



## **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017**

**Sand Creek Middle School Cafeteria**

**7:00 PM**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Tim O. thanked all for attending the meeting this evening, Last week's meeting was rescheduled due to bad weather. The agenda is not too long and remember our next meeting will be held just before our spring season begins.

#### **Roll Call ~ David Sparks, Membership Committee**

Tim O. handled roll call.

The following clubs were in attendance: AB; AV; BS; BK; BW; BR; BH; CM; CU; CA; CH; CP; CS; CO; CR; EM; FT; FU; GA; GB; GU; HM; LC; ME; NE; NY; RA; RJ; RO; TV; VY; HH; AL; NL; HF

Tim O. stated that we have a quorum.

The following clubs were not in attendance: AM; BE; CL; CT; GV; GW; HL; LS; NS; NU; RW; SA; SC; WF

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

Chatham SC made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and it was seconded by the Valley Soccer Club. No questions or discussions. The motion carries.

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

Dave Y. outlined the financial reports. Dave Y. stated that he did put in for the budget and he apologizes we do not have it at this meeting. Revenue for the League is where it

was expected, however this is the time when the League was gets busy and bills need to be paid. Any questions, please email Dave Y. New York Elite FC made a motion to accept the financial report and it was seconded by the Albany Soccer Club. There were no questions or discussions. A vote was taken and the motion carries.

### **Communications ~ Mr. Richard Christiano, President, ENYYSA**

Tim O. stated it was his pleasure to re-introduce the president of the ENYYSA, Mr. Richard Christiano. Richie stated he had a good trip and he had e-mail from Steve Padetz, coordinator of State Cup. They are looking for a team to register from the Boys U14 and U15 teams and the Girls U17 and U18 teams. The normal fee has been reduced to \$175 per team. If any teams are interested, please e-mail him the first thing in the morning as this will be a first come first serve offer.

Topic: Goal post size – ENYYSA says use what you have. There are no soccer police out there measuring and they, ENYYSA, will not accept any protests against the goal posts. Tim Bradbury is rewriting the manuals for youth currently. The player passes will eventually become digital passes. Since he has been president, all has been reduced and/or held that way in price and they plan on keeping it that way but he does not know about the federation. They, the federation, are trying to mandate that every player will get a FIFA number, kind of like a social security number and they aren't sure how to do that but we should hear more from them in the next six months.

Reaction from CDYSL about the offer for State Cup enrollment:

1. Boys U18 Albany Soccer Club team just took the spot as soon as they heard it was open. The Cup is a play where there is a round minimum of 3 full length games, the winner advances, or a wild card depending on the teams in the groups. You can expect at least one home game, possibly more if you get lucky in the draw. CDYSL encourages all Clubs to push these games as the numbers are declining and we really need to support these games. They are holding off on the draw on the ENYYSA website, until they can fill these spots. There are all the details about the game on the ENYYSA website. Rosters are frozen next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> of February for the State Open Cup.
2. Goal sizes, Tim O. stated, we went round and round last meeting and Tim stated we tabled it for today. With the report from ENYYSA, all is cleared up with the exception that at last meeting a vote was held for U12 and U14 goal sizes of 6 x 18 to be eliminated for the 7 x 21. Tim O. called for a recommendation from a committee chair to suspend the goal sizes to accommodate everyone. Whatever goals you have, use until they try to change it. Paul B., Chair of the Games Committee made the recommendation to suspend the goal sizes of 7 x 21 for this year depending on what USSF comes up with a final decision. The rule is suspended.

### **Comments from the Floor**

FC Empire asked if a player is to leave another club and the club is putting a fee on the player leaving to go to another club, is that allowed. Does CDYSL leave it to the club on their own or do they access the fees. Tim O. stated that CDYSL chooses not to interfere in any Club's finances and how they structure the fees in their club. The League will only get involved if asked to get involved. CDYSL will insert itself into the day to day activities only when asked for assistance.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Afrim's Sports will host a 3v3 tournament for the family from the Rotterdam United Soccer Club whose parents were killed in a car crash recently. There are flyers available. The tournament will be held on Monday, which is President's Day.

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

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

#### **1. Rules ~ Scott Swere (Goal Sizes)**

Scott was here earlier but his wife had surgery so please keep his family in our thoughts. He stated that we already covered the goal sizes.

#### **2. Registrations ~ Tammy Kishbaugh (Updates)**

Registration doing pretty well but with your help we need to keep the registrations from coming in top heavy when there are deadlines. Try not to wait until there is a deadline when the items are due and do it earlier. It would help alleviate the pressure.

#### **3. Games ~ Paul Bascomb (Winter Futsal, Spring League, U19/20)**

Paul reported that winter futsal is going well. Last weekend games were cancelled due to weather and we will try to have a make-up date on March 19<sup>th</sup>. All Spring team commitments that need to withdraw, need to do so before the February 24<sup>th</sup>. Registrations are due no later than the February 28<sup>th</sup> without a fee.

