



**Executive Board Meeting | Afrim's SportsPark & Via Zoom
July 2, 2020 | 7:00 PM**

Call to Order

Roy Pfeil, President, called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm. A quorum was established at 7:13.

Roll Call

Present: Jan Brown, Cathleen Knauf, Afrim Nezaj and Roy Pfeil

Present via zoom: Paul Bascomb, Jon Caraco, Mike Kinnally, Candace McHugh, Tim Owens, and Dave Yule.

Reading and Adoption of the Minutes

The June 4th executive committee minutes were distributed and reviewed.

Mike K. made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, 2nd by Jon C., motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report – Dave Yule

Dave Y. distributed the financial report. He said that CDYSL is trending positively with 2 months to go in the fiscal year. Net income is \$43,999.49

Mike K. made a motion to accept the financial report, 2nd by Candace M., motion carried unanimously.

Office Report – Jan Brown

Jan B. said that the office staff is working on the logistics for the AGM. The office will attend the Boy's Section II meeting in August to discuss this year's showcase. The office staff returned

to the office on June 17th, and summer hours began on July 1st. Demonstration of the GotSport was held on June 22nd. The office is slightly behind getting registrations on GotSport because CDYSL's GotSport representative was out of the office with COVID-19. She said that the next step is getting the clubs set up.

Candace M. and Jan B. delivered the checks, certificates, and lawn sign to the scholarship winners on June 29th. All 4 recipients expressed their gratitude to CDYSL for the award.

Office hours will be adjusted from Tuesday & Thursday 10am-12pm, to Tuesday through Thursday from 10-12. Each staff member will select 2 days a work to work, which will give more time to field phone calls without increasing staff hours.

Jan B. said that GPS has filed the necessary paperwork to change its name to NY Rush Albany. Paul B. asked if NY Rush is an official sanctioned club? Roy P. said he was not sure if they needed to be processed as a new club or not. Tim O. said that when a club is going through a name change, if the officers and home field change, then they need to be processed as a new club. If the officers and the home fields remain the same, then it is an easy name change. Jan B. said that in the case of NY Rush Albany, the officers remained the same, therefore it is just a simple name change.

Jan B. also said that North Star Premier SC had its first reading at the June General Board meeting and the Board of Directors will vote on its application in August. Arsenal FC from Watervliet has expressed interested in CDYSL membership and will be submitting the necessary paperwork soon.

Committee Reports:

1. Rules – Tim Owens

Tim O. said that since CDYSL is still under COVID guidelines, there is nothing new to report for the rules committee.

2. Finance – Dave Yule

No report.

3. Games – Paul Bascomb

No report.

4. Membership/Nominations – Afrim Nezaj

No report.

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

Roy P. said that a C license course will be held July 16th and there will be a second course in August. There have been several requests for coaching courses recently.

b. ODP Program – Roy Pfeil

No report.

c. Exceptional Senior Showcase

No report.

d. TOP Soccer

No report.

e. Coaches Workshop

No report.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

1. Fall Ball

Roy P. suggested starting Fall Ball earlier than usual, after August 17th, with the hope to complete the season early in case a second wave of COVID effected the Capital region. Roy P. said he could inquire with Eastern NY on the possibility of pushing the registration deadline up a couple weeks. Mike K. asked when the typical Fall Ball start date is, Jan B. said that it is the weekend after Labor Day. Paul B. said that he believes registration numbers could be very low due to family vacations at the end of August. Paul B. also said that CDYSL would need to secure a location even sooner than originally anticipated.

Cathy K. said that Office Summer Hours may need to be adjusted accordingly. Tim O. said that if Eastern NY is not receptive to opening earlier, it may be possible to host a Fall Ball tournament prior September 1st, so that current passes could be used.

Roy P. asked if Jan has sent out an RFP to host Fall Ball. Jan Brown said that it has not been sent out yet, as COVID guidelines would need to be included.

Dave Y. said that he felt starting early would set CDYSL up for failure. If teams are set up and then there is a cancellation due to COVID, money will need to be refunded. He expressed that there is just too much uncertainty. Jon C. said parents will be hesitant to register without knowing the refund status. Candace M. said that she agrees things are just too unstable, and if Fall Ball starts up early, it may need to shut it right down again due to COVID. Cathy K. asked the possibility of holding 6-week session starting at the usual date. Afrim N. suggested waiting another month to decide.

