

**CPYSL Meeting Minutes
Via ZOOM Meeting**

**November 17th, 2021
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

Guest:

Chris Branscome

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

Roll Call/Minutes:

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

Guest Speaker (Chris Branscome)

-EPYSA Chief Executive Officer
-Registration is rebounding post Covid but referee shortage is still significant. There must be cooperation and education among teams and referees. This past October has been the worst month in 13 years for referee abuse. There are a lot of repeat offenders.
-Philadelphia World Cup bid: There was a FIFA visit in September which was a great visit and hard for them to say "no" to Philadelphia. Bidding is against Baltimore and Washington but Philadelphia is the only city that had people coming to see them (FIFA).
-EPYSA Annual General Meeting is scheduled for February 27th. 2022

Reports:

Registrar (Wendy Campbell)

-Congratulations to the divisional winners. Patches will be ready soon. Clubs will be contacted when they are ready for pickup. Divisional winners are determined by POINTS only, not GOAL. We will have co-champions when there is a tie in points.

-Score report cards are due by November 30th. They can be mailed or dropped off at the office. There is a \$25 fine for each card that is not turned into the office. There is also a \$25 fine for uncompleted score cards. Front and back of card needs to be completed.

-2021 Fall financials are being processed and will be emailed to the clubs in December.

-Complete a player change request form for any ADDS/RELEASES/SECONDARY/TRANSFERS/COACH changes.

-2022 Spring team counts open on December 6th and close on January 30th.

-U13/14's will play on SATURDAYS in the spring due.

-For 2022, the youngest birthyear to be rostered on a CPYSL team is 2015.

-State Cup and tournament teams may want to consider not playing the spring season in CPYSL. It is difficult for these teams to reschedule games.

-The league office will be closed over the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holidays.

Treasurer (Paul Predmore-not in attendance)

Checking: \$99,884.41

Savings: \$200,031.24

Money Management: \$201,220.28

League fees have been paid to EPYSA, however there are some outstanding balances to clear up. Accountant fees & fourth quarter taxes. Our treasurer has created a profit loss statement for October which is available at the office, anyone wishing a copy please send request to our Executive Admin and CPYSL will provide.

Game Commissioner (Jim Lamb)

There were a lot of Covid rescheduled games and a few rain outs. Overall most games were played.

Referee Association (Terry Mull)

-Thank you to the clubs who scheduled referee courses.

VP Programs (George Gemberling)

-There will be the yearly scholarship applications available. Encourage players to apply. See website for further details under downloads/forms.

VP Girls (Joe Butera)

-For the spring competition meeting, make sure club representatives know the team's abilities. Joe will be making firm decisions in regards to teams in the divisions.

VP Boys (Simon Skudder)

-There were 61 yellow cards and 5 red cards given out on the boys side including several cards given to coaches.

President (Jim Conners)

-CPYSL Fall season has formally ended, CQL is underway with a few normal glitches due to players being involved with their HS teams that went deep in District & State play. We show on the player's side that there have been 114 cautions awarded & 12 send-offs to players, compared to the spring numbers of 106/19.

-However, what we did seem to have happen was quite a few transgressions toward referees and opposing teams during this season. There even became an issue of two League teams that caused a concern at a local tournament, that carried over into a League match, even after a notice was sent to the clubs from myself of the apparent concern and a representative from the League was in attendance, the one club team ignored the concern and not only said inappropriate statements, but they also belittled a seasoned female referee that was specifically chosen to officiate the match. I would like to advise all that when your team plays in CPYSL, you represent your club in League play and your club & our League at tournaments, therefore some repercussions will have a carryover effect.

-I would like to remind our member clubs that it is a privilege not a right to play in CPYSL, teams disrespecting the League and our ideals as noted in our bylaws, constitution, and coach's guidelines will be sanctioned accordingly.

-In the next few weeks there will be changes made to the sanctions on teams, parents & coaches that do not curb their behaviors during matches. Fines will be introduced on cautions to coaches for not controlling their behavior or that of their fans. Referees will still be using the ask, tell, dismiss procedure to said coaches to allow them the chance to get their behavior & that of their parents in order. With this it will be important that teams continue to follow the CPYSL mandate of separating teams with their fans to opposing sides of the field to help coaches control their fan base and to assure referees identify the offending team. CPYSL will also be raising the sanction fee for send off/red card offences toward coaches who put the game in disrepute.

EPYSA has scheduled a League only meeting on December 6th to address these very problems statewide, CPYSL is moving already to outline what the League feels is a just punishment to those who are out of control.

-This problem is not just an EPA concern nor is it just a soccer anomaly, it is happening throughout the US in all sports.

On October 30th, a player's father during a stoppage entered the field of play after a referee decision and tackled the AR to the ground in Northern California.

Criminal charges are pending...people these are life altering incidents that changes

everything about a youth soccer game, I do not think I can emphasize enough that this behavior trend must stop.

<https://www.kcra.com/article/roseville-referee-parent-youth-soccer-game/38277303>

Fans are coaches concern, not the referee!

- League has a zero tolerance for disrespectful behavior
- If the fans/coach are no longer providing positive comments to their players
- If the fans/coach are directing comments toward the match officials
- If the fans/coach are engaged in commentary with the opposing fans/coach
- The referees will be instructed to warn, caution, or send-off the coach and enter in the remarks section the reason and the events that occurred leading up to & after the dismissal

-Referees could pass over a first warning and go directly to caution or dismiss. Any sexist, racist, or derogatory remarks directed toward a referee will be dealt with a send off to the coach.

-Referee Course: We had quite a few of our member clubs step up (some twice) to hold referee courses at their venues....Dillsburg, Eagle FC, Dallastown FC, Iron Valley, Barrens Soccer, Lampeter Strasburg, Keystone FC

-I will be instructing a referee course this weekend in Bloomsburg with a couple of local attendees traveling there to take the course. Over 100 new referees in the central PA area alone, this is a great start...let's keep the momentum going into the spring and throughout next year. I will also offer to train your in-house rec referees, as a State referee instructor, I will gladly come to your venue to instruct your referees in the Laws of the Game geared toward that level, with the ulterior motive they stick with the program, like the game so much they eventually become USSF referees.

-GotSoccer Points-We are currently reviewing the GotSoccer points and the value to our member clubs/teams

If you have thought on this program, we will entertain discussions now.
Emails to scheduler@cpysl.net

There were several hundred game changes because of this allowance. Some due to Covid, Some due to weather, venue & coach conflicts, & A few games were never scheduled at all

As I discussed prior to the season, we did not fine or add fees to this program we left this as a test to see how the participants would embrace and work with the league to make this a low impact program, this didn't really happen, moving forward, if we keep the points system, we will have to add to our league fees to

cover the expenses of game changes, referee changes, and maintaining two distinct sites of information.

District Commissioner (Phil Frederick)

- Chris Branscome at EPYSA had a good report
- EPYSA AGM will be in February.

Election of Officers for 2022

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

Position and current holder (2 year term)

- President: Jim Conners
- VP of Programs: George Gemberling
- Treasurer” Paul Predmore

Board of Directors (1 year term)

- John Abe (Referee)
- Tom Bieber (Referee)
- Ron Kaczmarek (Locomotive)
- Christina Loss (Eagle FC)
- Kellas Wechsler (Hawrock)

Club Reports/Good of the Game

- None to report

Motion to adjourn at 7:55pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

**CPYSL Annual General Meeting
(attendance is mandatory)
Wednesday, January 5th, 2021
7:00pm**