

**CPYSL Meeting Minutes  
Via ZOOM Meeting**

**June 16th, 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

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Jim Conners

**Roll Call/Minutes:**

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

**Reports:**

**Registrar (Wendy Campbell)**

-2021 spring report cards are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>, please do not email and please remove the cards from the plastic sleeves. Failure to submit and incomplete score cards will result in a \$25 fine per card.  
-2021 spring divisional winners have been determined and patches are ready for pick up. If you are not a local club, please send an email to the office requesting the patches to be mailed. Include the address of where you would like the patches to be sent.  
-Divisional winners are determined by wins-losses-ties, NOT the scores.  
-Spring invoices have been emailed to the clubs. Please contact the office if you have questions regarding any fees.  
-2021 fall team counts are currently open and due by June 28<sup>th</sup> at midnight.  
-U13/14 teams will play on Sundays in the fall.  
-Youngest birth year of a player to be accepted in the CPYSL league will be 2014.  
-Fall competition meeting will be held via ZOOM on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Girls will be at 7pm and boys will be at 8pm. Encourage club reps who know each of the teams to attend the meeting to give their input.  
-Fall league fees are due on July 9<sup>th</sup> along with invoices/fees for any team that will play in August tournaments. All other teams' invoices/fees are due August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Registrar handbook has been updated for the fall. Important dates and invoices have been included.
- Updated club files need to be completed. We are still missing 14 clubs updated code of conduct/bylaw. Email sent to the remaining clubs.
- Calendar posted with all dates/deadlines. Please refer to this before emailing the office.
- Wendy will be on vacation from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

Checking: \$48,215.84

Savings: \$400,959.74

- No outstanding invoices on record.

### **Game Commissioner (Jim Lamb)**

- Nothing to report

### **Referee Association (Terry Mull)**

- Referee coverage will be extremely short. Courses are needed to be held.

### **VP Programs (George Gemberling)**

- 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.

**-CONGRATULATIONS TO CPYSL'S 2021 SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS!!**

Lelia Webb - CPYSL Sharen Gregg Bolognese Scholarship for a female athlete.

Ryland Zimmerman - CPYSL President's Award Scholarship for a male athlete.

### **VP Girls (Joe Butera-not in attendance)**

- Joe is not in attendance but sent some notes.
- Spring season we noted an anomaly of sorts, for the first time the girl's side had several players sent off for violent conduct, and then there were the parents who involved themselves into the fray making things worse. CPYSL has a zero tolerance for these behaviors, take the actions seriously and hand out sanctions accordingly.

### **VP Boys (Simon Skudder)**

- One game not played in the spring for the boys.
- Simon recommends if there are 7 games in the spring that teams should play each other once. It does get difficult when teams play a team more than once. It can be unbalanced.

## **President (Jim Conners)**

From EPYSA – COVID-19 Response: All coaches, spectators, referees, players should wear masks at all times. The only time when players or referees do not have to wear masks during participation is if they meet an exception in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Order requiring Universal Face Coverings. Section 3 of the Order provides an exception that allows an individual to remove their mask if wearing a face covering would either cause a medical condition, or exacerbate an existing one, including respiratory issues that impede breathing, a mental health condition or a disability. Proof of meeting the exception is not required. For fully vaccinated individual's, masks should be worn in public places which includes soccer activities.

This was a mandatory rule in place by the Commonwealth of PA & the CDC, we had to abide by this determination. This was not some policy we instituted on our own just to upset teams, parents, coaches, and others, if we wanted to play in EPYSA this was the policy. I received hate emails & calls from parent telling me that the vaccine cured the virus and couldn't I understand that instead of trying to harm the health of our players! I will note that the CDC states the biggest carrier of the virus today is children under 15 and the CDC is looking at the test data to try to pave the way from them to be vaccinated safely & quickly to assure their health...doesn't sound to me that these players are safe yet without masks. As a side, I am going to the President's Cup regionals in WV this weekend, and they are making all unvaccinated wear masks.

Summer League: This was tabled after it was brought to our attention that one of the local clubs was hosting a similar event, therefore rather than step on someone else's thunder we will review and see if there is a need in the future to explore again.

Club concerns: Chambersburg YSA is having a difficult time right now and they are going through a few growing pains as their board recently resigned and are working to move forward, the League has offered to assist in their needs during the transition until they can reestablish their board.

Re-visit an old topic: Apparently my March message did not get to the coaches - 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, 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 a note, I will send you a list of possibilities.

Referee Course: EPSARC held several courses over the past few months, closest venues were Susquehanna Twp & Dillsburg in April...looking for more interested in hosting to alleviate our referee shortage, contact me directly for info on hosting the 1 day, 4-hour field session.

GotSoccer Points: The GotSoccer points will be implemented this fall for all division 1 & Premier teams to add to their portfolios. I received the contract today (11:am) and have sent to the executive board members for review.

### **District Commissioner (Phil Frederick)**

- Philadelphia 2026 World Cup is still being addressed.
- Several local teams made it to the USYS National League Finals
- EPSARC is trying to recruit coaches to be referees.

### **Club Reports/Good of the Game**

- Trish Thomas from CYSA said they had a board meeting last evening and elected 9 new board members.

Motion to adjourn at 7:38pm.

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

**Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
7:00pm**