

CPYSL Meeting Minutes
September 7th, 2022
7:00pm

Board Members:

John Abe, Tom Bieber, Joe Butera, Jim Conners, 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 7:03pm by Jim Conners

Roll Call/Minutes:

- June meeting minutes approved via email.
- Attendees were asked to sign in at the front office desk.

Reports:

Registrar (Wendy Campbell)

- Team counts for 2022 Cup Qualifying League (CQL) are open and close on October 2nd. This league is needed for those teams that did NOT play in the fall 2022 season and want to participate in cups.
- CQL league fees and field rental are due by October 2nd.
- CQL teams must be entered in GotSport, ready for approval and player fees/insurance are due by October 2nd.
- Fall 2022 CPYSL Registrar handbook is available under the download section of the website. It is full of dates, deadlines, and instructions.
- Once a team roster has been approved in CPYSL, any additional changes require a “coach and player change request form” which can be found in the downloads.
- For player TRANSFERS, player’s RELEASE from their current team must be requested by the releasing club and approved in GotSport by the league’s registrar PRIOR to requesting a player’s TRANSFER. Once the player has been released, the new club can search for the player and add them to the new team. The league needs to approve the player and you will see a “T” on the roster to designate the transfer.
- Be familiar with the CALENDAR posted on the CPYSL website. The 2023 calendar will be posted by December 31, 2022.
- Payment for posted fines/forfeits – CPYSL would like to collect ONE check from each club. The club can collect individual checks from their teams and submit ONE check to the league.
- CPYSL’s SILENT WEEKEND will be held on October 15th & 16th, 2022. Email blast will be sent to all clubs and will be posted on the homepage.

Treasurer (Paul Predmore-not in attendance)

Checking: \$260,011.62

Savings: \$200,199.82

Money Management: \$201,488.91

Outstanding invoices: EPYSA league fees, September payroll, accounting fees

Game Commissioner (Jim Lamb)

-Rescheduled cancelled games or TBA's. Do not wait til the end of the season. Reach out to Jim if you have any issues and copied the league office on the email.

Referee Association (Terry Mull)

-Discussion held regarding referees being ASSIGNED or CONFIRMED. You can see this on the website but can there be a deadline on assigning referees so teams will know if they need to find someone prior to game time.

VP Programs (George Gemberling- not in attendance)

-No Report

VP Girls (Joe Butera)

-Would like to see coaches/club members attend the competition meeting who can make decisions about the teams and divisions. Move up in divisions and do not base decisions on missing one player. Become competitive!

VP Boys (Simon Skudder)

-Too many yellow/red cards for U15. Be careful of the tempers.

-Discussion held about competition level and division names. Be honest and place the teams where they truly belong. Be proactive and look at the stats prior to the competition meeting.

President (Jim Conners)

-EPYSA is looking at consistency across the state, as we already require, coaches are responsible for their sidelines including parents, assistant coaches, players, fans, EPYSA is looking at mandating this policy for the state.

From Chris Branscome: *It's my belief that coaches and referees are partners in the management of any game. Each has certain responsibilities, but the most important is the care and safety of the players. Referees and coaches should consider themselves colleagues within soccer. Ultimately, both positions coexist to foster the game, to teach it, to perpetuate it and to grow it. I strongly urge that pregame meetings include introductions and greetings, and not merely an exchange of money and rosters. Referees and coaches together are the adults managing the experience for the children. Respect for each other, and the game, is of the utmost importance.*

-Questions came up regarding transgender players, EPYSA (and therefore CPYSL) follows USYSA guidelines (Sec. 6 inclusion policy); anyone needing the verbiage please send an email request to me (or Wendy) and we will provide. EPYSA will be visiting the policy to see if there needs to have amendments to better suit EPA players.

-EPYSA & EPSARC are looking at ways to have assignors work together to assign matches in the state, there appears to be communication & overlap that doesn't utilize

available talent as it could.

