

CPYSL Meeting Minutes
November 15th, 2023
7:00pm

Board Members:

John Abe, Tom Bieber, 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

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

Roll Call/Minutes:

- September meeting minutes approved via email.
- Attendees were asked to sign in at the front office desk and reminded at the end of the meeting. Handout provided with Spring 2024 Important Dates & Deadlines.

Reports:

Registrar (Wendy Campbell)

- Congratulations to all Fall 2023 division Champions & Co-Champions! Champions' patches are in Club cubbies, ready for pickup. Champions are determined by points earned from wins, ties, and losses: 3 win, 1 tie, 0 loss. Goal differential not used to determine division champions. Top teams with equal points in a division are determined co-champions
- CPYSL score report cards are due in the office by November 30. Club Registrar or Representative should be collecting ALL cards to turn at office in one packet. Send via USPS or place in DROP-OFF bin on CPYSL porch, NO EMAILS
- Spring 2024 Team Counts will open December 4 and FINAL Team Counts are due by January 28, 2024.
- U13 & U14 play Saturdays in the Spring
- Youngest eligible player in CPYSL in 2024 must have a 2017 birth year.
- Spring 2024 Important Dates & Deadlines are posted on the CPYSL Calendar.
- Reminder, CPYSL's team approval process remains unchanged. Completed forms and payment are due in the office PRIOR TO the approval of any team.
- The office is working on the end of season financials, hope to have them ready to distribute in early December.
- Office closed for Thanksgiving week Mon., November 20 through Tue., November 28

Scheduler: (Karen Crawford):

- Only the referee or club administrator can CLOSE a field due to weather or other conditions. Coaches can not decide this on their own and not show up for the scheduled game. There continues to be coaches making this decision on their own, referees show up at the field venues with no game to be played. Teams will be charged referee fees for this.

-Please double check score cards for completeness. There is an example of an acceptable score card under the download section of the website.

-Remind coaches to provide two copies of their current roster/lineup to the referees. Games lacking a roster/lineup will result in a fine.

Treasurer (Paul Predmore-not in attendance)

Checking: \$154,897.60

Savings: \$200,442.46

Money management: \$202,792.06

Total: \$558,132.12

Outstanding invoices: EPYSA CQL league fees, Nov payroll, acct fees, referee fees.

Game Commissioner (Jim Lamb)

-For the spring season, please make sure all TBA's/games needing to be rescheduled are done so in a timely manner. Do not wait til the end of the season.

Referee Association (Terry Mull)

-No Report

VP Programs (George Gemberling)

-CPYSL would like to update the league website. Please email thoughts/information to George about website ideas.

VP Girls (John Abe)

-Congratulations to all the teams for finishing the season despite all the "weather" weekends.

-Divisions were competitive for the most part.

VP Boys (Simon Skudder)

-Congratulations to all the teams for finishing the season and the champions of each division.

President (Jim Conners)

-Hoping to state that red cards to coaches would be down this fall, unfortunately that is not the case. With the fines & sanctions raised CPYSL was looking for a reduction as the word out would be a financial hit to the wallet when these acts occur, that message has not gained traction. CPYSL will review the fines/sanctions to see if there is a more effective way to show we are serious about these concerns.

-In a related matter, we have had an increase in racist and other derogatory remarks by players & coaches directed at opponents, this too will stop, and we will be adding fines & sanctions to address these incidents. Many times, these are discreetly done out of earshot of the referee, the League will do its due diligence when we receive these reports and therefore act on these incidents using statements by player and witnesses to the event to sanction and hopefully curb this behavior. Any incidents of this nature will also be reported to EPYSA for their review and likely further sanctions.

-CQL: CPYSL does not own fields, we are at the mercy of clubs that are able to loan & rent us their fields when we hold the Cup Qualifier Program. Due to this constraint, there

will be many times when clubs will have a date conflict and may not be able to enter a team due to participant availability. Look at the team and feasibility prior to the October close date, if you will be unable to participate due to this concern, please look into other sources for your team to qualify for Cup play so your team can be best prepared for the competition. I will note that the roster submitted to us does not have to be the final roster for Cups We hold the roster freeze date until prior to Cup starting so these can be amended to include available talent, the state is looking at the team designation as the reference.

-There will be a League only meeting on December 7th, discussion to center on all Leagues coming together with policies, procedures, sanctions.

-EPSYSA says there are changes coming after January 1st to the ITC program (International Transfer Clearance). Details will be provided once we have them.

-Changes coming for State Cup, there will be seeding at all levels, and for Challenge Cup –travel will be a consideration among other factors.

-EPYSA would like to see all clubs look at joining with the Soccer Parenting Association and The Sideline Project in a multi-year partnership agreement that is aimed at guiding and increasing parent engagement. Parents will have access to The Sideline Project and Successful Soccer Parenting Courses. Clubs affiliated with Eastern PA Youth Soccer will be able to join the Soccer Parenting Association and provide membership benefits to their coaches and parents. At the Soccer Parent Resource Center parents will find courses, videos, monthly live webinars, articles and interviews with tips, advice, guidance, and support – all to help you make sure their child feels inspired by their soccer experience. Gary Stephenson is leading the program, and I have been advised that some of our clubs were the first to join, so we are off to a great start. There will be a link in our November minutes or just go to EYSA.org, under programs, bottom right, soccer parenting.

<https://www.epysa.org/soccer-parenting-association/>

-Referee Course: Two referee courses on the local calendar to finish out the year, one just completed at Hershey and one this weekend here at the office co-sponsored by Keystone FC.

-Rosters on game day: The League is still getting notified by referees that coaches are showing up to matches without the required team rosters and asking the referee if they can text or email a copy...ABSOLUTELY NOT! Just looking at the criteria for SafeSport, do you really want your coaches to contact minors directly? The idea of even thinking this is appropriate is beyond belief, please go back to your club and emphasize why this is not good practice.

District Commissioner (Phil Frederick-not in attendance)

-No report

Election of Officers for 2023

-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 Connors
- VP of Programs: George Gemberling
- Treasurer” Paul Predmore

Board of Directors (1 year term)

- John Abe (Referee)
- Tom Bieber (Referee)
- Ron Kaczmarek (Referee).....has declined to run again.
- Christina Loss (Eagles FC)
- Chris Magness (Susquehanna Soccer)

Club Reports/Good of the Game/New Business

- Union Soccer Club will be hosting an Indoor Futsal Tournament on 02/03/2023 to 02/04/2023. See website for details.
- Bob Lilley was named as the 2023 USL Championship Coach of the Year.

Motion to adjourn at 7:28pm

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:
CPYSL Meeting
Annual General Meeting
(attendance of a representative for clubs playing in CPYSL is
mandatory)
Wednesday, January 10th, 2024
7:00pm**