Players and Registrars had a referee meeting last evening so all is told there needs to be rosters and passes if you don't have them, there is no play. Even the older referees will abide by it.

There were a couple coaches who had no idea about rescheduling games, time frame, deadlines and procedures, etc. Please get your coaches in your club and teach them the ins and outs of the game and how the time frame works and what is needed. Especially your new coaches, they need to know the time frame, procedures, and more before they start the season.

The mandatory Coaches' workshop will be on March 11<sup>th</sup>. All new coaches should attend this to get the information you will need on how the season works and how to operate rescheduling, scores, etc.

#### **4. Finance ~ David Sparks**

No reports

#### **5. Executive ~ Timothy Owens**

Received 446 spring team commitments for league play. As you know by next Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>, any team that wishes to withdraw should do so by then. We have had 26 teams withdraw as of today. Something we mentioned at the last meeting was that if you know of a team within your club that is short numbers to contact the league office so we can pair that team with another club's team in the same age bracket. So rather than withdraw, we can try to match you with another club.

Reminder - All team commitments – there is a preliminary placement based on what your coaches submitted to the league and then there is a period for your team to put in an appeal, which is about a week or so later, a meeting is held for the appeals and the placements are rearranged based on the appeals decisions. This happens from U08 – U19/20 and then final placements are announced. Those brackets have been built so there is a need to follow time lines. It takes a lot time to build this, all are volunteers and it is not fair that a couple of teams or coaches to approach the league after the final placements to say, we can't play there, we need to be moved because we can't compete in that bracket. Make the decision now, you have been given almost 4 weeks' notice, please do not threaten to pull the team and bust the bracket. We have had clubs do that in the past week and we want you to know the effort and amount of time put into trying to get this work done and the procedure on how it is handled.

Tim O. announced that there are 7 clubs who are not in good standings. Names were read and asked to contact the League Office to resolve the situation sooner than later. For the record the clubs are:

Bethlehem Soccer Club, Brunswick Soccer Club, Cooperstown Soccer Club, Lansingburgh Soccer Club, Latham Circle Soccer Club, Rip Van Winkle Soccer Club and the Saratoga Wilton Soccer Club.

Tim O. stated that we received an e-mail from ENYYSA from their risk management committee chair and director and it is regarding soccer goals. It was sent out to all clubs and Tim O. read the handout letter. Tim O. deferred this topic to Richie C. of ENYYSA. Richie stated that this came from their insurance company and it was sent out to the leagues before it was really

discussed. Richie stated that the ones you donate them to will be asking why you are donating the goals and he stated that they more want to remind clubs to lock up your goals when they are not in use because you are always liable for them. He stated there was one case where a coach was taking down the goals and asked a player to help him. The player was hit on the head and sued. It just so happened the coach was the player's father and the mother was the lawyer who sued because of the accident. This was a huge lawsuit and Richie wants to remind all to lock up your goals to prevent any injuries. Tim O. stated that the goals are out in public domain or on your private field but you are still liable even if they aren't in immediate use. You will need to have them properly anchored. Paul stated that the referees are told that if the goals are not properly anchored, the games will not begin. This is important for all to remember as this can be a huge insurance claim.

#### **6. Membership ~ Dave Sparks**

There is no report on this matter.

#### **7. Zero Tolerance/Appeals/Arbitration ~ Timothy Owens**

Tim O. stated that our appeals chair was Caryn Hamilton and she has agreed to stay on as the chair for another year. Tim O. stated that he also drafted a letter to our Zero Tolerance Committee Chairperson and the Arbitration Chairperson thanking them for the numbers of years of service and for serving in that capacity. We have replaced the Zero Tolerance Committee Chair with Prince Knight from the New Scotland Soccer Club. The Arbitration Committee Chair will remain vacant at this time pending the work that we are doing on the structure of the rules and regulations. It is his hope that we all just get along and we won't need an urgent need to require the immediate use of our Zero Tolerance Committee or Appeals or Arbitration committees. Ultimately, let the kids play and that is where we are at.

### **No Reports ~ Nominations, Risk Management**

#### **Programs**

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

Roy stated that we have been doing these F license add on modules and they aren't sure when they dry up on having to offer so many. We keep getting them and they keep filling up. We did one in Colonie on February 8<sup>th</sup> and we do have a course coming up on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The first class on that date is now full and we just opened another class the same day but a different time. We will also have an E license course coming up at the Sportsplex on the last weekend of April. It is going to be done in one weekend and it is an 18-hour course. More information on that will come out as soon as the registrations opens. We have had coaches attend these courses from all over the place including the city and Buffalo.

