



Meeting Minutes
CDYSL Annual General Meeting
Sunday, August 14, 2016
DiCaprio Park, Guilderland, NY
1:00 PM

Call to Order ~ Timothy Owens, President

Tim announced that the meeting is called to order at 1:15 pm.

Tim stated Dave will do roll call and we may change the order of the agenda to accommodate individuals who cannot stay the full meeting.

Roll Call ~ David Sparks, Membership Committee

The following club were in attendance: AB; AL; AM; AV; BS; BK; BE; BR; CL; CU; CM; CA; CP; CO; CT; CR; FT; FU; GB; GV; GW; GU; HM; HL; LS; LC ME; NE; NS; NY; NU; RA; RO; RW; SA; SC; TV; VY; GA

The following were not in attendance: BW; BH; CH; CS; GA; HH; HF; NL; RJ;

Dave stated that there is a quorum.

Tim stated that all should start to eat lunch so we can get the meeting to flow along. Italo introduces Bill Sampaio who spoke about Futsal and the benefits that playing Futsal gives players. Such benefits are more skilled and knowledgeable player on the field. There are more touches on the ball when playing Futsal.

Roy gave an example of group that went to see a true futsal game and they were very excited about the game. Roy gave some other examples on how a team he watched from Colonie, improved after playing the game of Futsal but he saw other teams improve as well with the game of Futsal even after one season.

Italo stated that we will try to set up something around December to have Bill come and give another talk and/or demonstration.

Establishment and Certification of Voting Strengths

Tim Owens asked Tammy to reach out each club and their voting strengths for this election. Tammy read out each club name and their voting strengths. Tim stated that these are established votes based on the travel teams that play within the CDYSL league this past season and it was stated that these weighted elections were only used for the election of officers.

Reading and Adoption of the 2015 AGM Minutes dated Sunday, August 9, 2015

Tim asks all in attendance to quickly review the meeting minutes from the last AGM. Tim apologized that these meeting minutes were not sent out prior to the meeting but in the future we will make sure that we get these sent out prior to the meeting.

Rotterdam Soccer Club made a motion to accept the minutes and Colonie Soccer Club seconded the motion. A vote was taken to adopt these meeting minutes and it was voted in unanimously.

Treasurer's Report ~ Dave Yule, Treasurer

Dave Yule reviewed the balance financial worksheet as of July 31st. Dave outlined a few specific areas in the document. Dave noted that the website is still a work in progress and we are still working with the company to try to finalize what we wanted for the website.

Dave reviewed the proposed budget letter from Dave Sparks and outlined the proposed budget for the upcoming season. Dave reviewed some of the areas on the proposed budget and outlined a few areas such as Futsal being added into the budget and there are some changes in the expenses. He mentioned the item under Capital Development as the office needs a new server and we are working on those items. The workshop videos are also nice component, we just added it into this year's budget as it is very useful and wanted on our website. We will drop CNS as our computer vendor and we will hopefully have one vendor to work with so we don't have to pay for two. We will pay for the work as needed until things get settled on the direction we will ultimately go.

Fines and fees were dropped in the budget and please do what you can as a club to try not to get the fines and fees as we don't want to charge for these items. Dave outlines a few areas for improvement and asks the clubs to please help with the communication and use the tools given to all clubs and teams so you can avoid all of the fines.

A motion was made by Greenbush Soccer Club to accept the proposed budget and it was seconded by Halfmoon Soccer Club. A vote was taken to adopt the budget as presented and it was voted in unanimously.

Tim stated that the staggering figure of \$18,000 but actually the fines and fees were \$25,000. We would really like to thin that down as much as we can. Please take advantage of the two weeks of free rescheduling. Please also review the way the fines are implemented so you can work along with the entire knowledge of what it will cost to reschedule games. Tim stated the first half of the fines for the season was still at \$12,000. He asked where are we going wrong with the fines and fees so high. He mentioned last year at this particular meeting that we wanted to reduce that number significantly. He stated that he will use a phrase that Roy Pfeil has used in that all in attendance are the ambassadors to your club and we have to get the message through you to your club, coaches and managers because that is one way they will get the message of why these fines and fees are so high. Most of the larger fines given to clubs were last minute rescheduling of a game and not taking advantage of the time line for lesser fines. Please play with whatever players you have to play with, get the game played. Otherwise, you risk a late rescheduling fine, referee fines as they expect payment up to a certain time line and/or not showing for the games. Some of our clubs cannot really afford these fines so please communicate this with your club, coaches and managers. There are ways to reduce these costs but you need to work with us to do so. The fines and fees collected, we would like to reinvest these back into the clubs and the league.

