. Tim F. stated it was our Rules and not the constitution and bylaws. We meet the first Thursday of every month and we will see if that is necessary to come together every first Thursday especially when mostly every other month we come to the board of director meetings. That is 18 Thursdays for this volunteer position that we love so much and that doesn't take in to account what happens behind the scenes. Please strongly consider filling in a board seat. If you are interested to work on a committee, contact the office and let them know what committee you want to work on.

Roy is taking over as our ZTEC chair from Prince Knight and Prince will stay on the committee as a member. Afrim is taking over as the rules committee chair and Tim F. is taking over our membership chair. Dave Y. is taking over our finance chair. We do need a second set of eyes especially when it comes to our budget.

Tim O. would like to thank Scott Swere for all the work he did with the rules and he worked hard with Kathy Marco and Tammy Kishbaugh to quickly condense the dialog on this and CDYSL had rules all over the place on the website and now it has been streamlined and is much easier to read.

State Cup ENYYSA registrations are open. The ENYYSA Arch Cup u13-16 spring closes January 15<sup>th</sup>. The ENYYSA Premier League also closes Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> and state cup registration closes on February 4. The Arch Capital Cup for U10 and U12 groups, they started in the fall and finish in the spring. There is one team participating, the U12 Greenbush Soccer Club Boys, and if they advance in the preliminary rounds, they will be playing in the spring. Congratulations and you represent us well.

Tim O. is appealing that we send our teams to the ENYYSA competitions. It is not that much of a tax on time, preliminary rounds, there are three games to play in the first round; if you win that group, then you advance, if not you still had decent competition and we did have some teams advance and one team even made it to the final. It is a different look from the teams we play up here and it's nice to compete with other people at the same level, pretty much.

Per Tim O., ENYYSA is holding a meeting in February voting on rules change. This is a proposed amendment as it relates to dual registering players. The rule change is read by Tim O. and it reads as follows:

**Proposed amendment by LIJSL to ENYYSA Rules & Regulations,  
ARTICLE III- REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND RELEASE OF PLAYERS,  
Section 1 – Registration, 'B' and 'C'.**

- Article III, Section 1, 'B' and 'C' presently read;

*B. A player can be registered with only one club travel team at a time.*

*The maximum five player transfer rule may be exceeded if a team player is transferring from a team that has been disbanded prior to the time of league registration and if the player or players are transferring onto a team that is entered into the US Youth Soccer Championship series or ENYYSA Challenge Cup those players can only be added to the US Youth Soccer Championship series or ENYYSA Challenge Cup rosters before they are frozen and if they DO NOT exceed the five-player transfer rule.*

*C. A player rostered to a club travel team U15 and up can be rostered on another club's tournament team roster and will not be considered a transfer or dually registered player. However, a player MAY NOT appear on more than one tournament team or more than one travel or premier team roster simultaneously.*

- **Proposal to amend Section 'B' to now read as follows;** **(Changes in blue)**

*B. A player can be registered with only one club travel team at a time, **with the following exception(s)***

***A player rostered to a club travel team U15 and up can be rostered on another club's tournament team roster and will not be considered a transfer or dually registered player***

***Upon approval of a member league, a player rostered to a club travel team may be dual-registered and appear on another's teams' roster for the purposes of participating on that second team for the member league's local competitions only;***

***Players may not appear on more than one State Cup Roster (i.e. "Cup Tied") and may not participate on more than one team in State Cup competition with the exception as permitted under National Championship Series (NCS) 'Club Pass' play, during subsequent stages of NCS play (i.e. Regional, National stages)***

*The maximum five player transfer rule may be exceeded if a team player is transferring from a team that has been disbanded prior to the time of league registration and if the player or players are transferring onto a team that is entered into the US Youth Soccer Championship series or ENYSSA Challenge Cup those players can only be added to the US Youth Soccer Championship series or ENYSSA Challenge Cup rosters before they are frozen and if they DO NOT exceed the five-player transfer rule.*

- ***We would further propose, based upon the proposed amendment of Section 'B', that Section 'C' as presently constituted would be eliminated from the Associations' Rules & Regulations and that subsequent sections (D, E, F & G) be appropriately relabeled.***

