

**CPYSL Meeting Minutes**  
**September 4th, 2024**  
**7:00pm**

**Board Members:**

John Abe, Tom Bieber, Joe Butera, Jim Conners, Karen Crawford, George Gemberling, Mel James, 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:**

- June meeting minutes were sent to the board for review.
- Attendees were asked to sign in at the front office desk and reminded at the end of the meeting.

**Reports:**

**Registrar (Wendy Campbell)**

- Team Counts for 2024 Cup Qualifying League are OPEN, will CLOSE September 29
- Cup Qualifying League fees, field rental along with EPYSA team, insurance, and player fees are due in office by September 29. On Club page, click on purple circle by 'Registration Form': and submit a copy of the pre-populated 2024 Fall EPYSA PLAYER, TEAM AND CPYSL LEAGUE FEES form with your payment.
- Player CHANGES – Once a team playing in CPYSL has been APPROVED, CPYSL requires a completed COACH & PLAYER CHANGE REQUEST FORM for any requested changes.
- For Player TRANSFERS – Player must first be released from their current team by the League Registrar of the league in which their team plays. Once the player's release is complete, the new club can search for the player, add them to the club and assign them to the new team. Once the player is approved on the new roster, you will see a " T " to designate the transfer.
- Please familiarize yourself with the Calendar posted on the CPYSL website – all 2024 dates and deadlines are on the calendar. 2025 Calendar will be posted by November 30, 2024.
- CPYSL's SILENT WEEKEND – October 19 & 20, 2024

**Scheduler (Karen Crawford)**

- Game change approvals should be completed within 24 hours of the second team agreeing to the request of the first team. There may be a delay if I need to reach out for a time change/field conflict.
- Please make sure all game changes are requested at least 7-10 days prior to the original date. This helps when scheduling referees to work the games. Please schedule the TBA's asap.

- Please review all coach/manager/board members of your clubs for appropriate phone/email conflicts. All contacts must have a valid phone number in order to have opposing teams/referees/office to make contact.
- Please review all venues/field numbers to make sure that games are matching up to the same venues/field numbers posted under your club. This is very important when there is a venue needing to be closed due to inclement weather. Reminder that only club administrators (president/registrar) can close their venues.
- Remind coaches/managers to enter all game scores within 48 hours of their game.
- Please have all coaches/board members log onto the website and make sure their 3 security questions have been created.

**Treasurer (Paul Predmore-not in attendance)**

Checking: \$287,255.64

Savings: \$2.20

Money management: \$154,453.38

15-month Certificate: \$308,920.47

VISA Platinum: -\$1,308.20

Total Assets: \$720,632

Outstanding invoices: Fall EPYSA league fees (\$136,598.00), July payroll, acct fees

**Game Commissioner (Jim Lamb)**

-Please schedule all TBA's as soon as possible. It is better to schedule them earlier in case of future cancellations.

**Referee Association (Terry Mull)**

-No Report

**VP Programs (George Gemberling-not in attendance)**

-No Report

**VP Girls (John Abe-not in attendance, sent notes to Jim Conners)**

-Since the season has just gotten underway, not too much to report, although John wants to reinforce that just like our players are learning the game, our young/new referees are doing the same, lets show & have some patience as they learn their craft. We have all started somewhere and if we don't show them patience & respect, they will not stay long enough to get better. Referees are not perfect and even though some may be assigned a game above their comfort level & ability, no one deserves to be verbally abused, and certainly never physically assaulted. Try a simple "Nice game ref, thank you" would be appreciated.

**VP Boys (Simon Skudder)**

-It is the responsibility of the clubs to be checking the results and competition level from the competition meeting. Changes will not be accepted after the start of the season/schedule is released.

## **President (Jim Conners)**

-CPYSL concerns: There seems to be quite a few issues with our Competition Placement this season, as always with your help we try to do our best to put teams in a bracket best suited for their abilities, however there are always those couple teams that slip thru the cracks. A better portion of these could be addressed shortly after the Comp Meeting by clubs insisting that their coaches take a look at the seeding of the teams prior to the League generating a schedule that is an enormous task to revise after the fact. Let's work together in the future to accomplish this task.

-Fall Season: I am optimistic that our Fall '24 season will be one of our best, I have noted we have more teams & players participating in the time that I have served as President and am pretty sure it goes back a lot further than my immediate predecessor's terms. In response to you, I thank you for bringing your teams to our League & trusting us to create the best opportunities for your children to play soccer in south central PA.

-Referee Course: Recently Susquehanna SC hosted a referee course (thank you) & in November there is one scheduled by the Hershey SC (appreciated). I am hopeful other clubs will look into hosting a course also, email me for information & assistance or log on to EPSARC under new referees for the requirements.

-EPYSA: Recently EPYSA posted a communication to all Leagues & Clubs outlining their stand on sideline behavior & conduct during a match. If you did not receive a copy either log onto EPYSA.org or send me an email, I will gladly respond with a copy. In a nutshell, EPYSA is realizing what we have noted for several years, that spectator & technical area behavior has gotten to the point where something must be done. CPYSL has implemented a fine structure to run consecutively with our point system to punish those who do not abide in a sporting behavior. EPYSA has noted the referee has control over the match, and that coaches are to control their team & sideline (Spectators). EPYSA has addressed the issue of who is responsible for sideline behavior in this communication, stating the coach is to intervene & resolve any sideline behavior concerns before the match is to resume. When a sanction occurs during a match, CPYSL is bound by agreement to not only enforce our sportsmanship policies but also send the report on to EPYSA for their action. This could be as simple as agreeing with our punishment, or aggrandizing the severity to send a message of not tolerating the behavior exhibited.

-Coaches: As previously stated, referees are not perfect, but the League wants to help them get better, so if you have a concern about a referee & their performance, first contact your club, they need to be aware of the concerns and in turn the club should bring the concern to our attention. The League works hand in hand with the assignor(s) to identify those that may not be getting it right, we will earmark that referee for a mentor to go to their future game(s) and coach them and help them in their new avocation. This in turn helps your teams & the League become an educational platform for players, coaches, & our referees.

-Website: Recently after seeing multiple attacks, CPYSL asked our webmaster to implement additional security measures, yes, I know they can be a burden for the honest person. Unfortunately, there are too many less than honorable people who have had a hand in trying to obtain details about our members, so to protect all, the login procedure was changed to help validate any & all who wanted access that they were indeed virtuous in their efforts. To those who have not ventured in this direction, make sure your identity includes the address associated with your account as you will be asked an additional question of supplying the zip code for authentication. My apologies for this, but

protecting you comes at a small cost. Our webmaster has also added security that no foreign countries are able to access the site only continental US addresses would be able to enter.

Start of Fall 2025 Season: discussion held about pros/cons of starting the fall season before/after Labor Day. It was agreed that the fall season would begin one week before the Labor Day weekend. For fall 2025, this would be August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**District Commissioner (Phil Frederick-not in attendance)**

**Club Reports/Good of the Game/New Business**

FC Dallastown asked about the availability of have a D-license coaching course. Information will be provided and sent to clubs.

Motion to adjourn at 7:55pm.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:  
CPYSL Meeting  
Wednesday, November 13th, 2024  
7:00pm**