



BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017

Sand Creek Middle School Cafeteria

7:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order ~ Timothy Owens, President

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Tim O. welcomed all to the meeting. The second meeting out of six that we get together but our first of this year. Tim reminded all that this will be a long meeting but his goal was to conduct business and get everyone out before 9 pm.

Roll Call ~ David Sparks, Membership Committee

Dave S. handled roll call.

The following clubs were in attendance: AB; AL; AM; AV; BS; BK; BW; BR; BH; CU; CM; CA; CH; CS; CO; CT; CR; EM; FT; FU; GA; GB; HH; HL; HF; LS; LC; ME; NS; NE; NY; RA; RW; SC; TV; VY; WF; CL;

Dave S. stated that there is a quorum.

The following clubs were not in attendance: BE; CP; GU; HM; NL; NU; RJ; RO; SA

Reading and Adoption of the Minutes ~ October 13, 2016

Tim F. asked all to refer to the handout of the meeting minutes from the last meeting, held in October 2016.

Colonie SC made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and seconded by Valley SC. No questions and a vote was taken and the motion carries.

Treasurer's Report ~ Dave Yule, Treasurer

Dave Y. stated that there are two financial reports and he reviewed each handout. Dave stated that the one handout was from the Executive Meeting from last week and a few items needed to be tied up so he reviewed the white sheet as it was the most up to date document. All budget line items will be filled in for the next meeting. The League tax returns have been filed and if anybody wants a copy of the documents to review, please call the office and they will be happy to send you a copy. The finances are great at CDYSL.

Cooperstown SC made a motion to accept the financials and it was seconded by the Brunswick SC. There were no questions and a vote was taken and the motion carries.

Communications

Tim O. is happy to report that the NSCAA is under way in Los Angeles. Representing CDYSL are Executive Board member Roy Pfeil and Deb Handy, the social media intern. She is handling Facebook and twitter posts. Please like our Facebook page. There are other individuals out there for their clubs and some for experience.

Comments from the Floor

The Burnt Hills United SC announced that they run their tournament on Father's Day. They have been informed that this year Father's Day is a spring season play date. As such Burnt Hills United SC would like to make a motion that Father's Day not be a play date this season.

DISCUSSION:

What age groups were on Sundays and it was stated that this year due to construction, they may have problems with field availability so they may need to put older teams on the fields on Sunday and not just the younger teams. Alleycats SC stated that if teams can sign up for the tournament but not get fined, that would work better as we need to get the dates for the games this season.

POINT of CLARIFICATION: Tim O. reminded Clubs present that CDYSL has a free rescheduling period of time where a Club can move any of your games as long as you communicate and get the opposing coaches acceptance of that move and if you reschedule during that time of free rescheduling, you will not get charged for the rescheduling. Tim O. continued explaining that this year and some other years that with when the Easter holiday and the school break fall, it makes the scheduling much tighter, creating challenges to play all of those games with the shortened dates that can be scheduled for play. Further to explain 2017 Father's Day play he reminded all Clubs that at Board meetings, any Club motion to change a rule or to suspend a rule. This has been done in years past and indeed the Board voted to suspend the rule when Father's Day was or wasn't a play date to accommodate that tournament.

Burnt Hills United SC is considering making a motion to suspend the rule to make Father's Day a no play date so that they can maximize their number of teams that may potentially want to play in their tournament. Group asked when Burnt Hills

SC would know what teams would be playing on that Sunday. Answer: They stated that they may know more by the February meeting.

There was more discussion about the "free" rescheduling date and that will begin on March 13th and run through March 26th. NOTE: There was no second on the motion by Burnt Hills United Soccer Club.

Question: Rules and Regulations stated that there would be no games scheduled on Mother's Day, Father's Day and Memorial Day and why was that just changed without notification to the full Board. The Games Committee is given that choice when it comes down to scheduling the games especially when there is a short time frame due to holidays and spring breaks and the shortened time to get all of the games scheduled to get them done within a reasonable time during the season.

