

CPYSL Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2015

Board Members:

Joe Butera, Jim Conners, Karen Crawford, Phil Frederick, George Gemberling, Terry Gerlinski, Rich King, Jim Lamb, Donna Outt, Josh Plaza, Paul Predmore, Robert Stum

Staff:

Wendy Campbell, Fred Landau, Terry Mull

Guest:

EPYSA representatives: Chris Branscome, Jim Kuntz, and Mike Barr

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Jim Conners

Roll Call/Minutes:

- Sign in sheet at the front table.
- September minutes were approved via board email.

Special guest discussion held:

- Chris Branscome, EPYSA Chief Executive Officer along with Jim Kuntz and Mike Barr attended the meeting to discuss the upcoming changes with US Youth Soccer.
- In August of 2015, US Soccer announce its initiative to enhance the development of soccer players in America. Changes will begin September 1st, 2016.
- Main concern is the new age grouping. It will be birth year registration. For example: For 2016/17....any player born in 2002 would be considered U15.
- There will be NO grandfathering of teams no matter how long they have been together. Teams may “play up” to stay together, but this will be determined by clubs. Clubs must decide how to manage their teams. These changes are all about PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, not team development.
- Be aware that US Youth Soccer did have the wrong birth year chart on their website, but it is now fixed.
- All players, whether they are intramural/recreational or travel will be held to the same standard.

-There are new formations in field sizes and number of players on the field at one time. Roster SIZES will be determined by US Youth Soccer.

U6,7,8...will play 4v4

U9,10...will play 7v7

U11,12...will play 9v9

U13 and up...will play 11v11

-New field and goal sizes discussed. Clubs should adapt to the new standard when purchasing new goals as needed and designing new fields. Maximum/minimum field sizes are being discussed by US Youth Soccer.

-CUP standards are also being discussed. New standards will effect 2016/17 not 2015/16 cups.

-There is information, including questions/answers on the EPYSA website. As more information develops, it will be updated.

<http://www.epysa.org/membership/USsoccerDevelopment/>

-Concussion Lawsuit was discussed by Chris Branscome as well.

-US Soccer settled the litigation. This is to protect the player.

-As a part of this lawsuit, heading the ball will be eliminated by U10 and below and limited heading in practice for U11-13 players.

-Further information is available on the EPYSA website.

http://www.epysa.org/us_soccer_settles_concussion_litigation/

Reports:

Registrar (Wendy Campbell)

-Club registrars are to collect their clubs score cards and turn them into the office by November 30th. Any score card not turned in by this date will be fined \$25 each. Do NOT email score cards to the office.

-Enter any outstanding game scores. We can't finalize the season until all scores are entered.

-Please pay any outstanding fines/forfeits/player invoices for your clubs.

-There are no scorecards for SNOWFLAKE teams, just enter the scores of your games.

-SPRING 2016 team counts will be open at the end of December.

-FINAL SPRING 2016 team counts will be due no later than February 1st, 2016.

-We encourage teams that are playing cup/tournaments in the spring to consider not playing league in the spring as well. It is not that we do not want these teams playing, but those teams schedules become very difficult for the opposing teams to

work with, many times resulting in forfeited games and it is not fair to the non-cup team.

-U13/14 teams will play on SATURDAY in the SPRING. (this is because the referee coverage is back)

-PLEASE remind parents/coaches to communicate with their President or club representative, they are NOT to contact the office with issues.

Treasurer (Paul Predmore)

-\$343,669.90 in assets

-Around \$80,000 in bills is waiting to clear.

-Please check the website for any outstanding fines/forfeits.

Game Commissioner (Jim Lamb)

-7 girls and 2 boys' games that have outstanding scores, please enter them ASAP.

-There are NO pending games to be played at this time.

Referee Association (Terry Mull)

-Windsor Red Lion Club said there are good referees this season.

-West Shore referee class was cancelled but there should be another one scheduled for January.

-Boiling Springs is holding a coaching E-course.

VP Programs (Phil Frederick)

-Harrisburg HEAT Indoor Soccer team starts this weekend.

VP Girls (Joe Butera)

-SPRING 2016 competition meeting will be February 10th. Encourage club representatives to attend.

VP Boys (Terry Gerlinski)

-There was a decrease in the number of yellow/red cards this fall season. It could be due to the NEW SANCTIONS. (see below for a reminder of the new SANCTIONS)

-133 YELLOW CARDS, 13 DIRECT RED CARDS, and several parent/coaches issues. The league VP's will contact the team coaches/club president when a RED CARD has been issued.

-REMINDER that coaches is responsible for their players and parents.

-SANCTIONS FOR REPEAT OFFENDERS

Red Card, 1st Offense

-ONE game suspension

-If the coach returns to the field or game after being dismissed, TWO additional games will be added to their suspension. (this includes any problems AFTER the game, dismissed coaches should not approach referees after the game)

Red Card, 2nd Offense

-THREE game suspension

-If the coach returns to the field or game after being dismissed, TWO additional games will be added to their suspension. (this includes any problems AFTER the game, dismissed coaches should not approach referees after the game)

Red Card, 3rd Offense

-EIGHT game suspension

-If the coach returns to the field or game after being dismissed, TWO additional games will be added to their suspension. (this includes any problems AFTER the game, dismissed coaches should not approach referees after the game)

Note: Suspensions will carry over from season to season.

District Commissioner (Phil Frederick)

-Several of our clubs have applied and received GRANTS from EPYSA. EPYSA has handed out \$75,000 to tens clubs throughout Eastern PA.

-CASA, Halifax, North Union, and PennLegacy are among the ten that received grant money.

President (Jim Conners)

-McConnellsburg is asking for HOME games.

-Silent Weekend will be moved to late October each year so that players may benefit from the skills taught by their coaches during the season.

-Clarification on SECONDARY players and when they can play for their secondary team. Secondary players should be playing for their PRIMARY team FIRST, if there is a conflict in being able to participate in matches for both teams rostered, the primary team play takes precedence. There may be times when the primary coach may decide to allow a player to participate on his secondary team during such conflicts, however it will be in the hands of the primary coach to determine this allowance. It is encouraged to have a written permission from the primary coach in case the player is challenged in participation. The use of

secondary players is to promote the availability of teams that otherwise might not be able to field a team.

-We will be DROPPING the yearly membership fee for existing clubs unless in the future there becomes a financial shortfall within the league.

-NEW Clubs will still have a \$200 BOND when applying for membership to CPYSL.

-Team fees will be adjusted!!

-Fall and Spring fees will be dropped to \$125 per team instead of \$150.

Snowflake will be \$100 per team instead of \$150.

-Election of Officers for 2016, Michelle Klein from PA Classics has volunteered to head the nominating committee for the AGM meeting in January. Each year, membership will vote in board of directors. This year, President, Treasurer, and VP of Programs are up for re-election. Contact Michelle Klein if you are interested in a position. Klein17036@yahoo.com

Position and current holder (these are 2 year terms)

President: Jim Connors

Treasurer: Paul Predmore

VP of Programs: Phil Frederick

Current Board of Directors (these are one year term)

-George Gemberling

-Richard King (Penn Legacy)

-Donna Outt (Central Susquehanna)

-Josh Plaza (Fusion)

-Robert Stum (Waynesboro)

Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm by Paul Predmore and second by Phil Frederick.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:
CPYSL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2016 AT 7:00PM**