



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017

CDYSL Office Conference Room

7:00PM

Meeting Minutes

The following individuals were in attendance: Timothy Owens; Italo Carcich; Dave Yule; David Sparks; Afrim Nezaj; Paul Bascomb; Tim Frament

The following individual were not in attendance: Roy Pfeil;

7:00PM Call to Order – Timothy Owens, President

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Tim O. stated that we do not have a quorum now because we only have five committee members in attendance. We will need to revisit the quorum numbers based on the actual Executive Committee positions filled. We will need to do some recruiting to fill the positions of the board that are open. Afrim stated that we should mention it the way Tim O. just reported on doing this for the 11,000 kids in the league to get more volunteers to step up.

We now have a quorum.

Tim O. stated that Scott Swere has stepped down as he cannot make the Thursday meeting and he doesn't want to commit when he cannot fulfil the needs of the committee.

7:05PM Reading and Adoption of the Exec. Comm. Minutes – September 14, 2017 & October 5, 2017

Tim O. stated that the past two meetings have the draft meeting minutes and we cannot vote on them but we can read them. There were no changes or questions on these meeting minutes.

There was a motion by Dave Y. to accept the meeting minutes listed above and it was seconded by Tim F.; there were no discussions and a vote was taken and the motion carried.

7:10PM Finance Report - Dave Yule, Acting Treasurer

Dave Y. reviews the financials in the handouts. Dave Y. stated that the accountants were in the office today and they are reviewing the books and working on our taxes.

The Precision Athletic bill for the field lining, we should factor in that if we are paying the field lining, we should also factor in what we are paying the hosting club for the venue and we shouldn't pay both fees the way they are being done. It is different with the Empire Cup Tournament because that is a "partnership" agreement that we have. We need to look at the Fall Ball Program and the field lining for future endeavors. In the future, we need to have an agreement on who is responsible for what with the field usage and anything else expenses for items.

A motion was made by Dave S. to accept the financials and Tim F. seconded the motion and there were no discussions and a vote was taken and the motion carries.

7:15PM Office Report – Timothy Owens

Tim O. stated that the handout is in the packet on this report. Tim O. stated that the Fall Ball extended to one week due to bad weather and it just so happens this Sunday is predicting bad weather. Italo stated just over 20 teams withdrew because of prior commitments with their teams.

The office has a new staff member, Karolyn Thompson.

There are new updates to the Exceptional Seniors and the profiles will be sent out for printing and binding on Monday.

The Futsal Program now has 5 teams signed in.

Italo stated that the team commitments for the spring season on November 17th. It will close on January 12th.

7:30PM Committee Reports:

Rules – Scott Swere (Proposals or Updates)

There is nothing to report. Tim O. does not believe there are any proposals to change anything in the Rules and Regulations.

Finance – Dave Sparks

There is no report.

Games – Paul Bascomb (Fall Ball, Futsal, Spring 2018)

Paul stated that there is nothing to report as he has been too busy. There are dates for the spring season that Italo has and we are working towards all those dates.

Membership / Nominations – Dave Sparks

Dave S. stated that we received an inquiry of establishing a club for the Broadalbin-Perth area but he stated that he was a bit overwhelmed on what is needed and may reach back out later.

Dave S. stated that Italo spoke with John Daniels. Italo stated that Bruce is available to talk about this with us as Italo didn't understand what John Daniels was talking about. Italo and John didn't see eye to eye on the discussion and Bruce spoke to John Daniels. He is available to speak with him on the phone to get directly what the conversation was. Dave S. stated that we wanted the secretarial certificate for them to be a not for profit or a d/b/a and we did find them out there per the request of Bruce. Dave speaks about the GPS name as a bigger entity. Italo stated that the name Capital District Sports, LLC., and they have Halfmoon Soccer Club as their entity and they just want to change the name to GPS and Dave S. stated that Bruce originally stated he needed to have a letter from GPS corporation letting them use the name GPS of Albany. Tim O. will reach out to Bruce to find out what was said and what is needed.

