



Meeting Minutes  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, May 4, 2017  
CDYSL Conference Room  
7:00 PM

The following were in attendance for this meeting: Tim Owens; Dave Sparks; Dave Massaro; Italo Carcich; Tim Frament; Dave Yule; Scott Swere; Roy Pfeil;

The following were not in attendance for this meeting: Paul Bascomb; Pat Dowse

**7:00 PM Call to Order ~ Timothy Owens, President**

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm. There is a quorum.

**7:05 PM Reading and Adoption of Executive Committee Minutes ~ April 6, 2017**

Tim O. stated the meeting minutes of last month are in the handout packet. Dave S. made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and it was seconded by Tim F. No questions or discussions, the motion passed.

**7:10 PM Finance Report ~ Dave Yule, Treasurer**

Dave Y. stated that there are two handouts on the finances and Dave Y. reviews a few of the major items. No changes in the fixed assets per Dave Y. Dave Y. stated that one club overpaid the registrations by quite a bit so we cut them a check back because it was substantial and we didn't want to hold it until we do reimbursements. Dave Y. stated that we will have more expenses the next few months. The fines and fees are at budget with only two weeks into the season. Dave stated that under Capital Development, it shows the cost for the server. Dave Y. stated that the other financial sheet outlines the checks written for last month.

Dave Y. stated that the one handout outlines the fines that came in for the clubs who sent in their team registrations late. They are all paid in full to date.

Tim F. made a motion to accept the financial reports and seconded by Dave S. There were no questions and a vote was taken and the motion carries.

**7:15 PM Office Report ~ Timothy Owens**

Tim O. reviewed the office report handout and stated that the office has been busy. There are items that show the teams registered for Empire Cup Tournament currently. Tim O. noted the registration numbers for the travel players and it shows that it is more than last year. Tim O. stated that he hoped that the registrations would be up ten percent and we are at that point right now for travel. There are 52 teams playing EDP, of which 16 of them are also playing CDYSL. Which means 36 full teams are no longer playing CDYSL and they are playing with US Club. We would then show we are missing at least 600 registrations missing and it averages about \$18,000. Tim O. asks if there is anything that we can do to get those teams to also play in CDYSL, even if it is limited play. Tim F. asked with EDP, are they playing teams for all over and not just here and it was stated that they may play 2 or 3 local teams and the rest are out of the area. There were discussions were about the higher number being in the older age groups but there are still younger groups like 11, 12 and 13's. The upper groups for most of those clubs are either limited play or nothing with our league. There were discussions on this topic.

Tim O. stated that the registrations are in the office report as well as the registration report that is also a handout. Tim O. stated the website seems to be working okay for the most part and we occasionally have some issues. Italo stated that we are working with Logical Net on some items that worked last year that no longer work this year.

**7:30 PM Committee Reports:**

**Rules ~ Scott Swere (RULES PROPOSALS – Updates)**

Scott apologized that he was so busy and his father is having some health issues. Scott outlined the health issues. Scott stated that his club also has a new president and a new administrator. He hasn't had a chance to meet with Pat D. yet but he is looking to do so soon. Tim O. stated that our hearts and prayers are going out to Scott and his family. Scott stated that there are no new rules now and it is mostly streamlining what we do have. Tim O. stated that all the rules are in place and all has been updated except for the goal size and the no play date, those are the only two rules suspended for this year. Tryouts are still no earlier than June 20<sup>th</sup>. Scott reported that they are no longer manufacturing the 7 x 21 goals. There were discussions on this topic.

Tim O. stated that U10 and U12 games being played in at Afrim's. More and more people are complaining and we have been instructing them that they don't have to play indoors if they don't want to if they want to play Spring outdoor games. There were discussions on this topic as well as an e-mail that outlined specific sizes and complaints on playing indoor at Afrim's. Tim F. stated that let the season finish and then let the membership vote. There are several options that can be looked at if the membership does not want to play any of their CDYSL Spring games indoor. Tim O. stated that every year, Alleycats will put Afrim's Latham and Afrim's Colonie as an acceptable field to play their games on and we need to stop facilitating it and saying we will not accept it. There were discussions on the field width and lengths. They need to meet those minimum standards.