**The Rules Committee recommends approval of this amendment.**

Tim O. gives the example of what he read means. Tim F. states the concept is you can take a couple of clubs and we are going to form a team at U14 Boys and take five players from each club for a roster and that team is going to play in ENYPL, Region I and State Cup. However, those players can also play, if CDYSL allows for their original clubs for CDYSL competitions only. The good part would be how many clubs have lost players and can no longer field a team at an age group. They are saying you can go and play on the premier team but they still play with your local club to play within CDYSL. That could be good it could also be that we are taking clubs and create super teams, good or bad. There were discussions on what Tim O. and Tim F. explained. Tim O. stated that we are bringing this up because we have a vote in February on this. We are the third largest league and our vote is the up and down. Long Island is proposing it. If we say yes, it will pass due to our numbers. If we say no, then we know it is going to fail because of the numbers. Tim F. stated all the rules are being requested by Long Island and a big league and the other two big leagues are currently against it. Tim O. reads the leagues that stated they were against it and why. Tim O. gives an example of a club having some exceptional players on a team. You may have limited exposure for those players if playing with the team but if to allow the player to use this new rule, would these players benefit and they would benefit because you know your club team cannot play at that level and

give you the exposure you may want if you are an exceptional player. The question would be, would these players then come back and play with your local team and their friends and the answer is some will and some will not. Tim F. stated that the people are afraid that they are going to take the premier teams and take the best players and play them at State Cup and do it in Long Island, who are 10 times bigger than us. Creating huge super teams in combining the best of the best. The reality is if they want to play with the premier clubs they would just go play with the premier clubs and not stay with their club teams.

Tim O. stated that he must vote in February on this because we need to know this today because the vote is before our next general board meeting. Tim O. asked for a show of hands and 23 were in favor and less were against it. The club who does this would need to get permission from the league to do this if it does pass.

Tim O. stated a player Anthony Rouse, plays for NY Soccer Club and he is made the Men's US training roster and we congratulate him and his family on this.

### **Comments from the Floor**

There were no comments from the floor.

### **Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

##### **1. Rules ~**

Tim O. stated this was already covered in the above discussions.

##### **2. Registrations ~ Tammy Kishbaugh**

Registrations are on course and we currently have almost 4400 players registered and it was very close to this last year now.

##### **3. Games ~ Paul Bascomb**

Paul is not here but the winter futsal starts this Sunday. The Spring League team commitments is due tomorrow. This is the electronic submission and paperwork and payment to play in the spring league. We will then put together the team placement and then the appeals before the scheduling begins. The appeals are going to be heard by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

##### **4. Finance ~**

Nothing to report.

##### **5. Executive ~ Tim Owens**

Tim O. we had our Exceptional Senior Showcase and it was a bitter cold day and we moved the event indoor at Afrim's Dome. The overall comments were that it was well done but we had some challenges in one venue and provide a situation who has a coach

who wants to speak with players had very limited contact due to the compressed schedule.

The buzz is we are considering making this an indoor event every year as it takes the weather element out of it and we are exploring options on one venue or two and other items we need to look at prior to making a final decision. ENYISA felt our pain and we host the showcase and they support and help underwrite those costs and they knew we paid more and they upped their donation so we are going to thank them for their generosity for that.

## **6. Membership ~**

Our league allows for guest teams and for guest teams to qualify for guest play, they have a first and second read and tonight is the first read. There are two clubs who have applied for guest teams in our spring league play.

The first one is Oneonta Soccer Club. They are looking to play two teams in our Spring League. The two teams are the U12 Girls Division 2 and the U17 Boys Division 1 or Division 2. The club is in Oneonta, New York. They have their home fields at the Wright National Soccer Complex, which was the home of the National Soccer Hall of Fame. Tim O. read the resumes for each team and stated we had their rosters, adult risk management background checks and their performance bonds.

The next club is the Black Rock FC. They are looking to play four teams in our Spring League. The teams are: the U11 Boys Division 1 but if there is no U11 Boys Division, they would place the team in the U12 Boys Division 2. The U11 Girls Division 2 but if there is no U11 Girls Division, they would place the team in the U12 Girls Division 3. The U12 Girls Division 1 or Division 2 team and the U15 Girls Division 1 but if there is no U15 Girls Division, they would place the team in the U16 Girls Division 2. The club is in Lee, Massachusetts. They have access to their home fields which are the Berkshire Community College, Clapp Park or Village School, and these are all about an hour drive from Colonie, New York. They are also working with the New Lebanon Soccer Club, who is a member of CDYSL, in using their fields which are the New Lebanon High School, about a 45-minute drive from Colonie or Walter B. Howard Elementary School which is also about a 45-minute drive from Colonie. Tim O. read the resumes for each team and stated we had their rosters, adult risk management background checks and their performance bonds.

There were questions about the neutral fields for the teams who have long distances to travel and want a neutral field to reduce the traveling of both or each team. There were discussions on this topic of neutral fields. There were discussions on the older teams who cannot reschedule on a Sunday because of league rules and would it be possible to have the younger players play more during the week and let the older players play on the weekends. Italo stated that the challenges with the older age groups such as U19's. Roy

asked are we going to tell a guest team if you want to play in our spring league you need to play within our “footprint”. Should we make this a rule, we need to consider this for next year. And the possibility of increasing the performance bond so we don’t get stuck if they forfeit games. Tim O. stated the comments made tonight and please also email your comments to the office so you can be heard. Roy gave an example of how another area handles such issues and it was stated we need to look at a few items and see what works for the future.

### **7. Zero Tolerance/Appeals ~ Prince Knight**

Nothing to report for this meeting. And some reported above.

