

**CPYSL Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2025**  
**7:00pm**

**Board Members:**

John Abe, Tom Bieber, Joe Butera, Jim Conners, Karen Crawford, George Gemberling, Mel James, Jim Lamb, Christina Loss, Chris Magness, Paul Predmore, Simon Skudder

**Staff:**

Wendy Campbell, Terry Mull, Phil Frederick, Erin Seltzer

**Guest:**

Leo Kelly - EPYSA

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Jim Conners.

**Roll Call/Minutes:**

- November meeting minutes were sent to the board for review.
- Attendees were asked to sign in at the front office desk and reminded at the end of the meeting.
- All clubs must attend 3 meetings per year including the AGM which is a mandatory meeting.

**Guest Speaker:**

-Leo Kelly from EPYSA attended the meeting. He is the Director of Operations for EPYSA. He oversees the following: Event and Project Management, Discipline and Appeals, Oversight of Coach, Manager and Staff Compliance. He can be contacted at [lkelly@epysa.org](mailto:lkelly@epysa.org)

**Reports:**

**Registrar (Wendy Campbell)**

- Spring 2025 Team Counts are open.
- FINAL Team Counts are due by January 26.
- Make sure that the team's name entered in CPYSL matches the team's name in GotSport
- On your Club Page, make sure the team's age is correct
- Competition Committee meeting is Wednesday, February 12th
- To be held virtually via Zoom
- Girls 6:30 PM, Boys to follow Girl's meeting
- Invitation link will be emailed closer to the February 12th meeting date.
- Post Competition Committee meeting results/bracket adjustments to be posted by the end of the day Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Clubs have until February 19th to "request" an adjustment to a team's division placement through the respective VP of Boys or VP of Girls
- U13 & U14 age groups play Saturdays in the Spring
- Youngest eligible player in CPYSL in 2025 must have a 2018 birth year
- Pre-populated Spring 2025 League form and fees are due in the office no later than Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Fields not available for Spring 2025 must be reported to CPYSL no later than Friday, February 21st
- Reach out to townships, parks, and school districts early for available fields.
- Send CPYSL Scheduler Karen Crawford and the office your non-available fields.
- Spring 2025 League games are scheduled to begin the weekend of April 5 & 6.
- Plan to play a 7-game season.

- NO GAMES Easter weekend April 19 & 20 or Memorial Day weekend May 25 & 26 Memorial Day weekend.
- Fall 2024 financial information was distributed via email December 19
  - If not already submitted, fees owed to CPYSL are due in office by January 30
  - Please submit payments ASAP so I can close out 2024
- Referee Fee Increase for Fall 2025-Spring 2026
  - There will be a fee increase for Fall 2025-Spring 2026. Jim will be talking about the increase.
- PLAYERS RESIDING OUTSIDE OF PENNSYLVANIA (copy of EPYSA instructions provided)  
Must obtain Permission to Play Out-of-State from their home state soccer association.
  - Copy of the approved form must be submitted to CPYSL office.
- U.S. SOCCER/FIFA ITC Clearance is required for players born outside of the United States
  - DO NOT add players born outside the United States to a roster until ITC clearance has been received and uploaded to player's profile in GotSport
- Please familiarize yourself with the Calendar posted on the CPYSL website – all the dates and deadlines that I have provided are currently posted on the website.

### **Scheduler (Karen Crawford)**

- Please check all coach contact information for accuracy. We need working phone numbers and emails entered to allow opposing coaches, referees, and office staff to reach out.
- Fall 2024 score card fines will be added, please remind coaches to fill out the score cards properly. We still have some being turned into the office missing players, dates, game numbers. There is an example of a completed score card under the download section of the website.
- Please take the time to clean up your club pages. Remove teams that have aged out. Remove field venues that are no longer being used by club. Update club officers as well.
- Please email all spring 2025 restrictions to the office.

### **Treasurer (Paul Predmore-not in attendance)**

- Checking: \$98, 128.89
- Savings: \$2.20
- Money market: \$155,096.08
- 15-month Certificate: \$314,249.55
- Total Assets: \$567,476.72
- Outstanding invoices: December expenses, payroll, accountant fees, fourth quarter taxes.