Tim stated that he would like to use those monies collected and set up a committee and look at an equipment grant program for all of our clubs. Lots of our clubs have aging equipment, coaches could use new equipment

and we want this to be a direct benefit to the kids playing in your club. The committee will be asked to look at other avenues to distribute these monies. We would like to host bus trips more than just once a year. Information on all of this will come out when we are ready to put a committee together and we will be looking for ideas in spending these finances.

Unfinished Business

There was nothing listed in last year's AGM notes so we will have nothing to report in this area per Tim.

Communications/Comments from the Floor

No comments from the floor at this meeting.

Report of Officers

Tim didn't ask the officers to submit a formal report, however, he will ask each to speak on what they are involved in this season, if they wish. The officers consist of the President, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President and the Treasurer.

We already heard the Treasurer's Report. Tim stated that he will defer the President's report when we get to the Executive Committee part of the Agenda. We will now hear the reports from the First and Second Vice President.

Dave Sparks, reports as the First Vice President, and stated that it has been a very successful last season. He stated that he looks forward to next year and working with those in attendance this coming season.

Roy Pfeil, reports as the Second Vice President, and stated that the money that we have in the bank does nothing to improve soccer. Roy mentioned an example of the office blowing up and using the money. He stated we need to look and encourage all to play Futsal, take the coaching education courses and he feels the league has done a very good job in dealing with 90% of the people. He stated that 10% of the people may play in premier leagues but there are some who do not for various reasons and we need to look at the top 3-5% who are really good players but don't play in those premier clubs.

Reports of Chairpersons of Standing Committees

Tim stated that he will as the Chairperson of the Standing Committees to give a report. However, if you do not have a report to give, that is okay. Tim outlined the order in which he will have the Committee Chairperson speak.

Rules Committee ~ Scott Swere stated that we have some proposals in regards to the Bylaws and the Constitution. He stated that we will vote on these after the reports by the committees. Scott stated that after the AGM, the Rules Committee will work with members to fix the indiscrepancies of the documents that reflect back to the Rules and Regulations as well. It will be a process that will take at least a few months but he would like to put together a committee of individuals and try to do everything to make sure that all documents match when referring to anything outlined in the Bylaws, Constitution and the Rules and Regulations. If anyone is interested in being part of this committee, please contact the office to let them know.

Registration Committee ~ Tammy Kishbaugh reported that the Birth Year Age Matrix begins on September 1st. To date, we have registered just over 10,900 players within the league.

Arbitration Committee ~ Karen Moehle reported that her committee only received one arbitration this season. She stated that if there are any members who wish to join this committee to please contact the office.

Games Committee ~ Paul Bascomb stated that we have had a very good year and there were only eleven games that did not have referees. He stated that the referee numbers were low this season and several of the experienced referees are aging out. He asks that you take some information back to your clubs such as it seems that the farther away the clubs are from each other, there seems to be a trend that some of the teams do not want to travel to the away team when it is their turn to travel. Please play with the players who can make these games to get them played. You can play the games with only 7 players. If you have a distance between the fields that is larger than most, then contact the office to request a neutral field.

Paul stated that he would be interested to see if there are clubs who play U14's and older who would like to have a 3-man system in divisions other than 1 and 2. He stated he had heard there are several who would like to have a 3-man system and Paul stated that these games could be played during the week as it is easier to obtain the referees during the week rather than weekends. He noted that we cannot use a 2-man system like high school uses, it is against the rules. If you are interested in the 3-man system, please let the office know that you are interested so we can look into this possibility.

Paul also noted that we seem to have more parent issues and to please be diligent with your parents about their behavior.

