

CPYSL Meeting Minutes
March 22nd, 2023
7:00pm

Board Members:

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

Staff:

Wendy Campbell, Terry Mull, Phil Frederick, Erin Seltzer

Guest:

Chris Branscome, CEO of EPYSA
Lennie Brown, First Vice President of EPYSA

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Jim Conners

Roll Call/Minutes:

- January meeting minutes approved via email.
- Attendees were asked to sign in at the front office desk and reminded at the end of the meeting.

EPYSA update from guest speakers, Chris Branscome and Lennie Brown

- Youth Soccer annual meeting was attended by Chris and Lennie.
- Soccer is coming back to “normal” since Covid
- World Cup is coming in three years and some games will be hosted in Philadelphia. FIFA is organizing the event. Volunteers will be needed for the World Cup event. It will be normal for the clubs to see an increase in players during and after.
- Player Safety-Clearances for coaches and staff MUST be done. This is a state law and subjected to a \$10,000 fine. This does include completing Safe Sport. It is the club’s responsibility to keep track of the coach’s credentials along with the coach him/herself.
- Developmental referee program- we NEED referees! Referee abuse needs to stop, and coaches need to know and understand the laws of the game. Put yourself in the referee’s shoes.
- EPYSA will be hosting the East Regional President Cup which will include 140 teams. It will be held in the Valley Forge/Montgomery County area. Volunteers will be needed for the event. They will be sending an email out with a form to be filled out by the volunteer.

Reports:

Registrar (Wendy Campbell)

- Spring 2023 league will begin on April 1st/2nd with the final weekend being June 10th/11th. No games will be scheduled on April 8th/9th and May 27th/28th.
- Please have all coaches read/re-read the Coach Guidelines on the website. They are located in the Downloads on the website and are updated each season.

- U13/14 age groups will play on SATURDAYS in the spring season.
- Youngest eligible player in the CPYSL league for 2023 can have a birth year of 2016.
- Team's score report cards are ready for pick up and are located in the club's cubbies. Outlying clubs will be mailed if not picked up by 03/23 and local clubs will be played in the outside pickup box on the porch.
- Team score cards should be filled out COMPLETELY, including the front and back of the card.
- Teams that are changing leagues for the SPRING season, will continue to use their same official roster from the fall season. Any team changes to that roster must be done through the league that initially approved the roster.
- Any roster changes (including coaches) need to be submitted to the office via a CPYSL COACH and PLAYER CHANGE REQUEST FORM. (located under the DOWNLOADS on the website).
- A player RELEASE must first be approved by the league BEFORE a TRANSFER can be made to the new team.
- FALL team counts will open on May 1st and close on June 25th.
- Cup Qualifying League (CQL) team counts will open on August 28th.
- EPYSA TRAVEL player fees will increase to \$15.75 (currently \$12.75). CPYSL fee will remain the same, \$1.50. Beginning Fall 2023, a TRAVEL player fee will be \$17.25 each.
- Referee fees will increase in the Fall 2023 season. See the handout that was distributed at the meeting.
- Remember that all 2023 CPYSL important dates and deadlines are posted on the website under the CALENDAR.

SCORER/SCHEDULER (Karen Crawford)

- Please double check all coach/manager/club admin contact information on the CPYSL website. There have been many emails bouncing back.
- Please schedule any TBA games as soon as possible. Do not wait til the last week before the season ends.
- U9 girls, Division 5 and U12 boys, Division 4 have had a team drop out of the posted schedule. These divisions will be reworked, and emails will be sent to the involved teams.
- Please check all your field venues under your club's home page on the website. Make sure that the field number/letter matches what you have entered into team counts. If there is a discrepancy, you will not be able to close a field properly in case of inclement weather.
- Provided a sample of what is expected for a **COMPLETE score card**. Remind teams that scorecards must be COMPLETE. All players' names are to be written on the scorecard and checked for each game they participate in. Each game number, date of the game, and team names must be written on the opposite side. There has been an example of an accurate scorecard uploaded to DOWNLOADS on the CPYSL website. There will be fines accrued for unreturned cards and incomplete cards.