Dave S. stated that Oneonta Soccer Club sent in an application for one team to play as a guest team in our upcoming Spring League. There is some "issues" between the two clubs. Paul asked Tim O. when he brought up the footprint of CDYSL at the AGM. Tim O. stated that he meant for the guest teams to play in our league and increasingly that we are hearing that there are more clubs outside the CDYSL footprint who want to participate in our spring league. Not so long ago from the team from Newburgh who wanted to participate in the spring league. We also had a team from Goshen sending in guest teams and we need to have that conversation because we have the issue with just Oneonta and Calcio Soccer Clubs and people not wanting to go there. He is a firm believer that we accept them as guest teams and the teams who play with them and in good faith travel and make that commitment to play that league game.

There were further discussions on the guest teams where we can adopt language to suggest to them that their games be played at a neutral site within the footprint to delay the long travel for those teams. It was also noted that the clubs do that the right to not vote the guest teams in. Tim O. stated that we also have that communication on the referee assigning especially if it is out of our jurisdiction to assign those games. There were lengthy discussions on some scenarios that have happened or what could happen when accepting teams from outside of our jurisdiction. Tim O. stated that we know that the club presidents and CDYSL representatives don't always pass down the information we give to them so that is why we also need to use the contact list for the coaches and we blast out the information so the rest of their members received the information that we have asked to be sent along to all their members in the clubs.

Tim F. stated that the way the guest teams are written, those voting on allowing them into the spring league do not necessarily will be affected by accepting the teams in. Dave S. stated that we may need to make some changes to how we accept and allow in the guest teams from outside of our jurisdiction. Tim O. stated that is why he stated that they travel within the CDYSL footprint if you want to play in our league as a guest team.

Registration – Tammy Kishbaugh

There is a handout of where the numbers are to date on registrations and what the numbers were last year.

ZTEC, Arbitration, Appeals – Tim Frament

Tim F. stated he had nothing on Arbitration.

The appeals were handled and it is resolved.

Paul asked if the Guilderland and Niskayuna Soccer Clubs item and Tim O. will reach out to Prince and Roy on this matter and see what we need to do or what can be done. Tim O. stated that Prince did send out an e-mail to one of the parties and they are non-responsive.

7:45PM Programs

Coaching Education – Roy Pfeil, Second Vice President

Tim O. stated Roy is not here to make a report. Tim O. stated we are moving into the 4v4, 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11 coaching modules. We have heard or have anything up here yet. Long Island Soccer League has a course coming up later this year or early 2018. We will look to follow suit on this and we will communicate with ENYISA on what we need to do.

Are we looking to have another Futsal Licensing course? One of the coaches at Albany, Gary Wright, the individual who facilitated the items last year and he has Albany Schools already penciled him and he is waiting on any communication from the league that we are looking to set up another course. Italo stated that he will call Gary Wright and he will also reach out to Bill Sampaio. The first two Sundays or Saturdays in December. One of those four dates are available.

There were discussions on the pre-ODP proposal that Roy has sent to us to review. There is a copy of this proposal in the handouts. Tim F. stated that the General Board members referred it back to us to review and that we could spend to the cap of \$6,000. Afrim stated that he doesn't want to ever be labeled as someone with a conflict of interest and appreciates that this was brought to the attention of the Executive Committee. He asks that the facility venue for this program have a bid go out to different venues and not just his facility so it will be a fair process as he doesn't want the stigma on him or his facilities of being a conflict of interest.

There were lengthy discussions on the details of the program from the coaching, the cost, the players it could draw in, the areas where these players may come from, etc. There were also discussions on ensuring that this would be a program that would be productive and meet the goal that it is intended to meet. There were discussions relating this topic to some prior programs that CDYSL ran and wanting to make sure that all items are covered to ensure that we don't have the problems the other programs developed in areas such as poaching, costs, etc. There were also discussions on this program and other programs we host such as Empire Cup, Fall Ball Program, Futsal Program, etc., where we must use venues and it was stated that all should have contracts drawn up prior to the events moving forward to ensure that details are covered and we don't have any issues that can result if we operate without contracts. It was determined that Tim O. will speak with Roy on the concerns and items that were brought up at this meeting.