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

Training has started and it has been regionalized. We have players from the Bronx to Plattsburgh. The idea with ODP is not just to have tryouts and if you miss them, we will see you next year. The idea is to find the best players. We did have a lot of conflicts so we sent some broadcasts out and did some more evaluations over the last several weeks and we have had over 40 qualified good players that have approached either myself or Richie Cienzo and have indicated they had a conflict. Some say it has been diluted by the PDA (player development academy), he doesn't know the exact number, maybe 20% of the players that are on the various national teams have come from Region 1 and when you got to the Region I ID camp the play is very, very good. At the state level, he only saw the upstate kids, they trained in Queensbury and down in Poughkeepsie area so kids go to the site most convenient for them. That is a lot different than the good old days, where you would travel to Long Island, Flushings, etc. during a school night so now it is regionalized. That is a big step. Bottom line is we have to administratively come up with a better plan for assessing the kids and getting the kids to tryout that is a convenient non-conflicting time for them. Any ideas, please reach out to Roy. Understand that ODP is a weakened sister, like he said he believes 20% make the national teams from Region I. We have kids from this area who were very successful. Check out the ENYYSA website for more information.

The workshop is coming up has a good line up. There will be information sent out in regards to the schedule and some of that information is now up on the CDYSL website. Broadcasts will be going out, parents, kids, coaches, all are welcome. We are starting an hour earlier but ending at 1 pm except the coach courses mentioned above.

Richie C. stated they put in a bid for the Girls Academy but they didn't get it but they will continue to try. They said they may get it next year.

Richie stated that what CDYSL has and he believes that US Club has some programs a little better than ours and US Youth knows it and he will have a meeting with clubs from every area to discuss this topic. If he can get a few clubs to make it better, Richie would like to know. He gave the answers as an example of the rules and with US Youth has too many boundaries. He is putting together a meeting with the vice president of US Youth and Steve Padetz is working with Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island with some cross over games so we are trying to get things together. If there are two to three clubs from our area who want to get together, please let him know and reach out to him. He would love more involvement.

Tim O. thanked Roy for his resolve. He stated Roy did a great job on the regionalization and he feels it is here to stay and Roy had a large part in making this happen for us up here. There are still players who are very good and this program would be beneficial to

them. Let's not make it cost prohibitive and that being a reason why a player decided not to participate in ODP. We know there is a fee involved, travel is involved and a huge commitment every Monday to travel to Queensbury or Poughkeepsie but it is absolutely worth it. Roy stated that there are a bunch of kids where their coach has said, you need to make the decision to play on ODP or for this team. A player should not have to decide on this and should be able to do both. Tim O. reminded all that Monday nights we have typically been reserving them for ODP play so that anyone who wants to participate in ODP has that opportunity. We say this so clubs and teams will try not to schedule a lot of their trainings on Monday nights to force a kid to choose to play on a club team or try to make ODP work for them. You will notice that all leagues also honor this method.

### **Exceptional Seniors Showcase**

Nothing was reported on this topic at this meeting.

### **TOP Soccer**

Nothing was reported on this topic at this meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **ENY ~ State Cup/Arch Cup/Premier League participation**

We have gone through this, there are still 4 openings. They need one U14 and 15 boys team and one U17 and 18 girls team.

### **New Business:**

On the U19/U20 age group we announced a few months ago that we will accommodate this age group due to the birth year change. Those players who were at the 1997 or 1998 age group, almost got launched from a U18 to out of the program. We are trying to grandfather that age group in so these players can play one more year. We are thinking that we will still take the players who were born in late 1997, August 1 through December 31, 1997. We are going to work with the administrator of ENYSSA to figure this one out through the registration program. We also want to say U20 it doesn't mean anybody in 1997 qualifies. It would be the grandfather. We will work this out so these players can play. It was asked that if we come back and say no to the U20 age group, will these teams get penalized in getting their monies back after the last day to withdraw date and Tim O. stated that we are looking to get these kids to play so that won't happen. Tim O. asks the members to go back to your club and reassure the coaches of these teams that they will be able to play in our league. Anything outside of our league is a grey area and you need to follow the rules of those programs.

Tim O. outlined a few upcoming important dates such as:

Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for team commitment withdraws without a penalty.

February 28<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for full teams to be in the office in regards to registrations without receiving a penalty fine.

The goal sizes we suspended the rule so U10 can use goals 6 x 18, U12 can use 7 x 12 or 6 x 18, but both goal sizes must match.

If players don't have an official player pass and listed on an official roster, they cannot play. Please do not call the league the day before opening day to ask about it, you have plenty of time right now to get that work into the office so it can be processed before the first game. Italo added that even though the February 28<sup>th</sup> is a deadline date, you can still **add** players during the season.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Pat Dowse made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brunswick Soccer Club seconded that motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor so the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pat Dowse  
Secretary

And

Tammy Kishbaugh  
Recording Secretary

**CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**MEETINGS:**

**Executive Committee Meetings (2017): Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Jun. 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Board of Director's Meetings (2017): Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>, Jun. 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**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.