Paul B. said that RPI and area Junior Colleges have cancelled fall soccer. Mike K. said that one of the options the state is considering is that high school soccer would be moved to the spring.

2. Annual General Meeting

Roy P. asked the committee's opinion on holding the AGM in person. Dave Y. suggested cancelling the AGM because it is a mass gathering and wondered if the town would even allow it. Candace M. said that the state is now allowing gatherings of 50 people. Mike K. said that he will check with the town, and then touch base with the committee in a couple weeks to make a final decision.

Later in the meeting, Roy P. suggested moving the AGM to September. Tim O. said that the bylaws state that the meeting must be held in August. Mike K. mentioned moving it to later in August, Roy P. suggested August 23rd. Jan B. said she would check the bylaws and will let the executive committee know by Monday, July 6th.

3. Tryouts

Roy P. said that tryouts can start July 6th as long as clubs follow the US soccer safety regulations. Tim O. asked if Eastern NY has reinstated insurance, Jan B. confirmed that they have. Mike K. said that this does not apply to camps (different insurance). Dave Y. asked Jan B. to update clubs as soon as possible. Afrim N. said that some of the guidelines are a bit confusing and wondered if CDYSL should send out some specific guidelines. Mike K. said that he is concerned that some clubs and parents will want to progress through the guidelines too fast.

Roy said that there is more information on the US Soccer's website. Some of the suggestions include not having team meetings, keep attendance lists for 30 days, keeping 10 feet away when not wearing a mask, sanitizing balls, and parents taking players temperature prior to practice (100.4 maximum).

For liability purposes, Dave Y. suggested requiring clubs to sign off affirming to CDYSL that they have communicated with parents about the guidelines. Jan B. forwarded an email to everyone about compliance. The second paragraph said that all league presidents enforce the guidelines. Afrim N. suggested clarifying the guidelines to clubs before fining clubs for non-compliance.

Cathy K. wondered if we could request that clubs submit a reopening plan to CDYSL for our approval. Mike K. suggested just to have clubs sign off confirming that they have received the information. Jan B. confirmed that she could send that out. Roy P. clarified that all club presidents and representatives have received the information, and CDYSL should request that clubs forward the information to all coaches & parents.

Mike K. asked if parents can be on the fields. Jan B. said that Eastern NY recommended that parents not be on the fields or wear a mask and socially distance (not to congregate). Tim O. suggests that CDYSL be as clear as possible and recommended just stating that parents should stay in their car. Cathy K. also mentioned that if you allow parents to be on the field, it could easily reach the 50-person gathering limit.

4. Nominations

Roy P. said that a couple people interested in board positions have contacted him, and will forward Mike K. their information once he receives something in writing. Tim O. said that for transparency purposes, anyone that contacts the board members directly should be directed to the nomination chair (Mike K.).

5. 2020-2021 Budget

Cathy K. asked for clarification on how the annual budget approval process works, and if the executive committee reviews the budget prior to the AGM. Tim O. said that the proposed budget will be put out prior to the AGM, therefore the budget must be approved at this meeting by the executive committee since it must be sent out to clubs 30 days in advance.

Dave Y. said that he kept registration about the same, but recommends increasing Fall Ball to \$250 (currently \$110). He also budgeted for Spring registration to increase some as well. There are \$15,000 more of expenses added to this year's budget:

- Pre-ODP program addition
- Allowing 1 more board member to attend the Convention.
- Jan B. requested an increase in the operating budget. Dave Y. said he was not comfortable with this request as it would raise fees even more. Tim O. suggested further budget details be discussed during executive session.

Tim O. expressed disagreement with increasing the registration fees during COVID to pay for a Pre-ODP program. He also said in 2011, CDYSL started a player development academy, and that program had an income line and an expense line. Participants paid a fee which offset some of the expenses. Therefore, the Pre-ODP program should also show an income and expense line to give transparency to the program (currently only showing an expense line). Roy P. said that the Pre-ODP program would help with developing players across all socioeconomic sectors. Tim O. said that he is not necessarily disagree with Pre-ODP, but does not think that all CDYSL players should offset that program with their registration fees. He suggested that there is more clarification on that budget line.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tim O., and seconded by Paul B.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Mendy Varga
Recording Secretary