Paul also noted that there are several teams who convince the opposing team to send in the rescheduling requests for games even if the team is not the one who wants to reschedule. Please be aware that the billing system posts those fees to the team who sends in the rescheduling request. It doesn't pay to be the "nice guy" as your team will get the fees associated with that reschedule. Insist that the team who wants to reschedule the game, actually goes into the rescheduling system to reschedule the game. If you reschedule the game, you will be given the fee for that reschedule.

Finance Committee ~ Dave Sparks stated that the proposed budget already passed and thank you very much for voting that in. Dave noted that we are always looking for volunteers so if you are interested, please send an e-mail into the office. He noted that Tim already reviewed the fines and fees and we don't like to be in the position to wrestle with \$24,000 in fines, please play the games and have fun.

Nominations Committee ~ Dave Sparks stated that there were four positions up for elections this year and those positions were the Second Vice President and Roy Pfeil is running for that position. There is the Secretary position that was open and Pat Dowse is running for that position. There are two at Large Positions and Paul Bascomb and Scott Swere were running for those positions. Dave stated that Roy has already stated he wants to run for the position of Second Vice President and asked if there were any nominations from the floor and there were none. Dave asked Paul if he wished to speak in regards to his running for the at Large position. Paul stated that there is a letter he wrote which is included in the packets handed out. Dave asked if there were any nominations from the floor and there were none. Dave asked Pat Dowse if she would like to speak about why she would like to be Secretary and Pat stated that she was involved with the Rotterdam Youth Soccer Club and is not the Immediate Past President for that club. She stated that she has spoken several times with Tim and the vision he has of the league and she feels that she would like to get involved as she is very interested in parent training and player safety and she would like to help out. Dave asked if there were any nominations from the floor for this position and there were none. Dave asked Scott if he wished to speak and he stated he did not. Dave asked if there were any nominations from the floor for this position and there were none. Dave stated that the nominations for these positions are now closed. We will vote on these positions later in the meeting.

Zero Tolerance Committee ~ Tim stated that the Chairperson is not in attendance but he did his homework and in brief noting, the committee had received six filed complaints. There were 2 at the U10 Boys level, 1 at a U12 Boys level, 1 at a U14 Girls level and 1 at the U17 girls level. Five of these cases were head. All six of these complaints had to do with unsporting behavior by either coaches, players or parents. The one case that was not heard was a referee assault and that is immediately forwarded to Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association. That particular case was immediately suspended by ENYYSA pending the outcome of the situation.

Appeals Committee ~ Caryn Hamilton stated that she does not have a report at this time. Tim stated that the committee had two appeals and one appeal was overturned in relation to a Zero Tolerance Committee decision and the other appeal was not considered due to improper filing of the appeal.

Membership Committee ~ Dave Sparks stated that we have had 3 items as of today. The first one is a name change of the Rotterdam Soccer Club to the Rotterdam United Soccer Club. The second is a reading for the Waterford FC. Dave states their paperwork is in order and outlines information associated with this club such as the teams they hope to field and their playing fields. Dave asked if there were any questions and there were none. Dave stated that everything is in order and they are now a member of CDYSL and asked all to welcome the Waterford FC. Dave stated that the third one is a second reading for the club FC Empire. Dave states their paperwork is in order and outlines information associated with this club such as the teams they hope to field and their playing fields. Dave asked if there were any questions and Greenbush Soccer Club asked to speak. The President of the Greenbush Soccer Club gave an account of how this club was put together stating that the President of this club was a board member of the Greenbush Soccer Club used the players list from the club to solicit players to start his own club. Greenbush Soccer Club made a motion to table this second reading for FC Empire to become a club and Schenectady Soccer Club seconded that motion. FC Empire potential president stated that he did not steal the player list. He stated he had been a board member of the Greenbush Soccer Club and tried to improve the playing and training of some of the teams and he coached four teams this season in the club. He felt he was not getting the support from the Greenbush Soccer Club in making better players and he decided to apply for membership to start a new club. He stated that he never called any of the players in the club as the families wanted to stay with him and become part of his club. He has coached and trained all of the players interested in becoming part of his new club for several years. He outlined the time he has spent coaching in various areas.

