

**CPYSL Meeting Minutes
Via ZOOM Meeting**

**March 23rd, 2022
7:00pm**

Board Members:

John Abe, Tom Bieber, Joe Butera, Jim Connors, Karen Crawford,
George Gemberling, Ronald Kaczmarek, Jim Lamb, Christina Loss,
Paul Predmore, Simon Skudder, Kellas Wechsler

Staff:

Wendy Campbell, Terry Mull, Phil Frederick

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

Roll Call/Minutes:

-January meeting minutes approved via email.
-March meeting being held via ZOOM. Attendees have been asked to sign in with their club's name included.

Reports:

Registrar (Wendy Campbell)

-2022 Spring Schedule has been posted.
-U13/14's will play on SATURDAYS in the spring. U9-U12 will play on Saturdays while U15-U19 play on Sundays.
-For 2022, the youngest birthyear to be rostered on a CPYSL team is 2015.
-Spring season starts on April 2nd/3rd with a seven-game season.
-Please make yourself familiar with the posted calendar on the website. It has all the important dates for 2022.
-Spring score cards will be available to pick up starting March 24th at 8am. Local clubs have been asked to pick them up from the soccer office while outlying clubs can have theirs mailed.
-If your team played in a different league in the fall, you must contact that league for any roster changes. The original league is responsible for the roster changes.
-Make sure you submit a player change request form for each player change. This is the best way to make sure your player change gets approved.
-If you need to release a player from a current roster, you first must have the player released by the league before the player can be transferred to a new team.
-Fall team counts open May 2nd, 2022, and close on June 26th, 2022.

Scheduler (Karen Crawford)

- Reminder to communicate with the opposing team when requesting a game change, do not request one on the website without the opposing team being aware first.
- Please enter your game scores ASAP. Unreported games result in a fine. Home or away teams can report the scores.
- If you need to reschedule a game, try to reschedule near another game time, this helps referee coverage.
- All game changes must be requested and agreed to on the website, 5 days prior to the original date.
- Make sure all your team's contact information is up to date in order for teams to contact each other for game changes or field information.

Treasurer (Paul Predmore-not in attendance)

Checking: \$105,538

Savings: \$200,098.92

Money Management: \$201,319.53

Spring fees have not been paid to EPYSA as of today, they will be billing us before the end of the April if not before. Other expenses to follow, Accountant fees & first quarter taxes.

Game Commissioner (Jim Lamb)

-Make sure you have an Assistant Coach listed for your teams. They must be a carded coach. We will be enforcing fines for referee abuse. Coaches are responsible for their parents.

Referee Association (Terry Mull)

-No Report.

VP Programs (George Gemberling – not in attendance)

-No Report

VP Girls (Joe Butera)

-Thanked everyone for participating in the spring team counts. He will continue to encourage teams to move up in competition levels. He would like to see more Premier and D1 divisions.

VP Boys (Simon Skudder)

-There were only a few teams wanting to change their spring division.
-General requests should first go through your Club President, your club needs to be aware of division changes.

-Make sure you READ and are familiar with Simon's division spreadsheet before the fall competition meeting. He will share like he has done in the past a week before the competition meeting.

President (Jim Conners)

-Had two referee courses in the immediate area with East Penn & Eagle FC hosting courses, in the next few weeks, Susquehanna & Dover are also having courses for referees. Sent out a few requests for other clubs to look at hosting courses, and CPYSL will do our part to assist. Case in point, rather than postpone a course due to weather concerns, we assisted one of the course events by asking a local club to allow the use in their facility – a big thank you to East Penn Soccer, Ubaldo & Ross for the inconveniences they endured to help our last-minute request. If you need more info on hosting an entry level referee course, drop me a note I am here to help.

-Communication with the League, we have too many coaches & parents emailing the office about concerns without discussing their problem with their club first. Many times, either the club can take care of the problem, it is the club's change to make, or the clubs are unaware of the concern in the first place. Just like if you have a question about our League, reaching out to EPYSA first for an answer isn't effective, and we would be unaware of the concerns. Clubs should be aware and be the point of contact about concerns with the League.

-Make sure your club's policy on player registrations is transparent and up to date, when a player asks to be transferred, it would make sense to have the policy in writing that the parents can refer when desiring a change to another club so there are no surprises. I will note that if the policy is not in writing EPYSA, who dictates over these matters, will side with the parents. All parties should understand that there are fees involved that might not be apparent, but still need attention. Reminder for clubs to update their codes of conduct, by-laws & constitution, in the past few years we have seen quite a few things evolve and we need to move with the times. Currently CPYSL is updating our appeals process due to changes at the US Youth soccer level and it is trickling down to EPYSA, and of course we are next...so before it makes its way down to the club level, we suggest you get a head start reviewing yours now.

- Congratulations to Eagle FC (\$8k), Keystone FC(\$6.98k), & Masjid Al Nur(\$8.3k) in the receipt of grants from EPYSA this spring. Note to our other members to apply for these available grants next year, EPYSA has money to disperse.

-EPYSA has had a turnover of some of their key employees, of which we have been notified there is a new Registration person, Michelle Burns (Registrar of Ukrainian Nationals) has assumed the role and EPYSA is confident that she will be able to assist all with registration concerns. (mburns@epysa.org)

-Teams and their fans shall be on opposing sides of the field, this policy is for referees to easily identify which team a spectator belongs and to assist coaches in controlling their fans so the coach can effectively deal with the situation first. With our season starting shortly, I am asking clubs to do a little housekeeping before we begin.

1. Our competition committee did a great job weighing the teams in each bracket; however, no one has a crystal ball, a key player gets injured, another catches on to the game and becomes a star, either way, have your coaches do their best to not run up the scores on an inferior opponent just because they can, let's make the game enjoyable for all the players.
2. Game changes, have the coaches look at the schedule and take due diligence to either honor the schedule or notify the opponent as early as possible to re-schedule as quickly as possible, this alleviates concerns late into the season.
3. Reminder that the League will be dealing much harsher toward referee abuse, please send the message out to the teams so this is not a surprise or misunderstood.

District Commissioner (Phil Frederick-not in attendance)

-No Report

Club Reports/Good of the Game

-CPYSL is offering two \$500 scholarships for graduating seniors. Each scholarship award will be a one-time recognition per recipient in the amount of \$500.00, awarded to one male and one female high school senior each calendar year. The scholarship award shall be used to help defray cost of tuition and fees at any accredited college, university, business, or trade school. Applicants must complete and submit the scholarship application forms along with an unofficial transcript of their high school records on/or before April 30.

https://www.cpyssl.net/Downloads/downloadfolder/dwld_27888126_CPYSL_SC_HOLARSHIP_2021.pdf

Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:
June 15th, 2022**