

CPYSL Meeting Minutes

September 9th, 2020

Board Members:

John Abe, Tom Bieber, Joe Butera, Jim Conners, Karen Crawford, George Gemberling, Ronald Kaczmarek, Jim Lamb, Paul Predmore, Simon Skudder, Robert Stum, Kellas Wechsler

Staff:

Wendy Campbell, Terry Mull

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

Roll Call/Minutes:

-Sign in sheet at the door. Masks and social distance required at the meeting.

Reports:

Registrar (Wendy Campbell)

-The calendar has been updated for the year, please refer to it for important dates.

-Reminder for club registrars to open the proof of birth documents to verify correct information.

-Club Pass players...we know that GotSport allows players to be added to the rosters but the office would need to approve them each week and it will not work especially for last minute club pass players. Please write them on your game day roster each week.

-Silent Weekend will be held October 17/18th. Coaches and parents should be quiet and only positive comments only.

Treasurer (Paul Predmore-not in attendance)

Checking: \$36,604.42

Savings: \$400,358.80

Game Commissioner (Jim Lamb)

-Be patient with the schedule and Covid related game changes. Schedule TBA's sooner than later.

Referee Association (Terry Mull)

-No report.

VP Programs (George Gemberling-not in attendance)

-No report.

VP Girls (Joe Butera-not in attendance)

-No report.

VP Boys (Simon Skudder-not in attendance)

-No report.

President (Jim Conners)

-EPYSA has had several League only Zoom meetings in the past month, most recent was last night. As many leagues will start this coming week, we had the opportunity to get a fast start and began our season on the August 29/30th weekend. As we tread forward in this new normal with COVID on our mind we are hopeful that we will be able to finish what we started and continue to give our players a safe environment to showcase their skills.

EPYSA's message has several points that we need to consider and adhere.

1. Mandated by the Governor is mask compliance

a. *Coaches & bench players during match*

b. *Spectators at the physical game - if your spectators are not wearing masks for the brief period of a game, please assure they are not near enough to the field to jeopardize another individual's health*

c. *Referees will remind, non-compliance will be noted in game report*

2. Respect of the home club & any local policies

a. *We cover an extremely broad area; many clubs may have stricter policies in place that they must adhere, or their use of the fields may be in jeopardy*

3. Referee/EPYSA

a. *Responsible for play on the field not the park*

b. *Shall record all concerns and compliance issues to the league*

c. *League will notify offending clubs of non-compliance*

4. Clubs

a. *Must have a policy in place for sanction/punishment of offenders*

b. Recommend coaches receive game sanction for bench or spectator non-compliance ...EPYSA is asking us to sanction if the club does not – do not want to go there

5. CPYSL League policy is on the website

a. EPYSA has mandated that a policy must be in place, distributed & posted for all members to review.

The message from EPYSA is clear, they want the virus and its effects to be taken seriously, and they are asking individual clubs to handle the matter in house. As the other leagues are starting their seasons this weekend, EPYSA is asking for input, one of their queries is about what to do if a team is non-compliant? Can the other team refuse to play because of this? If they do, does the non-compliant team get penalized?

Just an FYI, Philadelphia city is refusing to allow games to be played, practice is okay, so they are not playing at this time. Recently a league outside of Philly has refused to allow Philly teams to participate in their league citing if it is unsafe to play in Philly, then the teams cannot participate.

CPYSL on COVID:

We must do our best to assure that our participants do not suffer because of the actions of another. A mask is a small thing to consider & wear that will help us complete our season. Let us be mindful, if a team cannot play due to COVID, all players on that team are quarantined for two weeks before practice or games may resume. If a club were to go quarantine, it could jeopardize the season for all as we are under the radar, but with the kind of exposure generated when a club goes quarantine, it will take no time at all for local or even state health associations to figure out soccer is the culprit and shut us down. We are not a necessity!

CPYSL does not want referees interceding into the mask/no mask concern, they can casually ask for them to wear, but I do not want this to be a contention. What I do ask is for them to note on the match report when the bench or spectators are not in compliance, to which I called two club presidents recently to advise of the concern. This is not the place for a 14yo referee to get confrontational with coaches as the escalation to caution/send-off card comes into play.

So, when you look out on your fields and see your spectators not in compliance, this is your program that can suffer FIRST.

Restarts – Throw-ins in our league will be restarted with a kick-in, this will be treated as an indirect free kick with the normal 10 yards given and offside in effect to stop any unfair advantages as possible, this is only a bandage to keep the touches down on the ball.

Temperature taking – EPYSA in their guidelines repeats what PA State Health says, no temp over 100.4, and screening is necessary, they do not state the temp must be taken at the field, EPYSA and CPYSL is leaving it up to the club/team to best enforce. CPYSL recommends a club safety person for teams & parents to report so the club is aware of concerns, first.

-Uniforms - It has been noted that the local vendors are having trouble delivering uniforms in a timely manner, and highly likely the season will be half over before some teams receive their kits. CPYSL does not have uniform police, all we ask of teams is to have the players in like colored shirts differing from their opponents so referees, players & teams understand who belongs to which team.

Future Registrations for league play:

CPYSL will be asking for a bond for all teams when entering teams into the league, which will be applied to the team's registration fee. This fee will be refundable if team advises the League within (X) number of days of the competition meeting, prior to the leagues schedule being run that the team will not be participating. In the last few seasons, there have been instances where clubs have advised the league the week of the first games (and even after league play was set to begin) of the team folding. This practice is not acceptable, and therefore the change must be instituted starting next spring, this is not to punish teams that have been superlative in notifying the league of concerns as they occur, however once the schedule has been run and ready for distribution this is not the time to notify of the drop.

-ByLaws & Constitution: this is a notification to our members that we will be voting for acceptance of a more concise Bylaws/Constitution at the AGM in January, the executive board has already reviewed the documents and are ready to present to the member clubs. A preliminary copy will be posted on the website for review and any amendments or revisions will be considered at our November meeting. Please read and respond to me with concerns.

Club Reports/Good of the Game

Election of Officers for 2019

-Michelle Klein from PA Classics has volunteered to head the nominating committee for the AGM meeting. Each year membership will vote in board of directors. This year VP of Boys, VP of Girls, Secretary, Game Commissioner, and 5 Board of Directors are up for re-election. Contact Michelle Klein if you are interested in a position. Klein17036@yahoo.com

Position and current holder (2-year terms)

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

Current Board of Directors (1-year term)

- John Abe (Referee)**
- Tom Bieber (Referee)**
- Ron Kaczmarek (Greencastle)**
- Robert Stum (Waynesboro)**
- Kellas Wechsler (Hawrock)**

Motion to adjourn at 7:38pm.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wednesday, November 18th, 2020
7:00pm**