Tim stated that we have a second reading at hand and there is one opposition to this club having a second reading so we will follow the process properly and we will have this go to a vote. Colonie Soccer Club asked that if we table the second reading, what would happen now? It was stated that it would go back to the membership committee to see what the options were. Tim stated the bottom line is making sure all players have a place to play regardless of the outcome of what happens with this matter. Tim stated we will take a vote, if the vote in favor by numbers to table the second reading, we will do so, however if the motion fails, the club will become a member of CDYSL. He asked if all understood this and they did.

Tim stated that we will now take a vote on the motion to table the second reading of this particular club. He stated this is not a ballot vote but he will ask the individuals to stand if they are in favor of the second reading to be tabled. 11 clubs were in favor to table the motion. There was a vote for those in favor to allow the second reading and 13 clubs were in favor to not table this second reading.

Tim stated that the motion fails based on the voting of the clubs and FC Empire is now a new club within CDYSL. Dave Sparks made a motion to accept the membership accepting FC Empire as a new club. Rip Van Winkle asked if we don't get to vote on new clubs coming into CDYSL and why. She felt that this allows clubs

to splinter off of already established clubs and CDYSL asks that the clubs work together but this method seems to allow the splintering that we talk about stopping. Tim stated that by the laws, we are not allowed to deny clubs in our league based on the US Youth Soccer rules. If they meet all of our expectations in becoming a club, we must let them become a club but we still want the clubs to work together. Do what is right for the players. Tim stated the motion to table the second reading has been defeated. He stated that we will now take the vote to accept this second reading and a vote was taken and 15 club were in favor of this second reading and 7 clubs were not in favor. It was stated that FC Empire is now a club within CDYSL and let us all please welcome them into CDYSL.

Executive Committee ~ Tim Owens stated that he wanted to thank all as he closes in on his first yet as President, it was quite a ride and most of it was very positive. He stated it was not all positive but he welcomes that as well. He stated that there should always be glorified moments as well as challenges and he welcomes both. Tim stated we have almost 11,000 kids under our umbrella and we need to look to the North, West, East and South of us to find out why those kids are not playing in our league. Could it be because they cannot afford to play soccer or are they quitting when they are 12 or 13 years old or are there other reasons. We need to look into this to see what we can do to get these kids to play soccer.

Tim stated that he went to the ENYYSA AGM with Tim Frament last weekend and they also had elections. There was one election that Enrico Romano is replacing Luis Montoya as a trustee in the state. He stated that Enrico had been the state assignor but he was ousted and decided to run as trustee.

Tim stated that there were three CDYSL players who were awarded ENYYSA scholarships and they were: Alyssa Kogelman and she had played for the Alleycats Soccer Club; Grace Mailey and she also had played for the Alleycats Soccer Club and then there was Samuel Statham and he had played for Bethlehem Soccer Club, New York Elite FC, Alleycats Soccer Club and ENYYSA ODP. He stated congratulations to each of them and we should all applaud them.

Colonie Soccer Club asked if we could have an update on the Arbitration case that was filed with CDYSL. Tim stated that the Arbitration Committee had been called into action for one grievance filed. Tim stated that the Colonie Soccer Club had filed a grievance against the Alleycats Soccer club for having their tryouts prior to the rule of not having tryouts prior to the June 20th date. He stated that the committee sanctioned the Alleycats Soccer Club for the violation and sanctions were set.

Tim stated that he had a letter sent out to the clubs in regards to the tryout violation and he was advised to rescind that letter, which he did. Tryouts cannot be held prior to the June 20th date and you cannot force a player to commit prior to the July 25th date and you cannot force payment before the August 1st date. It was asked what the sanctions of the committee were and Tim stated that the Alleycats Soccer Club was fined \$1,800 and it needed to be paid prior to August 1st. They were also given a one-year probation to behave themselves in all areas. There was also a recommendation to CDYSL to have the Alleycats Soccer Club speak with other clubs about the EDP League. They were also told they have to submit to the CDYSL office for approval, the proposed 2017 tryout dates and times for the 2017-2018 playing season no less than 30 days prior to their first tryout date. The information must include an explanation of which league and team the tryout is being held for and each separate league and team commitment entails. Tim stated that Alleycats filed an appeal but it was not considered since it was filed improperly. They did pay their fine. If there are any new infractions, the Executive Committee and the Membership will then hear and decide the outcome. We do have the authority to revisit this decision. Tim stated that as he said with the Greenbush Soccer Club and FC Empire situation, please let us all work together. The Arbitration Committee made their decision and we are considering this situation closed. Tim also noted that there were e-mails, texts, talk and assumptions on what was happening or