Tim O. stated that in 2017, the Rules Committee is recommending that Father's Day become a play date. It is before the Board to decide if the Games Committee and Rules Committee can suspend that date so we can get the games set up with or without that particular days. Games Committee Chair, Paul B, stood up and stated that they wanted to add Father's Day to the schedule due to the need for the older teams to get their players out on the field. Brunswick SC asked if the U18's would play ten games this season and could an additional date be added to the play date. Paul stated that it would not be added as it hard enough to get the eight games in. Dave Y. made a statement that the older teams need that date to be a play date so they can get their games in as they start later then the younger teams. The committee has recommended that we make Father's Day a play date to accommodate the league play. Burnt Hills SC was asked if they would be okay for the older teams to play on Father's Day and the younger teams could have that date off and not be a play date. Games Committee is amending the recommendation that we play on Father's Day and we can suspend the U8's and U10's so they can play at the tournament and Father's Day will be a no play date for them. A vote was taken and 26 were in favor and the motion carries so we will suspend the U10's and under to not play on Father's Day.

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Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Standing Committee Reports:

1. Rules ~ Scott Swere (Updates)

In the absence of Scott Tim O. stated that the committee is overhauling the rules and have different publications on what is going on and it will condense it down to finding the information easily in one document. Tim O. stated that you should receive in the near future on what has been worked on we will discuss at the next meeting. Tim O. stated that our Secretary, Pat Dowse, is revamping

the documents that outline the Zero Tolerance Policy and process and the Arbitration and Grievance processes. She is reworking that process because it is simply too hard to work with in format it is in now.

Some time ago the Board voted on the goal sizes as presented by the federation. Well the federation has reversed their minds. It is the desire of the league to go back to the original agreed upon sizes and be in compliance with the Federation. The League has no desire to “goal police” and therefore CDYSL wants to adopt what the federation has put in place and go forth. It is to adopt the 7 by 21. Note if you Club plays State Cup or other leagues you will need to follow their goal sizes. Please anticipate a motion with recommendations on this issue for the February meeting.

2. Registrations ~ Tammy Kishbaugh (Updates)

Spring registrations are in a lull and we know the registrations will slam the office on March 1st. If you can get your registrations in early, please do so the office can work on them sooner than later, please do not wait. The league is willing to help you find players if you need them, so if you start to register your teams now, the league has an idea of who else needs players and can put you in touch with each other to put the teams together to make a full team and let the kids play. Each year the League sees clubs waiting too late to register the players and get the registrations and then they drop out of spring play because they don't have the numbers. Change that - register them earlier, we can help you find teams in similar situations so you can put them together to make a team.

3. Games ~ Paul Bascomb (Fall Ball, Winter Futsal, Spring League)

Paul stated that Fall Ball was a great success with only one incident. We had just over 100 teams and it went very well.

Paul stated that we have 27 teams playing Futsal and we had a venue back out so all of the games are at Sand Creek Middle School and the scheduling is happening now so the schedules can get out and it can accommodate the issues during the first week of play.

Paul stated there is a handout of the League Information Sheet as it outlines the dates and deadlines. Last evening the team placements were done and they will be posted on the 16th of January. Teams that are playing Calcio United and a few games were handled last year at the Valley Soccer Club as a neutral venue to reduce the travel. Just contact Paul earlier than later so he can prepare his fields.

Paul reviewed the deadlines on the handout on when things are due and what is due and/or needed. There were questions about the “in writing” listed in the document and it was stated that it can come in through e-mail.

Tim O. stated that coaches and risk management background checks must be done and the league cannot generate a valid roster unless the adults on a roster has successfully gone through and passed risk management. The office will notify the registrar and does a reminder every seven days if they do not do what is needed.

4. Finance ~ David Sparks

Dave stated nothing to report.

5. Executive ~ Timothy Owens

Tim O. stated that you may have noticed that we only have 27 teams playing in our Futsal League. We had a club who decided to compete with the League and we will deal with that as we go. There are several of your teams in this room who are participating in the other Futsal league and some coaches and teams were recruited to play at the other club. The e-mails and phone calls were tailored to make it appear that it is CDYSL sponsored but it is not.

Tim O. went to a Rossi event and said we will look to do something in the spring for an event to offset some expenses for the families. The only one for fundraising for Ms. Rossi is her immediate family. More will be said as things are decided.

We have 52 clubs in CDYSL and we want to manage the tournaments that are going on within the league. All have the potential to host their own tournament. We have some tournaments who have traditionally ran tournaments on particular dates and others want to hold these too. We need to look into some of the decision making when tournaments requested as it is a drain on our referees when the spring season is in play.

