



**Executive Board Meeting | Zoom Videoconference
April 30, 2020 | 7:00 PM**

Call to Order

Roy Pfeil, President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. A quorum was established at 7:10pm.

Roll Call

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

Reading and Adoption of the Minutes

The April 2, 2020 Executive Committee minutes were distributed and reviewed.

Paul B. made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, second by Candace M., motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report – Dave Yule

Dave Y. distributed the financial report. Fiscal year through April 30, 2020 shows a net income \$115,080.00.

Jon C. made a motion to accept the financial report as submitted, second by Mike K., motion carried unanimously.

Office Report – Jan Brown

1. **Office**

Coaches Licensing

Eastern NY has extended the deadline to June 1, 2021 for the Grassroots License Program mandate (in-person course). With this extension, coaches will have up to 2 years to complete the in-person course.

Coaches Workshop

Jan B. confirmed that \$100 payments have been sent to the seven clinicians who were scheduled to present at the Coaches Workshop.

Fall Ball

Jan B. reported that Fifty FC is requesting an increase in the fee that they have received for hosting the Fall Ball program. When the program first began, CDYSL paid \$75 per team up to \$4,000. At the time, there were approx. 20 teams participating. Since the

program has grown significantly to approx. 110 teams, Fifty FC said that the wear-and-tear on the fields and equipment is significant. Fifty FC said that the \$4000 that they receive from CDYSL along with approx. \$3600 in concession profit does not cover their expenses of over \$11,000, therefore Fifty FC is requesting an increase to \$10,000 or \$75 per team with no maximum (\$8,250 for 110 teams).

Fines & Fees

Jan B. reported that fines/fees due are currently \$12,083, which have put some clubs in not good standing. Tim O. said that this is a rough time for clubs, and that maybe these fees can be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to see if some of them can be waived. Jan B. clarified that all the fees were assessed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Jan B. also said that we could forgive CDYSL fees, but would not be authorized to forgive Eastern NY fines/fees.

Roy P. spoke with Richie Christiano, President of Eastern NY, and Richie is proposing reimbursing leagues for all registration fees since March 1st, which accounts for about \$15,000 reimbursement for CDYSL. Registrations prior to March 1st have already been sent to the Federation and therefore can't be reimbursed. Also, Jan B. clarified that there are 26 teams that haven't been processed yet by the office due to missing information (coaches licenses, etc.).

Tim O. said that it is important that we get all the teams counted with Eastern NY (whether or not they have been processed), as those registration numbers matter for voting power with Eastern NY's AGM. Roy P. clarified that if any games are played, CDYSL will not receive any money back from Eastern NY. Tim O. said as long as the players have been processed, even if the team is being held, they need to be sent to Eastern NY so CDYSL can get the most voting power possible.

Membership

Jan B. reported that she has been in preliminary discussions with two clubs that have requested information regarding membership with CDYSL.

Paul B. asked who the clubs are? Jan B. said one is in Saratoga County in which 2 clubs are hoping to merge.

Office

Jan B. reported that her and Jenny are still working from home during the NY Pause. They are continuing to work with the new scheduling program and fixing bugs in the program.

Committee Reports:

1. Rules – Tim Owens

No report.

2. Scholarship – Candace M.

No report.

3. Finance – Dave Yule

No report.

4. Games – Paul Bascomb

Paul B. said if the Spring League is cancelled, he suggested have Jan B. input some scenarios into the new scheduling program to make sure it is working properly.

Jan B. mentioned that the Bylaw's state that games must be done by July 15th.

5. Membership/Nominations – Afrim Nezaj

No report.

6. Executive

No report.

7. Registrations – Jan Brown

No report.

8. Zero Tolerance – Dave Yule & Paul Bascomb

No report.

9. Arbitration/Appeals – Dave Yule

No report.

Special Committees

1. Programs – Roy Pfeil

a. Coaching Education – Roy Pfeil

All coaching courses have been canceled.

b. ODP Program – Roy Pfeil

ODP has been doing online presentation.

c. Exceptional Senior Showcase

No report.

d. TOP Soccer

No report.

e. Coaches Workshop

See Unfinished Business.

Unfinished Business

1. Spring League Program

Mike K. asked what East Hudson has decided to do about their Spring season. Roy P. said a decision will be announced next Monday, but he believes the season will be cancelled.

Mike K. reported that Long Island has canceled their Spring season. Mike K. wondered if Western NY has made a decision about their Spring season. Cathy K. said that the Governor will be announcing a decision tomorrow regarding when schools will be allowed to open.

Cathy K. said that she received an email that Massachusetts and Vermont Soccer tournaments are still scheduled. If CDYSL teams choose to participate, CDYSL will need to process their passes. Paul B. asked if we processed passes, would CDYSL lose the possible reimbursement from Eastern NY.

Mike K. asked if the Executive Committee should decide if the Spring league should be cancelled at this meeting, or wait till the Governor's decision tomorrow. Roy P. mentioned that the committee could have the Board of Directors decide next Thursday. Cathy K. suggested asking for the Board of Directors input, and then have the Executive Committee make a final decision.

Mike K. suggested a quick Executive Committee meeting next Tuesday or Wednesday to create a recommendation for the Board of Directors, and then present it to the Board of Directors on Thursday for their vote.

Jan B. said when Long Island canceled their Spring season, they had created a round table with stakeholders within their league to make a final decision. Therefore, she suggested asking board members for their input next Thursday, and then have the Executive Board make a final decision after the Thursday meeting. If the Governor keeps schools and parks closed, then we will be forced to cancel the season.

Cathy K. requested a preliminary vote on canceling the Spring league, just to see where everyone stands:

- Cancel the season: Roy P., Paul B., Cathleen K., Mike K., Afrim, N., Jon C., Tim O., and Candace M.
- Wait to decide: Dave Y.

Paul B. suggested Jan B. send an email to club presidents to see if they want to consider playing the Spring league. Mike K. disagreed, and suggested waiting to see what the Governor says tomorrow.

The committee decided to meet next Tuesday to make a recommendation to the Board of Directors next Thursday.

Roy P. said that we will also decide how to proceed with Fall ball and the AGM.

Mike K. mentioned that some clubs are going to take a substantial financial hit due to COVID-19. He felt that CDYSL should be sensitive to this, as some clubs may not be able to return next year.

Paul B. asked what EDP is doing this year, Mike K. said that they have not announced anything yet, and have postponed tournaments at this point.

Jon C. asked if CDYSL receives the \$15,000 reimbursement from Eastern NY, would that be sent back to all clubs? Roy P. suggested that every club that registered get reimbursed (no matter when they registered) in addition to team commitment fees. Paul B. agreed as it is important that we reimburse everyone so that we don't punish the teams that registered early. Tim O. said that this decision will be made by Eastern NY committee.

Got Soccer

An Eastern NY press release stated that Eastern NY is switching to the Got Soccer app. Therefore, a presentation to the Board of Directors about this should be done at the May meeting.

Roy P. requested that the Executive Committee encourage some younger members to consider running for a position on the Executive Committee. He also suggested that the committee consider raising the age of the non-competitive program from 10 years old to 12 years. This would help to move the focus to developing players, and not as much on results, and not on developing the players.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Cathy K., seconded by Jon C.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Mendy Varga
Recording Secretary