-Jewelry: “A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous. All items of jewelry (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc.) are forbidden and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewelry is not permitted. The players must be inspected before the start of the match and substitutes before they enter the field of play. If a player is wearing or using unauthorized/dangerous equipment or jewelry, the referee must order the player to remove the item or leave the field of play at the next stoppage if the player is unable or unwilling to comply. A player who refuses to comply or wears the item again must be cautioned.”

-A shared responsibility of the coaches, players, and referees to be sure to remove any such items prior to the game. All clubs should educate their coaches and players on the Laws of the Game. A session for parents is advisable as well. When these matters arise, please be respectful and considerate of each other regarding these matters. Referees should speak to the coach who should talk to their player.

-Club concerns: Referee abuse, this is a topic we seem to visit yearly however since this past spring when higher fines & sanctions were implemented the number has dropped significantly. But we still have work to do, I will ask clubs to chat with their coaches to curb the abuse, open innuendos, and under their breath comments as they are still being heard and with that, we are getting our “new-bees” not wanting to do center referee positions.

-Re-visit an old topic: Running up scores and the mercy rule. Do I really need to talk about this again, this spring we had several more games with this lopsided outcome, so I will reiterate CPYSL DOES NOT COUNT GOALS to determine a bracket winner, the need to run up a score against a weaker opponent is...pointless? Second to have to ask the referee to remove a player to implement the 5-goal mercy rule, (U12 & below, division 2 & below) who is already taxed with enforcing the laws of the game with a common-sense rule that the member clubs voted into place, especially when the coach who oversees his team & subs and can easily pull a player is beyond belief. I will ask again of our member clubs to support these rules. There are many creative ways to keep from having the score get out of hand long before needing to implement the removal of players, let’s work on making all our participants have an enjoyable experience in this game rather than chase them away because they have not reached your level of skill. If you are unsure of ways to keep scores in check, drop me or our Game Commissioner a note, we will gladly send you a list of ways to curb this outcome

-Referee Course: EPSARC held several courses over the past few months, locally Eagle FC, West Schuylkill, Conestoga Valley, York, going back to April; Halifax & Susquehanna; next week there is one in Scotland (Shippensburg). In a related matter, CPYSL will be implementing a referee mentor program to not only encourage new referees but assist them in the knowledge & application of key elements in the game; I have contacted EPSARC to see if they wish to take part of the program or if we will keep in house (no answer as of today). CPYSL recommends all assistant coaches take the course to assure that in the event a referee is not available or no-shows the game can be officiated by someone knowledgeable of the Laws of the Game.

District Commissioner (Phil Frederick)

- Development Referee Program, recommended for 14 years and up, no cost to clubs. Will work with local referee coordinator (train the trainer course) taught at the club location. The referee (student) will receive 90 minutes of field instruction and a referee shirt. Gary Stephenson is the point of contact, office phone (610-238-9988) or cell phone (215-531-4464)
- EPSARC has 4 webinars during the 1st four weeks of the season (fall and spring). Topics are selected from issues reported from EPYSA and referee reports.
- Two new EPSARC chapters have been approved in the Delaware Valley and King of Prussia areas.
- Nominations for male and female referee of the year is open and will close by October 1st. Further information can be found on EPSARC website.

Club Reports/Good of the Game/New Business

- CONGRATULATIONS TO CPYSL'S 2022 SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS. Each year CPYSL will offer two \$500 scholarships, one female & one male, to graduating seniors planning to continue their education through an accredited college, university, business or trade school.

Sara Dintiman (from Middletown Area High School will be attending Duquesne University) has received the CPYSL Sharen Gregg Bolognese Scholarship for a female athlete.

Jaegar James (from Dover Area High School will be attending Shippensburg University) has received the CPYSL President's Award Scholarship for a male athlete.

Motion to adjourn at 8:28pm

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wednesday, November 16th, 2022
7:00pm**