going to happen with this situation and our mission is to get the players the opportunity to play soccer. Our mission statement states this. If you flip over your agenda, you will see this listed on the back of the agenda, our mission statement. Tim stated that hopefully everybody has learned from this matter. Tim also reports that as Dave Sparks stated with the Membership committee, and finance committee and Scott Swere as the Rules committee, we soliciting people to get involved and join committees so we can make decisions that benefit the league and their members. He stated the Constitution and Bylaws are our governing documents and we need help with members to get things done and all can be heard. It was asked by the Albany Soccer Club the purpose of the tryout dates and it was stated that there were too many players who weren't attending their games due to tryout dates for the next season and we needed to stop this. We needed to make this a fair playing field and allow these players to play their games.

Election of Officers

Dave Sparks announced that the nominations are closed. Dave made a motion to accept those running for the positions outlined as none had opponents and the elections were passed. Those running for the positions were now in their positions.

Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

Scott Swere stated there were handouts in the club packets and one is labeled the Proposed Constitution Amendments 2016. He stated we will work on each out as noted in the handout.

Proposal #1 Article II as CDYSL Goals The Present wording is Article II CDYSL Goals and there is a proposal to change it to Article II CDYSL Purpose. The rationale is that it is a general update to language, consistent with ENYYSA. Colonie Soccer Club made a motion to accept the proposal and Rotterdam Soccer Club seconded that motion. There were no questions or discussions, a vote was taken and this proposal passed.

Proposal #2 Article III Membership and Colors The present wording lists it as Article III Membership and Colors. The representative Colors of this League shall be Red and White. The League is affiliated with the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association (ENYYSA) and the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and its duration shall be perpetual. Every club in good standings with the ENYYSA and with the headquarters within the territory defined below may apply for membership in CDYSL. The proposed changes are to make it Article III Affiliations and Colors. This League is affiliated with the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association (ENYYSA) and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and its duration shall be perpetual. This League shall be an integral unit of ENYYSA and the Federation and shall at all times abide by the Federation's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, policies and its requirements shall take precedence over and supersede the governing documents and decisions by the ENYYSA and its members to the extent allowable under New York State Law.

ENYYSA and its members shall abide by those Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, policies and requirements that conflict with the USSF. CDYSL shall not join any organization that has requirements that conflict with the United States Soccer Federation's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, policies and requirements.

Every club in good standing with the ENYYSA and with the headquarters within the CDYSL territory defined below may apply for membership in the CDYSL.

The representative Colors of the League shall be Red and White.

The rationale for this proposal is a general update to language, consistent with ENYYSA. Colonie Soccer Club made a motion to accept the proposal and Rotterdam Soccer Club seconded that motion. There were no questions or discussions, a vote was taken and this proposal passed.

Proposal #3 Article IV The Officers of the Board of Directors The present wording lists it as Article IV The Officers of the Board of Directors.

- b. The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers as well as four at large members to the Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting:
 - President
 - First Vice President
 - Second Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - At Large
 - At Large
 - At Large
 - At Large
- c. The President of CDYSL shall not serve as a club representative during his or her term as President.
- d. The officers of CDYSL shall not serve as ex officio members of the CDYSL Board.
- e. The Board of Directors is authorized to create an Executive Committee.

The proposal to change the wording to:

- b. The Board of Directors is authorized and mandated to create an Executive Committee.
- c. The composition of the Executive Committee shall be defined as the Officers of the Board of Directors, as well as four At Large members. The Officers of the Board of Directors include the following positions:
 - President
 - First Vice President
 - Second Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- d. The Board of Directors shall elect the Officers, as well as four At Large members, to the Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting.
- e. The President of CDYSL shall not serve as a club representative during his or her term as President.
- f. The officers of CDYSL shall not serve as an ex officio members of the CDYSL Board of Directors.