ODP Program (follow-up) – Roy Pfeil

Tim O. stated that the latest blast was for the older group and the first tryout is next week in Latham. It is one tryout and if you get a call back, it is the following week down-state.

TOP Soccer – NO REPORT

It was noted that Latham Circle had a course a month or so ago on TOP Soccer.

Coaches Workshop

Tim O. stated that the date is March 10, 2018 for the Coach Workshop at Sand Creek. Tim O. asked if anybody is willing to participate on that committee. Tim F. stated that he could participate. Tim O. stated that this is a great event and even though the one person who has been getting the clinicians and has the connections is stepping aside. Tim O. stated that we will need to reach out to the community at large by phone call to tap into the talented folks in our league and in the Capital District who have those contacts to have what it takes to get these clinicians. Afrim stated that he could recommend some volunteers and/or clinicians. Paul stated that he will be in Florida the last two weeks in January and first week in February.

7:55PM Unfinished Business – 2017 Senior Showcase

Tim O. stated we spoke about it and we have nearly 300 profiles and 60 college coaches. It is on Friday, November 10th at DiCaprio. The last game kicks off at 3 pm for the boy's side. Tim O. will be at these games.

8:15PM New Business – EC and BOD Meetings; Go-To-Meetings Conference Meetings

Tim O. asks if this is something we want to discuss. Tim O. stated we have a Board of Directors meeting in January, February, April and June. Italo stated that the June meeting will have to be moved up to June 7th. We are during the season and see what we need to cover at those meetings to see what we cover and determine if having them in person is necessary. There were detailed discussions on these meetings and certain times and the downside to having a Go-To-Meeting at some of those meetings.

Tim F. stated the Executive Committee meetings would suit very well on the Go-To-Meetings as we don't discuss too much. Tim O. stated we should pick a target date to try this. Tim F. states we should try this for December.

Tim O. had a call-in meeting last evening with ENYYSA and they set up a field committee. They have set aside \$100k to facilitate grants to clubs in ENYYSA up to \$5000 for a field improvement. He is only going to bring up just the vague because everything on his phone and his phone fell out in his wife's car on his way here. Right now, ENYYSA set up the committee and last night they were discussing criteria for clubs to apply for the grant money to do that and the document is on the phone but it is still a working document as we add in our suggestions and ideas on how to make this process a good one. Make it transparent and fair. There are still clubs in CDYSL that would-be participants and recipients as opposing to as those who are closest to the ENYYSA area. It is Tim O's understanding that schools and such venues would make it less viable to receive the monies and it is only for the fields and not equipment. Tim O. stated in January,

they will be soliciting individuals to participate on this committee as well.

Tim O. stated that there was also a conversation on the NYS law with respect to properly anchored goals and who owns the fields and who owns the equipment. Tim O. reviews a conversation that was had on what needs to be done regarding the fields and equipment.

Tim F. stated a proposal was floated and essentially you end up with goal post police that someone goes and finds where they are not properly anchored and they would be fined. It was something they copied from another state. If we want to do this but also have these police educate the clubs, he is fine with that. But not to just fine them. Tim O. stated that if there were someone to do that from a league or liability perspective and it was brought to their attention that the goals are not properly anchored and they need to do it. It's a piece of paper but it is also something we would need Bruce to get involved in to make sure we have everything covered on our end. There were discussions on some of the wording that is used on the proper goals anchoring and such.

8:30PM Meeting Adjournment

There was a motion and it was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *November 2, 2017 – CDYSL Executive Committee Meeting*
- *November 10, 2017 – CDYSL / NYSPHSAA Senior Games – DiCaprio Park, Guilderland*
- *December 7, 2017 – CDYSL Executive Committee Meeting*