### **8. Arbitration ~ Tim Frament**

There is nothing to report.

## **Programs**

### **Coaching Education ~ Roy Pfeil, Second Vice President**

There is nothing to report.

### **~ Coaches Workshop 2018**

The coach workshop will be March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Sand Creek Middle School. We are using last year’s format of 10am to 2pm and we are considering different trainings, clinicians, etc., We will have more soon.

### **~ Coaches Licensing**

February 14<sup>th</sup> will have an update on this topic per Roy.

### **ODP Program (follow-up) ~ Roy Pfeil**

Going well every other week and still having players trying out. Roy stated that we shoot ourselves in the foot when we charge people in other leagues who want to play ODP and extra \$200.

### **TOP Soccer**

There is nothing to report.

## **Unfinished Business**

Tim O. stated the Pre-ODP proposal was made and you all voted to initiate a pre-odp program up to \$6000 to do so. We have taken small steps with launching the program and that is the best way he can describe it. You may recall a few years ago we jumped right into futsal and some perimeters that were locked in before we did that and even though the program has wonderful intentions, if it is not launched right it will not work out well and we brushed over winter futsal earlier. Our winter futsal is on life support with what we are hosting. Small steps with Pre-odp program so when it does launch it

becomes long lasting and long reaching. It is going to happen, please be patient while we make sure it is done and we will launch it next year.

### **New Business:**

Tim F. handed out a document on the Administrative Rules from our Rules and Regulations under Article XI, Section A. Tim F. stated that if we do not have a quorum at the Executive Committee level due to positions not being filled and/or individuals who cannot make a meeting, we cannot officially conduct business. Tim F. stated that our rules say that we need six people to attend these meetings to have a quorum and Tim F. is proposing a proposal to read that 50 percent of the positions are filled, such as we are with six members currently, we would need a minimum of three to have a quorum. There were discussions on this topic. Tim F. read the proposal and made a motion to approve the change that would read Fifty (50) percent of the filled positions the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of three or more of the members present at the meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Executive Committee. New York Elite FC seconded the motion. Discussions took place on this matter. Galway Soccer Club made a motion to table this vote until the next week and Dave Y. seconded that motion. There were further discussions on this matter and a vote was taken on the motion to table the discussion and that vote did not pass based on the voting numbers. After further discussion, Tim F. made a motion to change the wording of the original motion he made to read Fifty-one (51) percent of the filled positions of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of four or more members of the members present at the meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Executive Committee. The Chatham Soccer Club seconded this motion, there were no questions or discussions and a vote was taken and the motion carries.

Dave Y. is the chairperson of the Scholarship Committee. Dave asks that all pass word along that the scholarship application is currently open and will close on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The application will state the requirements needed for the scholarship application and that information is on the website.

Tim O. stated that CDYSL will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we are looking to make some adjustments in the awards and may be a commemorative medallion or something similar will be considered. The Games Committee will discuss the longevity of the trophy as they don't get picked up at the AGM and many sits in the office all year long. We have discussed T-shirts but it also comes at a premium and we will discuss these awards in the future.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

The Colonie Soccer Club made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the Greenbush Soccer Club seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tammy Kishbaugh  
Recording Secretary

**CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**MEETINGS:**

Executive Committee Meetings (2018): *Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 3, Jun. 7, Jul. 5, Aug. 2*

February General Board Meeting: *February 8, 2018*

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

CDYSL Coach Workshop, *Saturday, March 10, 2018*, Sand Creek Middle School, Albany, NY

Empire Cup Tournament, *Saturday, June 23, 2018 and Sunday, June 24, 2018*, Venues TBD

**CDYSL Constitution, Article II: CDYSL Purpose**

- a. To teach the game of soccer to the youth of our community.
- b. To operate a youth soccer league to help in developing the character of the youth for our community.
- c. To foster and engage in competition for the furtherance of the above purposes.
- d. To encourage and engage in other activities which will enhance and improve these stated purposes.
- e. To support the players to their highest level of competition possible.

**CDYSL Rules and Regulations, Section X, Sub-section D**

- 1. Regardless of the time and sacrifices you devote, no director, officers or volunteer receives any financial benefit or credit for their volunteer services.
- 2. Organizational goals will be set before personal goals. Put the best interest of the entire program ahead of individual desires. We are here to serve all the children with quality programs.

3. Minimize complaints and pettiness. Look for ways to improve the organization rather than pointing fingers.
4. Speak up when you have questions or disagree, but support the final decision of the organization.
5. Look at the problems from an organization-wide perspective. Focus on the best interests of all the children and youth sports in general.
6. Treat your colleagues respectfully. Give your colleagues the benefit of the doubt. Don't jump to conclusions. They are just like doing the best to help build a quality program for kids.
7. Conflicts should focus on issues, not personalities of individuals. Courtesy goes a long way toward building harmony and cooperation.

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