https://www.cpyssl.net/Downloads/downloadfolder/dwld_95324344_SAMPLE_SCORECARD.pdf

Treasurer (Paul Predmore-not in attendance)

- Checking: \$130,822.77
- Savings: \$200,304.67
- Money Management: \$201,812.94
- Business VISA: -\$31.25
- Total: \$532,940.38

-Outstanding invoices include Spring EPYSA league fees, March payroll, accountant fees, and attorney fees.

Game Commissioner (Jim Lamb)

- Schedule TBA's immediately!

Referee Association (Terry Mull -not in attendance)

- No Report.

VP Programs (George Gemberling -not in attendance)

- No Report.

VP Girls (John Abe -not in attendance)

-Joe Butera said John Abe did a great job with the Girls Spring Team Competition. Reach out to John if you have any questions this spring involving girls' teams.

VP Boys (Simon Skudder)

- Spring Competition meeting went well. There were very little changes to the divisions after the meeting.
- Encourages clubs to have their teams "pledge" to respect referees. There is a signup with the club via the website www.parentresource.com

President (Jim Conners)

- GotSoccer** points: There has not been any increase in teams wanting to play in CPYSL due to awarding GS points. The fact the points awarded as disproportionate to the league and even the accruing of the points is 6 months behind from GS. We will table the points program at this time.
- CPYSL will be looking at our Risk Management policy to ensure it is effective and strong enough language wise to protect the participants we are entrusted to protect.
- Fines/fees have been increased in areas of referee abuse.** Please review the fines/fees matrix on the website.
- Clubs are required to have **bylaws, risk management, and participate safety policy** with Board of Directors which must include separate positions of President, Treasurer, Risk Manager, and Insurance Coordinator. As you revise your current constitution and bylaws, please send an updated copy to the office to keep it on file.
- Before the spring season begins, be sure your field venues are up to par!
- Referee Course:** The referee course has been increased to 6 hours, an addition of a 3 hour in classroom setting with the continued 3-hour field session of practical advice and

on field set plays. There have been several courses completed in the area. Eagle FC hosted a course with 24 referees, Middleburg hosted with 18, York area with 10, East Penn SC with 10, and Susquehanna SC with 22 participants. This is VERY helpful, but we ALWAYS need more referees since we continue to lose just as many as we gain each year.

-Game Day Rosters: Coaches are required to provide 2 copies of their EPYSA roster at each game (one for the referee and one for the opposing team) along with the match report card. This is not something that you can email the referee! Fines are in place for these indiscretions starting in the upcoming spring season.

-Please make sure your coaches fill out the game cards with each participating player's name including club pass players. They must be noted for each game played. CPYSL mandates teams and their fans are on the opposite sides of the field. This way, the coach can intervene if a parent decides to escalate abusive behavior and before the referee needs to discipline and sanction the coach.

-Volunteer Referees: CPYSL now allows coaches of both opposing teams to assign volunteer referees when the following conditions are met:

*If a referee has not been assigned by the referee assignor to a game 24 hours before the scheduled game.

*If a referee has been assigned but had not been confirmed by the designated referee 24 hours before the scheduled game.

The Referee Assignor will still have the ability to assign a registered referee within the 24-hour period. Once a registered referee or volunteer referee is assigned by either the coaches or the referee assignor, it closes this feature.

District Commissioner (Phil Frederick)

-EPSARC will help cover "hosting" fees for referee courses. See their website for more information.

Club Reports/Good of the Game/New Business

-Discussion held about electronic score cards vs hard copy.

-Discussion held about Fall season start dates.

-Discussion held about secondary players.

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Motion to adjourn at 8:34pm

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:
CPYSL Meeting
Wednesday, June 14th, 2023
7:00pm**