Just over a year ago, you voted me in as President of the League stated Tim O. In an effort to move things in the right direction, Tim O made a proposal of value for “added service” for the league and our clients and have asked all of our at Large Board Members to be Regional Point Person. This role would be to serve as a point of contact, reaching out to the clubs in their designated area. Work hands on with Clubs and address the needs of those clubs in that area. It is moving slower than he would like it go because in the end, we are not getting to you as quickly as we would like. It is his goal to have the League working to look out for the best interest of the 11,000 players. This is what the League is about. Every meeting you will receive an agenda, you will have

within that agenda the mission of the League and expectations of adhering to those goals. This is ahead of any individual Club's goals. There are 52 clubs and all need to be treated equally. The players, coaches, parents, and the clubs need to believe that CDYSL is looking after your best interest. We have parent education videos on the website. Please communicate that to you families it is also on the website of the ENYYSA. For your coach's education there are also videos on our website and ENYYSA as well. The effort to look out for the league is multi-faceted that includes the player's education, coach education and parent education. We know what we are supposed to do so let's just go out there and do it before we get into full tilt of the season. This will be reinforced at every meeting. If your Club has questions and or needs assistance, let's get them taken care of so we are not dealing with nonsense during the season. The goals of the league over personal goals.

6. Membership ~ Dave Sparks

Dave S. reported that the Fulton United Soccer Club is now known as the Fulton United Travel Soccer Club.

7. Zero Tolerance/Appeals/Arbitration ~ Timothy Owens

Tim O. stated that he mentioned earlier that this process is being reworked. Tim O. stated that the Chair of the Arbitration Committee has been vacated. He is not filling that position right now until the reworked process is completed. The Appeals Committee Chair, Caryn Hamilton, has agreed to stay on. Prince Knight will take over for the Zero Tolerance Committee Chairperson.

No Reports ~ Nominations, Risk Management

Programs

Coaching Education ~ Roy Pfeil, Second Vice President

Roy is representing us out in LA and he continues to facilitate the coaching education. All coaches must be risk management certified and you must have the minimum of an F license for travel rosters. It is a two part, one part is on-line and one is a field module. When the courses are listed, they will be on the website and we also blast them out and we will push to get more of the modules held. Tim O. stated that at last year's workshop, we did hold two field modules and stated that we are looking at the schedule of the workshop to ensure efficiency for the trainers and participants – there may be changes.

It was stated that if we know when these courses are, well in advance, they can then schedule to take these courses. Tim O. stated that Roy will come to your club to host these courses.

ODP Program (follow-up) ~ Roy Pfeil

The North ODP is up at the Queensbury Dome every Monday night. South ODP can go to the dome in Poughkeepsie and deep south go to Hofstra. In the spring, some of the trainings will be in Saugerties. It is sort of a meeting in the middle or close to the middle.

Exceptional Seniors Showcase

Another successful event with one downside. For some reason the suburban council girls are not participating and we are not sure why. We partner with Section II but we only host and put this event together but the schools are the ones who should give the attention to what it really deserves to get these players seen. Tim O. said there is a perception that any senior in Section II can submit a player profile for all of the college coaches who come to observe the profile book. We also allow players to come and play for the spots because not enough players come to play on the day of the event. The boys are always great in numbers but the girl's side is very low. The upside is that someone who wasn't asked to play and got a called to come and play and then she got called by a college coach because they saw her play. We are looking at another strategy to market the event to not just to seniors but to rising juniors and sophomores and they can anticipate that when they get to the 12th grade. Dave Y. stated that he would like CDYSL, when we do the profiles, and put a check box on the profiles that states they want to play, so CDYSL can then reach out to these players if the numbers are low on the day of the event. The more players there, the better.

TOP Soccer

We have four clubs that have a top soccer program and the thought is to pull these clubs together and talk about hosting a jamboree or something like that - CL BR LC and CP. We talked about it before, we want to bring the program together like a fall ball day and host an event. We should make it happen, we annually budget a little bit of money and we ought to invest in it.

Unfinished Business

Your agenda doesn't have anything listed but we are still discussing our web based coach and parent initiative. An offshoot of that would be web meetings. Not yet for this venue but just image if you are from Calcio, Greenwich, Cambridge, points North, points down South and it is raining all day and we are in January and image if this was twenty degrees colder, we would have a lot of snow. We are looking at long term capability so you can face time or web ex into this meeting or other meeting. It will have to go through some maneuvering of the rules. The WebEx will log in who is in attendance at the meeting and participation that way and our written rules would need to be adjusted.