### **Game Commissioner (Jim Lamb)**

- Take the time now to clean up team contact information. This should be done prior to the start of the season.

### **Referee Association (Terry Mull)**

- No Report

### **VP Programs (George Gemberling- not in attendance)**

- No Report

### **VP Girls (John Abe – not in attendance)**

- No Report

### **VP Boys (Simon Skudder)**

- Will be sending out an email with team divisions prior to the competition meeting. Please take time to look them over prior to the meeting. Please add “notes” to the google document that will be sent out.

### **President (Jim Conners)**

-As we look forward into 2025, I am hopeful that we will continue our growth pattern which has been steady and manageable. As we look forward to 2026, with the World Cup scheduled for that year, we must make ourselves ready for a growth pattern that will not mirror any other period since the last time the US hosted the Cup. With this short-term growth, if handled properly, if we embrace these new participants, we likely will be able to retain those that have a stronger than normal interest in this sport we enjoy thus growing soccer at a local level. It is important we recognize this growth and do what we can to keep them involved.

-Recently, several board members & I traveled to Plymouth Meeting to attend a League only meeting, of the topics presented, one dealt with under 8 youth soccer programs, at the League level we see no benefit in hosting travel soccer for 4v4 matches, however CPYSL supports all our clubs who have in-house programs to grow the sport.

The other topics included out of state player registration (a change from previous) where club must notify the player's parents who must contact their state association to advise them of the player's status to get approval; and then there was a commercial for fund raising 2.6M in EPA soccer for the World Cup. In essence they are advertising \$26for26, a grassroots campaign to have all participants donate \$26 toward this campaign. Hence with 120k youth participants in EPA soccer they will reach their goal during their 26 day drive this February. Messaging will include 'Classy' (a fund-raising webhost) pages, webinars, acknowledgments & support recruitment. The goal is to support the World Cup in Philadelphia, grow the game across the Commonwealth and host a fan festival at Lemon Hill in Philadelphia. Other than growing the game across PA, I fail to see where the funds will benefit local soccer here, I would rather see the local clubs raise that same amount through their members and use that money to grow their clubs to enhance our community.

-EPYSA is hosting 9 grassroots & 2 "D" course in 2025, register at epysa.org under coaching education.

-Referee fees will be increasing in the Fall 2025 season. This will effect each age group by a couple dollars each.

-I want to thank Michele Klein for her work in obtaining nominees for our various open positions, and a thank you for those who presently serve and those who are willing to after tonight's vote. All help make our League the place to play in Central PA.

**-Reminder: EPYSA 2025 AGM will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> at Alloy Hotel in King of Prussia at 10:00am.**

### **District Commissioner (Phil Frederick- not in attendance)**

-No Report

### **Club Reports/Good of the Game/New Business**

-There was a discussion about the team divisions for the spring season. Should divisions always begin with "Division One" in every age group? It will be discussed with club representatives at the competition meeting. The clubs can decide as a whole what they prefer for each age group. It could be different based on what teams request what divisions.

### **Election of Officers for 2025**

-Michelle Klein from PA Classics has volunteered to head the nominating committee for the AGM meeting. Each year membership will vote on the board of directors.

This year VP of Boys, VP of Girls, Secretary, Game Commissioner, and 5 Board of Directors are up for re-election.

**Position and current holder (2 year term)**

- VP of Boys: *Simon Skudder*
- VP of Girls: *John Abe*
- Secretary: *Karen Crawford*
- Game Commissioner: *Jim Lamb*

**Board of Directors (1-year term)**

- Tom Bieber (Referee)*
- Joe Butera (Past CPYSL Board Member, no club affiliation)*
- Mel James (Dover United)*
- Christina Loss (Eagles FC)*
- Chris Magness (Susquehanna Soccer)*

John Abe has decided not to run for VP of Girls due to personal relocation. **Chris Magness (Susquehanna Soccer Club)** has decided to run for VP of Girls.

There was a one-floor nomination, **Scott Eskew (West York Bulldogs FC)** to replace Chris Magness as a Board of Director. Nominees ran unopposed and by acclamation process, the slate of nominees is accepted as it is stands. All in favor.

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Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:  
Wednesday, March 19th, 2025  
7:00pm**