



**Executive Board Meeting | CDYSL Office
January 2, 2020 | 7:00 PM**

Call to Order

Roy Pfeil, President, called the meeting to order at 7:22 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Paul Bascomb, Jan Brown, Jon Caraco, Cathleen Knauf, Candace McHugh, Afrim Nezaj, Roy Pfeil, Dave Yule.

Absent: Mike Kinnally and Tim Owens

Reading and Adoption of the Minutes

The December 5th Executive Board minutes were distributed and reviewed. Dave Y. noted that “Tim Y.” was indicated where it should be “Dave Y.”

Paul B. made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted with change listed above, 2nd by David Y., motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report – Dave Yule

Dave Y. distributed the financial report. Currently there is approximately \$263k in the bank, and shows a net income of approximately \$34k. He stated that the finances are where they should be at this time of the year. Financial statements for 2018-2019 were emailed to the board for review. Greg Shore from the accounting firm met with the Jan B. and the staff to go through the books thoroughly for the year.

Roy P. asked how much of registration goes to Eastern NY annually. Dave Y. said that approximately \$55,000 is budgeted to go to Eastern New York. He also mentioned that Eastern NY invoices CDYSL based on their calculation, which tends to be lower than the amount CDYSL calculates and sets aside for Eastern NY.

Jon C. made a motion to accept the financial report, second by Candace M., motion carried unanimously.

Office Report – Jan Brown

Jan B. reported that the month of December was fairly slow and allowed the office to catch up on paperwork.

Jan B. said that the new employee is working out well, and they are waiting to get her computer up and running as soon as Justin can come in (he has been sick).

The new software should be up and running by the beginning of next week. Jan B. has been testing out the software by utilizing the demo system and everything seems to be working well. The last payment to Logical Net for the software is \$2500 and will be held until the final software has been delivered. Paul B. asked if the scheduling fields will be part of the new software, and Jan B. confirmed that it will.

Empire Cup is in the process to finish the application to go to Eastern NY. Registration for travel players is near 2,400. Afrim N. requested that future reports list a comparison to the previous year. Jan B. confirmed that the numbers are very similar, with recreation a little down from last year.

Roy P. mentioned that it is a slow process to train all staff in every area. Roy P. would like everyone to be cross trained. Jan said right now Olga is just learning her job now and doesn't want to branch out into other areas yet.

Roy P. said that Eastern NY sent a box to Tammy, and Roy P. would like to present it to her at an upcoming meeting.

Committee Reports:

1. Rules – Tim Owens (absent)

No report.

2. Finance – Dave Yule

No report.

3. Games – Paul Bascomb

No report.

4. Membership/Nominations – Afrim Nezaj

Paul B. asked if any clubs have inquired about joining CDYSL. Jan B. stated that she has had no requests.

Jan B. mentioned that Oneonta and Calcio are having a meeting on February 2nd to explore options for working together to promote youth soccer in that area. They have expressed that are not interested in merging.

Roy P. stated that Eastern New York is having a meeting on February 29th, and he encouraged Jan B. to attend (Roy will also be attending). He also mentioned that any other board member is welcome to attend.

5. **Executive**
No report.
6. **Registrations – Jan Brown**
No report.
7. **Zero Tolerance/Appeals – Roy Pfeil**
No report.
8. **Arbitration/Appeals – Dave Yule**
No report.

Special Committees

1. **Programs – Roy Pfeil**
 - a. **Coaching Education – Roy Pfeil**
No report
 - b. **ODP Program – Roy Pfeil**
No report.
 - c. **Coaches Workshop**
See unfinished business.
 - d. **Scholarships – Candace McHugh**
Candace M. reported that a letter regarding the scholarship application has been sent out with a deadline of February 29, and Dave Y. confirmed that information is on the CDYSL website, and the office will send out email blasts.

Unfinished Business

1. Empire Cup 2019
Afrim N. reported that the Sports Plex has blocked out, and Jan B. is working on the tournament application for Eastern NY. Afrim stressed the importance of getting the paperwork in right away so that Afrims can promote the tournament.