There were discussions about clubs allowing other groups come into the area and hold tryouts on their fields for teams that aren't part of our league. There were discussions that most of these clubs

do not own their own fields so they are using public spaces such as schools and parks. Tim O. stated that CDYSL is the only league left who has a tryout date rules. There were discussions on this topic and the reasons why and what other leagues have or do not have. Tim O. stated that this year we should not have any issues with the tryout dates. Tim F. stated that the office should send out this topic on the tryout dates and our rules to holding the tryouts and the dates. Tim O. asked Italo to make sure this happens. There were discussions on EDP teams holding tryouts and the time frame that they are done and Tim O. stated that they need to be done by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Italo stated that when he started the schedule, he was asked to have the games done by Father's Day and Italo did accommodate this request. Tim O. asks to revisit this at the end of this meeting.

### **Finance ~ Dave Sparks**

Dave S. stated that input was sought for the budget and he sent it along to Dave Y. Dave Y. stated that this will be presented at the next meeting. Tim F. stated that Italo asked him to get in touch with the programmer on scheduling. Tim F. stated that he sent him an e-mail around 5 pm tonight and he was in the doctors with his young child and the programmer has the existing code to see how it is done and the cost would be about \$10,000 to do a new program. Tim F. stated that he can send out the e-mail. There were discussions on retaining the programmer for a small fee every year for updates needed to the program.

### **Games ~ Paul Bascomb (GAMES – Updates: Futsal, Spring)**

Tim O. stated that the report is inside the office report. Games are being played and there are some cancellations due to weather. Italo stated that a small number of games are TBR'd and rescheduling is continuing. We have about 3-4 rescheduling per day. Tim O. stated that since there was a certain increase with EDP, there are different demands on the referee assignor. If go to the website and pick an age group, the assignor is scheduling games two weeks out. Italo stated that this past Sunday, there were over 30 games that were not CDYSL being played and that takes a toll on our limited referees. There were discussions on this and the issue of not having the 3-man system on some of the games so the games can get played. Roy asked if the coach is not happy or is happy with the game, can they report and it was stated that they can. Italo gave an example of a complaint he received and how Italo handled it. Italo stated that we are encouraging coaches to give input but the coaches don't usually report on things.

Roy stated that even though Paul is not here, can we summarize the Futsal meeting. Italo reported there were a few individuals at the meeting. Basically, they support it and we agreed to support the program next year and possible three locations. Italo outline some possible venues. Italo will be making calls next week on the venues and Italo stated that he would like to report some basic information for the June meeting and the AGM meeting.

Tim F. stated that Paul sent out an e-mail looking for input about the lanyards. Tim O. stated that he has been to three games so far and the referees were enforcing the lanyard rule. Italo stated that CD Ref is pushing the referees to enforce the lanyard rule. There were discussions on why the lanyard rule came into place and why we do that. Italo reported that there is only one club who is complaining and making a big deal out of wearing the lanyards.

**Membership/Nominations ~ Dave Sparks**

Dave S. stated that he would follow up with Capital United with Liz Villamil and the website saying there are 11 teams but only 2 are playing in the league and things are good with the club.

Tim O. stated that we heard there was some club strain so we reached out and it was said it was all good.

**Registrations ~ Tammy Kishbaugh**

This was already reported earlier with the office report.

**ZTEC, Arbitration, Appeals ~ Tim Frament**

Tim F. stated that he has an Arbitration. Greenbush SC filed against Empire FC and there is bad blood there. Greenbush Soccer has their website and Empire FC recreated a site very close to the Greenbush website. Empire FC had tags all over the place on the site that was like the Greenbush Soccer website. They were brought in and had discussions and in the grievance asked for three items and Empire FC will do most of what was requested of him to stop some of his practices. There were questions as to why the club is making the sites like that and there were discussions on how it works and what the angle was from the Empire FC president. There is no need to punish anybody and they got him to agree to make the changes. There were discussions on his membership status if he continues to have less than the three-team minimum. Dave S. gave the example of Valley Soccer Club having different numbers off and on during any given season.

Zero Tolerance is with Prince Knight.

**7:45 PM Programs:**

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

Roy stated that he has held many courses. Tim F. asked if the names were given to ENYYSA for coaches to instruct and Roy stated that he has not. Roy stated that we have some of the coaches but coaches who hold an eligible license always find an excuse not to get involved in it. Roy stated that only three people responded with the names and Tim F. stated that State Island was the only league that submitted names.

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

There is nothing new to report at this meeting on this topic.

**TOP Soccer ~ NO REPORT**

There is nothing new to report at this meeting on this topic.