New Business:

ENY ~ State Cup/Arch Cup/Premier League participation

CDYSL is grossly under-represented in the state sponsored tournaments and their premier league and Tim was asked to look for clubs that have teams that what really want to participate. State Cup, Arch Cup encompasses all levels of play to a certain extent. It

is not just us, the league, the number of other participants have gone way down as well. The move to their regional play in was supposed to help and was well received a few years ago and it has since dropped off. Tim O. stated that we want to bring it back up in participants. Tim O. asks why some of the teams no longer participate and some stated that if we have a state cup quality team to go with it, they have to have that additional commitment with the players and parents to travel around to play these games. It was stated that we play small sided and there are still larger squads playing 11 v 11 downstate. This is just the U12 division being discussed. It seems to break down one of those divisions. It was stated that he has some pretty good players but h has a few good players on different teams and it isn't allowed to combine them together to put them on one team to play in these events. It is an ENYYSA roadblock.

Some did look to get into the Arch Cup and the timing is different than the state cup and from a club perspective it gets confusing to enter one in August and part season in the fall and the rest in the spring. They feel if they can do both in the same time frame, then it would be easier for a club and/or team to maneuver. The timing seems to be a concern.

Tim stated that if anyone has thoughts or concerns on this, just contact the office or write to Tim and he will see if he can address the issues that they are having with these premier leagues.

Tim O. stated that for all of the clubs here, how the spring season goes, we want your input on how to make improvements but not just for spring but all of the programs that we have. Part of that is you all as club representatives are eyes and ears for your clubs so it is important that everything happens at this meeting goes back to your club. Share it with them so that all the information gets all the way down to the U06 training coaches.

We have a meeting next month, February 9th, we had a great turn out tonight and we hope you all return next meeting.

Dave Y. stated that there is no U20 division. Under committees he is scholarship chair, the scholarship application is up on the website and please get the word out to all of your seniors. The last one is for the good of the game, New Scotland and Colonie are sending a girls' team to Portugal this year and it is in full spring and they are going in April over spring break at three different venues they will play at. Any items you can give the kids to hand out, patches, pins, etc. Please pass this along to the team so they can trade with the other teams. Dave explained the trip and said clubs can work together to benefit the players.

Tim outlines some of the items we spoke about..... The futsal schedule, the spring outdoor time line, February meeting, March coach workshop, and we go into spring league play. One thing about spring league is no matter how hard we try and get the information out to you that here is what happens, here are the time lines, here are the

games, we did the rescheduling for free, etc., we are still at \$20K annually in fines and fees. Normally, as an organization we are going to say it is a healthy financial wind fall for us because it isn't budgeted in there at that level but who is getting taxed? The club, which means the team, which means the player and parent. He can't foresee these fines going away on the back of the sheet yet but let's do our part by letting our coaches know those hard deadlines, let them know what the consequences are for waiting for the last minute. Let them know that the school calendar is already set so almost everybody knows the spring concerts, vacations, proms, etc. Let's get that information out to them early and keep hammering it home to go ahead and play, go play the game. You may be missing three players because they are at a track meet, play the game with the other players. It makes sense let's do that part to get the information out there. He has asked and he thinks the budget committee fines and fees get invested right back into the league.

Anybody need more sand bags we still have a few left, contact the office. We will look into other things to use the fines and fees money on maybe equipment, etc.

Sanctioned Tournaments

Meeting Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by the Chatham Soccer Club and it was seconded by the Brunswick Soccer Club. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEETINGS:

Executive Committee Meetings (2017): Feb. 2nd, Mar. 2nd, Apr. 6th, May 4th, Jun. 1st.

Board of Director's Meetings (2017): Feb. 9th, Apr. 13th, Jun. 8th.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

NSCAA National Convention, Los Angeles, CA, January 11-15, 2017

CDYSL Mini-Workshop: Saturday, March 11, 2017

CDYSL Spring League Opening Day: Sunday, April 23, 2017

CDYSL Empire Cup: June 24-25, 2017

CDYSL Annual General Meeting: August 13, 2017

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 of 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 of 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.