The rationale for this change is the authorization for an Executive Committee (present item e.) should precede Provisions of and definitions for the Executive Committee. Colonie Soccer Club made a motion to accept the proposal and Rotterdam Soccer Club seconded that motion. There were no questions or discussions, a vote was taken and this proposal passed.

Proposal #4 Article X The Dissolution of CDYSL The present wording states Article X The Dissolution of CDYSL. Upon dissolution of the organization, the governing body of the organization shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the organization, dispose of all of the assets of the organization exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational purposes, or

for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for one or more such purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954; or to the Federal government, a state or a local government for a public purpose. The proposed change is to say in the case of dissolution of this League, all remaining assets shall revert to the Eastern New York State Soccer Association in trust for the succeeding youth soccer district or league, properly constituted, organized, and affiliated with ENYYSA and the United States Soccer Federation.

In case of the proposed dissolution of any affiliate, for any reason whatsoever, the following rules shall govern:

- A. This League must be notified of such proposed dissolution and be represented at the meeting of the respective organization at which the dissolution is voted upon.
- B. All obligations, financial or otherwise, of the dissolving affiliated organization to this Association, shall be properly settled.
- C. Any assets remaining are to revert to the ENYYSA or to any non-profit charitable organization if provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of the dissolving affiliated organization.

The rationale for this change is to protect the assets of the League instead of complete disposal of assets. General update to language, consistent with ENYYSA. Rotterdam Soccer Club made a motion to accept the proposal and Halfmoon Soccer Club seconded that motion. Tim Owens stated that it would put the money into something like a trust so whenever another organization picks up the League business, they will have the monies from CDYSL to help with their organization. A vote was taken and this proposal passed.

Proposal #5 TABLE OF CONTENTS. The Present contents read:

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The proposed changes are to read:

ARTICLE I	The Name of the League
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The rationale for this change is a general update to language, based on approval of proposed changes. Greenbush Soccer Club made a motion to accept the proposal and the Colonie Soccer Club seconded that motion. There were no questions of discussions, a vote was taken and this proposal passed.

Scott Swere stated there were handouts in the club packets and one is labeled the Proposed Bylaws Amendments 2016. He stated we will work on each out as noted in the handout. Scott stated the first two proposals are very similar.

Proposal #1 ARTICLE III Officers and their terms; League Office

A person who is elected to the office of President of CDYSL shall preside for a maximum of two (2) consecutive two (2) year terms (i.e. 4 years). If there is not an individual that would like to run for the office of President that is currently on the Executive Committee, then the current President can continue to preside in that position until someone from the general membership or Executive Committee decides to run for the office. The Rotterdam Soccer Club made a motion to combine the first two proposals. There were discussions on this matter in regards to having the experience of knowing how the league runs before they can step in as President. There were discussions to the possibility of not allowing one individual to operate as President for 12 years if someone else is interested in running the league. The two proposals are actually different. The rationale for the change is to add term limits for office of the President. Rotterdam Soccer Club changed their motion and stated that they would like to make a motion to accept this proposal and the Colonie Soccer Club seconded that motion. There were no further discussions or questions, a vote was taken and this proposal passed.

Proposal #2 ARTICLE III Officers and their terms; League Office

A person can only be elected to the office of President if he or she has currently served on the Executive Committee as an officer for a minimum of two (2) years. If no current Executive Committee member wishes to run for the office of President, then the position of President can be opened up to the general membership for nominations. The rationale is to add eligibility requirements for office of the President. Rotterdam Soccer Club made a motion to accept this proposal and Valley Soccer Club seconded that motion. There were no further discussions or questions, a vote was taken and this proposal passed.

Proposal #3 ARTICLE III Officers and their terms; League Office

It presently reads that:

1. PRESIDENT: The president shall be the executive officers of the League; he/she shall preside over meetings of the Board of Directors and with the approval of the Board, appoint members of the standing and special committees, except the Nominating committees. He/She is an EX OFFICIO member on all committees except the Nominating Committee. He/She shall have responsibility for the general management of the affairs of the CDYSL and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. The president shall not serve as a director during his or her term as President.