**Coaches Workshop**

There is nothing new to report at this meeting on this topic.

**7:55 PM Unfinished Business – Computer Services (office), Empire Cup 2017, Positive Coaching Alliances, Give back – Pat Dowse**

**Budget 2017-18**  
**Nominations/AGM**

Tim O. stated that computer services were already spoken about.

Tim O. stated that Empire Cup has 26 teams registered for this tournament. Tim O. stated that this is our tournament and every year we go about the tournament in the same manner. If we keep doing what we have been doing, we get the same results. This should be more effort put into this. It involves planning and implementation. We have a challenge that our tournament director is also a director of another tournament. There is a conflict. There is minimal effort put into the Empire Cup because they are preoccupied with their other tournament. So, we get to June 1<sup>st</sup> and we are still looking for more teams to play. He had a conversation with our tournament director on what they needed to do. This is continuing to occur every year. We started early this year and we are at a pause again. Our CDYSL Empire Cup e-mail as in the office report, three dates by ENYYSA and there is a blast weekly from our office. It just so happens that the blast for the other tournament goes out within one minute up to an hour of our blast. Tim O. has a problem with that. He also has a problem having that blast going to his e-mail when he knows that e-mail blast is going out to people who have access to more emails from your average person. It goes out to almost every coach in the system but not everybody has that CDYSL database. Do you understand the conflict? With this Empire Cup at the last meeting, it will be held at Maalwyck because Highland agreed. We brought in Highland and they have the contract that Tim O. sent personally. It isn't signed yet but they said they would. With respect to teams coming to the tournament. Part of the instructions were to pick up the phone and make the calls and make the brackets now. The deadline on our website states it is June 16, days before our tournament. Wouldn't we want our tournament schedule well before the tournament occurs. We do have a tournament sponsor, Score, we are also getting the game balls from Score and we have a savings of over \$3,000 on that. Tim O. stated that we are trying to get more sponsors. Roy stated that this is what Kathy is supposed to be doing. She should get the sponsors and getting these items in order and focusing on. Tim O. has been reaching out to clubs on his own. Tim O. stated some of the specifics that he has instructed Kathy to contact and to do to get this tournament rolling now. Tim O. gave a few teams that he things we should solicit as they are doing well and we want them to come to the tournament. We can see where teams are now while the season is playing. There were discussions if the word is out there to the past teams who played with us and especially those who walked away winning a first or second place award in previous tournament. Tim F. stated that the leagues should be called. Tim O. stated that there are a couple of brackets that are just about built. There were discussions on the way the numbers are now in certain age groups. Tim O. reported that we do want to have a premier level and a club level and we need to market it this way so we don't have an odd number in one level because there can't be two brackets. There were discussions on attracting more local teams and ways to possibly do so. There were discussions on how the Guilderland tournament is doing and the number or brackets they have on some of the age/gender levels.

Paul oversees the Nominations and he must report on this. It was noted that no e-mails have been sent out on this yet.

**8:15 PM      New Business – MLS Bus Trips, CDYSL Day at Local Colleges -Fall 2017**

Tim O. stated that there are two MLS Bus trips and there was one that we wanted but there are no group sales on that game. We announced it once. It is on the website. One is in June and one is in August. The June trip has no signups now and there are 16 signed up for the August. Each ticket costs \$75 and that includes bus trip, breakfast of bagels and donuts. The only downfall last year was the seating and that was taken care of this year.

Tim O. stated the Day at Local Colleges is a thought. He's been speaking with Trevor Gorman and they would like to have CDYSL game night at some of the college games. Tim O. would like to see where they don't have to pay to get in but maybe wear a uniform and get in for free. There were discussions on contacting some other college coaches to strike up a similar deal.

Tim O. asked Dave Y. on scholarships and Dave Y. reported there are 18 for the boys and 18 for the girls. Once the committee comes back with the top picks, he will reach out to Tammy to make sure they qualify.

**8:30 PM Meeting Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

**Announcements:**

*Thursday, June 1, 2017 ~ CDYSL Executive Committee Meeting – 8PM*

*Thursday, June 8, 2017 ~ CDYSL Board of Directors Meeting – 8PM*

*June 24 & 25, 2017 ~ CDYSL Empire Cup*

Respectfully submitted by:

Pat Dowse  
Secretary

And

Tammy Kishbaugh  
Recording Secretary