Roy P. also confirmed that upon the request from the President of Eastern NY, the Sports Plex will not sell beer during the tournament.
2. Coaches Workshop
Dave Y. asked if Jan B. has received a quote from Afrims for the Coaches Workshop. Jan B. said that she has been unable to connect with Rebecca at Afrims. Afrim N. and Jan B. decided that they would meet the next day at 10am on Friday to settle the details.

Paul B. asked what the cost is to rent out the upstairs office at Afrims, and Afrim N. responded that it is typically complementary. Paul B. mentioned that he is looking to book a 4-hour new referee course there.

Roy P. suggested that CDYSL offer to pay Afrims \$1500 for the use of the facility for the Coaches Workshop. In the past, CDYSL paid Sand Creek Middle School \$1250 for the use of the school. Cathleen had proposed at the last meeting to offer Afrims \$1000-\$1200. At the last meeting, the board had requested that Jan B. contact Afrims with the details of the workshop, and to request a quote from Afrims.

Roy P. mentioned that he requested suggestions for the workshop. He mentioned that Roy P. and Cathleen K. are going to the Coaches Convention in Baltimore and hope to find some clinicians for the Coaches Workshop. Last year there were 10-12 clinics. Jan B. mentioned that it would be beneficial to inquire about clinicians for the following year, so that it isn't such a rush to get clinicians. Roy P. stated that he would like to send 3-4 people to the conference in the future.

Roy P. asked if they are prepared to make videos at the Coaches Workshop. Jan B. said she hasn't booked the videographer yet, as she needs to find out what the new facility can/can't do. Paul B. commented that access to electricity and extension cords are the most important thing and suggested that the videographer stop by Afrims to ensure that they have everything he needs.

The board also discussed the possibility of adding a coaching course to the workshop.

New Business

1. Ballston Spa Request for Financial Support

Roy P. read a letter from the President of the Ballston Spa soccer club that was sent to both Roy P. and Jan B.. Ballston Spa has a team comprised of approximately 18 refugees and are seeking a reduction in registration costs from CDYSL and they would like to register the team for the Spring league without any cost to the players.

Dave Y. mentioned that he received a personal request for donations from the Albany Soccer club for a team of refugees. Dave Y. suggested contacting Tim Owens, as he may provide some insight to which club the refugees are playing for.

Jan B. mentioned that the team has played in the past with Albany Soccer club. Since the age span is 14-18, Albany Soccer club notified the team that the players would have to be split into other teams so that they could play with the appropriate age range. However, the coach wanted to keep the players together, therefore they are moving the team to Ballston Spa. Paul B. also mentioned that there was a dispute last June during a game with the Albany Soccer team and Albany Risse (refugee team). The board decided that Jan B. would find out more information regarding where the team would be playing.

Roy P. then asked what the next step would be if the team is playing with Ballston Spa. Jan B. recommended that CDYSL offers to discount the registration by \$16 per player, which is CDYSL's portion of the registration. The board agreed.

2. Spring League Team Commitments

Paul B. mentioned that emails have been sent out to clubs, and once one final glitch is corrected, the software will go live for team commitments. Paul B. asked that if Jan B. could also add Oneonta and Delaware Academy to the email request for team commitments. Paul B. said that the sooner the software can go live, the better. Paul B. also requested last years' division standings and scores from Jan B, which will helpful in placements.

Paul B. asked if pictures will appear on the roster, and if passes are required. Dave Y. confirmed that if the picture is on the roster, there is no need for passes. Passes will only be needed if they play in tournaments. Also, guest players will need physical passes.

Roy P. mentioned that a handout will be distributed at the next General Board meeting, which will include all the deadlines. Roy P. requested that the new process be explained at the General Board Meeting, and to also remind teams that they need to inquire with their tournaments that they are playing to see if passes are required.

3. General Meeting

The committee discussed a concern that there wouldn't be a quorum at the January meeting. The committee requested that the reminder email sent to clubs stress the importance of attending, as there will be important motions that need to be voted on.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dave Y., and seconded by Paul B.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Mendy Varga
Recording Secretary