The proposal is to read:

1. PRESIDENT: The President shall be the executive officers of the League and may, at his/her discretion, preside over all meetings except during the election of officers at the Annual General Meeting, or appoint a chairman.

The President shall have the responsibility for the general management of the affairs of the League and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. The President shall represent the League and see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. The President shall represent the League in all matters of a foreign nature and shall have the full power to deal with

Matters coming to its attention, subject to the regulations of the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation.

The President shall be an ex-officio member on all committees and shall appoint the members of each Standing and special Committee, except for the Nomination Committee, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The President shall not serve as a director during his or her term as President.

The rationale for this proposal is a general update to language, consistent with ENYSSA. Tim stated that this is to clearly define in respect to dealing with ENYSSA and the distinctive responsibilities. Colonie Soccer Club made a motion to accept this proposal and New Scotland Soccer Club seconded that motion. There were no further discussions or questions, a vote was taken and this proposal passed.

Proposal #4 (mistakenly marked as #3 in the handout) ARTICLE III Officers and their terms; League Office
The present wording is:

6. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: (not an elected position) The immediate Past President shall advise the League Officers so as to provide continuity with the previous administration.
7. ASSISTANT TREASURER: The President shall appoint an assistant to the Treasurer who will learn the position and responsibilities of the Treasurer. During the absence or disability of the Treasurer, shall be prepared to assume the duties of the Treasurer upon departure of the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer shall not be an officer of the CDYSL.

The proposal shall read:

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- ~~7. ASSISTANT TREASURER: The President shall appoint an assistant to the Treasurer who will learn the position and responsibilities of the Treasurer. During the absence or disability of the Treasurer, shall be prepared to assume the duties of the Treasurer upon departure of the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer shall not be an officer of the CDYSL.~~

The rationale to this proposal is based on CDYSL Constitution, these two positions are not officers of the CDYSL. They are not listed as officers or Executive Committee members. If required, they could be listed elsewhere – not in the Constitution or Bylaws. Rotterdam Soccer Club made a motion to accept this proposal and Colonie Soccer Club seconded that motion. There were no further discussions or questions, a vote was taken and this proposal passed.

Proposal #5 ARTICLE III Officers and their terms; League Office

The present wording is:

ARTICLE III: Officers and League Office

8. CDYSL OFFICE: An office, staff by paid employees of the CDYSL shall be established, Funded and maintained for the purpose of conducting day to day business of the CDYSL. The staff shall be under the immediately supervision of the Office Administrator, who shall report to the President. Other officers and other Standing Committee Chairs whose responsibilities are, in part, handled by the office staff shall work with the President to insure the smooth and proper operation of the Office.

The responsibilities of the CDYSL office shall include, but not be limited to the following: general office and secretarial duties such as handling mail, telephone calls, photocopying, typing and computer data entry; processing of the registration materials of all clubs, teams and players for membership, including Select players, tournament teams, Permission to Host Tournaments, Permission to Travel forms and the like; the receipt recording and processing

of all fees, fines and other costs submitted to the CDYSL and the processing and recording of any disbursements made on behalf of the CDYSL that are not handled by the Treasurer, the placement of information on the CDYSL website, including CDYSL scores and standings, tournaments, clinics and the like.

The proposed change reads:

ARTICLE IV: League Office

CDYSL OFFICE: An office staffed with paid employees, shall be established, funded and maintained for the purpose of conducting the daily business of the League. The staff shall be under the immediate supervision of the League Operations Director, who shall report to the President. Other elected officers and Standing Committee Chairs whose responsibilities may, in part, be handled by the office staff shall work with the President to insure the smooth and proper operation of the Office.

The responsibilities of the CDYSL office shall include, but not be limited to: general office and secretarial duties; processing the registration materials of all clubs, teams and players for membership, including Select players, tournament teams, Permission to Host Tournaments, Permission to Travel forms; the recording and processing of all fees, fines and other costs submitted to the League and any disbursements made on behalf of the League that are not handled by the Treasurer; management of the CDYSL website.

