

RDYSL Presidents' Working Meeting Minutes
Sunday, September 26, 2010
7:00-9:00 pm

Monroe Community College-Empire Room

Board Attendees: Mary Arter, Lou Boyon, Peppy Ehrlich, George Hebert, Jacky VanDellon, Mark VanDellon, Janet Wright

Club Attendees: Bloomfield, Byron-Bergen S.C., Churchville S.C., Cobras F.C., Empire United Soccer Academy, Gates Youth S.L., Genesee Valley B.B.S.C., Greece Buccaneers S.C., Honeoye Falls Blaze S.C., Penfield Rangers S.C., Penfield Strikers S.C., Stormers S.C., Victor/Farmington united S.C., Webster S.A.

Called to Order: 7:00 pm

1. Team Sportsmanship Awards

- 323 gold awards
- 151 silver awards
- 21 bronze award
- 26 teams did not qualify for any award
- Genesee Valley Bronze Bears – Every team qualified for an award
- Individual notices will be sent to teams

2. Rule Changes

- U15 and U16 change to a 3 referee system for the 2012 season. Try it next season.

A. Issues Discussed

- Will this be a cost issue for clubs?
- Are there enough refs for this?
- Budget issue for some teams
- Some may have 15 year old ARs'
- League cannot fund third ref unless registration fee goes up.
- Possibly test with Boys Div I/Girls Div I
- There would be 42 total games (7 teams * 6 home games) each Div I (Boys only)
- \$360 additional cost for each team to implement sideline refs

B. Preview of rule changes agreed on by the board

- U11-U12 minimum roster size will be 9 players instead of 7 to register
- U13-U19 minimum roster size will be 11 players instead of 7 to register

C. Call up rule expanded for next year

- 15 year old on a U15 team can be called up to U16, U17, U19
- Eliminate requirement of a signature official on the call up form

- D. Only gender VPs can approve a game not being played.
- E. Ineligible player- eliminate the 3 point deduction (Still get a forfeit but no 3 point deduction)
- F. Water Breaks: Clock will stop a maximum of 3 minutes. This will be included in the DCs' briefing. It would work better if players were allowed to leave the field.
- G. Sanctions above the minimum fine are appealable.
- H. Fans on the same side of the field
- If we raise the fee will it have any impact – overall response = No
 - Ref has to enforce this rule
3. Silent Soccer (Something we should try?)
- Only players and refs are allowed to speak
 - Coaches – sit and can talk to the substitutes on the sidelines
 - Parents – clap but cannot talk or yell out during the game
 - This could help reduce spectator, coaches' fines.
 - Started around 2006 and already in place in Michigan and Virginia
 - Possibly try it right after July 4th for two days (Tues. /Wed.)
 - Good to teach players, coaches, parents
 - This might be a good way to teach players coping mechanisms of how to deal with the noise
 - Look for more information forthcoming on the website.
4. Club Improvement Activities (Should we keep doing Model/Leadership Award?)
- Yes- continue next year
 - Very good- it allows coaches/Presidents to compare
 - Good to have out there as it sets a standard for play
 - Gave us an opportunity to be constructive with teams (good constructive communication tool)
 - Should we take the data we have and establish a probation program?
 - Zero Tolerance and Awards Program are helping.
 - Should we kick out teams that are repeat offenders?
 - Do you want to see the data on the website? Purpose is for improvement not punishment. Mark has been working on a club login. Information could be placed there but hidden behind a log-in so that not everyone can see it.
5. RDYSL sponsored “best practices”/ Q & A night for club officers?
- Open up to coaches as well as club presidents
 - Possibly run one hour before the AGM meeting in Nov?
 - Email questions in
 - Have Club Field Coordinators and Registrars attend

- What's the best solution for the kids?
- What subjects can we cover at the coaches' meeting to make it more informative?
- Run a free clinic with high profile coach to come in prior to AGM
- Ref discussion is good as are rule changes
- Other parts of this meeting are repetitive

6. Other Topics Discussed

- A. It was suggested that players U8-U12 must play with their natural age group. No- This would be a disadvantage for smaller clubs. This should be club policy and not RDYSL.
- B. Expansion of the league within a Geographic Footprint. There is a limited talent pool and limited field availability. It is understood that there are loopholes and the board will relook at this rule.
- C. Game Fee Changes – Possibility of a “Get out of Jail Free Card” for game change \$85 fee?
- D. Thruway League- U14 Boys have a 3 ref system. Official fees are up.

REMINDER: RDYSL Annual General Meeting is November 21, 7:00 PM
Monroe Community College- Empire Room (Park in Lot M)

- State of the League
- Election of Officers

Meeting adjourned: 9:05PM

Respectfully submitted,

-jw

Silent Soccer

Presented: September 26, 2010

Mark VanDellon

Examples

- Imagine you're undertaking a fairly difficult task
 - Assembling a piece of furniture with instructions in a foreign language
 - Filling out IRS Form 4562 on April 14
 - Standing on the highest rungs of a ladder painting the crown molding in your living room with 14-foot ceilings.
- Think it would help if someone yelled at you during the process? Of course not.

Examples 2

- Player receives ball in offensive end of field just outside the top of the box
- From their sideline you hear
 - Shoot
 - Pass (work it around)
 - Dribble or take them (defender) on
- From the opponents sideline you hear
 - Pressure or challenge
 - Channel
 - Double the player
- Of course then we have those just yelling whatever

What is Silent Soccer

- Only the players and referees will be allowed to say anything out loud during the silent soccer game
- Coaches are asked to sit in a chair and are allowed to chat with their substitute players on the sidelines
- Parents are only allowed to clap to acknowledge good play

Why do Silent Soccer

- Give players some latitude so they can discover how to play the game without direction
- Give the game back to the kids
- The shouting is detrimental to the children's development as soccer players and at worst can turn them off to the sport entirely
- Put things into perspective for spectators who thought they weren't being that loud
- Help reduce spectator and coach fines

Background of Silent Soccer

- Lots of information on websites
- Earliest reference found was 2002
- ESPN article
- Looked at states around New York
 - New York
 - Pennsylvania
 - Michigan
 - Virginia
 - Others

Past Experiences

- Takes some getting used to
- Kids loved it
- Best game ever
- Coaches found players were are to try things done in practice
- There will always be a few that feel you are taking their “right to yell” away

One Implementation Proposal

- Pick Tuesday and Wednesday second week in July. Barring rescheduled games this gets all but BU15-16 and GU17-19.
- **U8-U10** games observe silent sidelines for 2nd half
- **U11-U19** games will use the silent sideline guidelines for the whole game
- Lollipops
- Newspaper article

Next Steps

- Get club input
- Take information back to next RDYSL meeting