The rationale is to separate League functionality from Officers responsibilities. The Colonie Soccer Club made a motion to accept the proposal and the Lansingburgh Soccer Club seconded that motion. There were no questions or discussions, a vote was taken and the proposal passes.

Proposal #6 CDYSL Bylaws and Table of Contents

The present wording is:

ARTICLE I	Membership Types of Members	May admit clubs from outside CDYSL Affiliation with CDYSL Suspension of Membership Reinstatement Membership Status
ARTICLE II	Meetings	Special General Meetings Definition of a Quorum
ARTICLE III	Officers and their terms:	League Office The President The First Vice President The Second Vice President The Secretary The Treasurer Immediate Past President Assistant Treasurer The League Office
ARTICLE IV	Committees	The Rules Committee The Registration Committee

The Arbitration Committee
The Games Committee
The Finance Committee
The Executive Committee
The Nomination Committee
The Zero Tolerance Committee
The Appeals Committee
The Membership Committee
The Risk Management Committee

ARTICLE V Removal of Directors and Officers

ARTICLE VI Parliamentary Authority

ARTICLE VII Amendments

The proposed change reads:

ARTICLE I Membership Types of Members

May admit clubs from outside CDYSL
Affiliation with CDYSL
Suspension of Membership
Reinstatement
Membership Status

ARTICLE II Meetings

Special General Meetings
Definition of a Quorum

ARTICLE III Officers and their terms

The President
The First Vice President
The Second Vice President
The Secretary
The Treasurer

ARTICLE IV The League Office

ARTICLE V Standing Committees

The Rules Committee
The Registration Committee
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The Games Committee
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ARTICLE VI Removal of Directors and Officers

ARTICLE VII Parliamentary Authority

ARTICLE VIII Amendments

The rationale on this proposal is to update per proposals delineated above, language consistency. The Greenbush Soccer Club made a motion to accept this proposal and the Colonie Soccer Club seconded that motion. There were no discussions or questions, a vote was taken and the proposal passed.

Scott thanked all for working with the league in getting these items updated and reminded any and all that we are looking for volunteers to help out with the committees and if you are interested in helping out, please contact the office to let them know.

Tim states that it is all volunteer based and please help especially if you have a specialty that you can help give insight to within the league. It is a time commitment but please get involved.

New Business ~ USSF player development initiatives

Tim stated that the PDI are available and will be announced. We will package it and e-mail it to all of the clubs in the near future.

Good and Welfare

Tim stated that the ODP tryouts have been announced and as well as the dates and locations. There is a change at next week's tryouts on Sunday as Bethlehem is no longer available. It will be held at the Latham Circle Soccer Club fields in North Colonie. We will send out the times and changes. Roy stated that we should also make sure we make those changes so it is listed correctly on our website.

Dave Yule stated that there is going to be a girls' team going to Portugal this year and they will let us know the information as the items are solidified.

Greenville Soccer Club asked if there will be a U13 division in the fall program. Tim stated that Fall Ball will have the ages U08, U09, U10, U11, U12, U13 and U14 offered. However, we can only make the divisions based on what the teams are asking for in placement. So if there are only two U13 Girls teams requesting a division, we will have to combine with the U14 division so please understand, we put together the divisions by what is requested by the teams and we need to have a minimum number to make a division.

Tim stated that the league is having internal discussions of allowing the age groups who win first or second place in their age and division on having a discount to the Empire Cup Tournament. They may also offer the same for divisions 3 and 4. Such offerings could be half price discount. However, when it is decided and certain, we will make announcements.

Rotterdam Soccer Club wanted to stated that receiving the trophies and medals are nice, however T-shirts would be a better choice. Most don't do anything with the "hardware" but everybody loves t-shirts and asks that the league look into the costs associated with the price differences and consider the change.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made by the Colonie Soccer Club to adjourn this meeting and it was seconded by New York Elite FC. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tammy Kishbaugh
Recording Secretary

CDYSL Constitution, Article II: CDYSL Goals (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 in 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 when you have questions or disagree, but support the final decision of the organization.
5. Look at 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 you colleagues the benefit of the doubt. Don't jump to conclusions. They are just like doing the best to help building 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.