

**RDYSL AGM minutes**  
**Sunday, November 20, 2011**  
**7:00-9:00 pm**

**MCC – Empire Room**

Board Attendees: Mary Arter, Neil Fisher, George Hebert, Jacky VanDellon, Mark VanDellon, Beth Guzzetta, Brad Schreiber, Karen May, Brian Charles, Janet Wright

Called to Order: 7:00 pm

1. *Roll call of member clubs:*

**Present** – Brockport S.C., Byron-Bergen S.C., Central Western United S.C., Chili S.C., Churchville S.C., Cobras F.C., Empire United Soccer Academy, Gates Youth S.L., Genesee Lancers S.C., Genesee Valley B.B.S.C., Greece Buccaneers S.C., Greece Eclipse S.C., Hilton-Parma S.C., Honeoye Falls Blaze S.C., Irondequoit S.C., Kendall Crossfires S.C., Mt. Morris S.C., Penfield Rangers S.C., Penfield Strikers S.C., Pittsford Hawks S.C., Pittsford Mustangs S.C., River Flow, Rush Henrietta S.C., Stormers S.C., Victor S.C., Wayne Wings S.C., Webster S.A.

**Absent**- Bloomfield S.C., Canandaigua Area S.L., Holley S.C., Livonia S.C.

2. *Introduction and comments from our guests:*

**Roger Best, from NYSW:** State Cup is at Cortland again this year. NYSW is accepting grant proposals again this year (go to NYSW web-site for grant application). NYSW has put separate money aside for grants for the Southern tier clubs that lost everything in the floods.

**Rich Randall and Soccer Sam:** They represented the new Rochester Lancers. Wanted all to be aware that all players 12 and under would be free entry to the games as long as they were accompanied by an adult (ratio 3 players per one adult). They will be happy to help out in any way to give back to soccer. Feel free to contact them.

3. *Mary presented her President's report:*

**RDYSL: President's Report—State of the League 2011**

- For the 2011 season, RDYSL had 552 teams from 34 member clubs (increase of 31 teams from 2010). Those teams were composed of approximately 9000 players and played approximately 3300 games. For the 2012 season, no new clubs have joined RDYSL.
- 25 clubs had teams that finished in first place in their divisions, and 29 clubs had teams that finished in second place in their divisions. Only two clubs had no first- or second-place teams.
- 68% of all teams qualified for the Gold Team Sportsmanship Award (up from 62% in 2010), 24% for Silver (down from 29% in 2009), and 3% for Bronze. Only 5% (30 teams) did not qualify for any award.

- RDYSL strives to make all games competitive, with games decided by 2 or fewer goals. Nearly two-thirds of our games (65.4%) met that criterion (up from last year—61.6%). The most competitive divisions, with 85% or more decided by <= 2 goals, were U-13 boys div. 1 and 2, and U-15G div. 2 and 4. Less than 1% (11 games) were decided by more than 5 goals .
- RDYSL assessed just over \$22,000 in fines and fees, slightly less than the 2010 season. The average cost per team was \$37 in fines and fees, a decrease of \$7 from 2010 and slightly more than 2009. The top 80% of fines and fees were for: (same categories as last year, in different order)
  - a. In-season reschedule fees--\$4560 (12% decrease)
  - b. Coach/staff ejections--\$1200 (60% decrease)
  - c. Player red cards--\$2700 (7% decrease)
  - d. Forfeit fines--\$2770 (6% increase)
  - e. Spectator ejections--\$2015 (10% increase)
  - f. Coach/staff minor offenses--\$1075 (12% decrease)
  - g. Spectator minor offenses--\$925 (10% increase)
  - h. Teams not represented at DC meetings--\$300 (57% decrease)
- The Appeals Committee dealt with zero appeals.
- RDYSL continued our three-pronged behavior improvement program in 2011 (third year).
  - a. Zero Tolerance: This is intended to set clear expectations for player and adult behavior and provide negative consequences where necessary.
  - b. Team Sportsmanship Awards: This is intended to recognize appropriate player behavior.
  - c. Model/Leadership Club Awards: This is intended to recognize appropriate adult and player behavior and good club management.

Program seems to be effective, based on decreases in player fines and adult behavior fines compared to 2008 (last year before programs). Coach/staff fines have decreased significantly, but spectator fines have increased. Coaches need to keep their spectators under control as well as themselves.
- Nearly 450 individuals officiated at RDYSL games in 2011, of which 320 officiated at 6 or more games (much more than last year). Two of the referees that were identified as needing improvement after the 2010 season did not work in RDYSL in 2011. All the others showed improvement (based on evaluation scores). We will continue to work with the referee unit to identify areas for improvement. Also, we cooperated with the referee unit on a mentoring program for new referees. For the first time, we tracked failures of referees to follow our procedures (game report problems, failure to check passes, etc.). As agreed before the season, the referee unit will be billed for these and we will work with the unit on improvement plans.
- League income was \$48,166.81 against a budget of \$45,350. Player registration fees accounted for 42% of income, general fines for 30%, and game change fees for 8.5%. This is a favorable development, for player registration fees to account for a greater percentage of income, rather than fines. Expenses were \$51,986.00, with the largest (29%) being for T-shirts. From this, you can see that RDYSL ran at a loss of almost \$4000. This loss was covered by our reserve fund.
- We had two significant rescheduling incidents this season: extreme wet weather in the spring and cancellation of a day of games in July due to extreme heat. Both

presented challenges for getting all the games in. RDYSL covered \$1600 in game change fees from the referee unit. Consistent with our rules, these fees were not charged to the clubs.

- RDYSL awarded \$1000 college scholarships (\$250 per year) to Michael Bernard of Greece Odyssey Academy and Greece Eclipse SC and Morgan Wehrle of Greece Olympia HS and Spencerport, Greece Cobras, and Greece Eclipse SC. Congratulations to these deserving student-athletes.
- Finally, thanks to all the RDYSL board members.

4. *Proposal to create a new VP position for non-competitive age groups (U8, U9, U10).* The League has grown over the past ten years, from approximately 250 teams to 530 teams, and looking to divide work load across volunteers. Motion to create a VP position for non-competitive age groups (U8, U9, U10) –Tim Mahoney (Gates Youth S.C.) 2<sup>nd</sup> –Frank Pettinaro (Spencerport S.C.)

5. *Elections of 2011-2012 officers:*

a. Mary read the slate of officers for the 2012 season:

**President:** Mary Arter,

**1<sup>st</sup> VP Boys U11-U19 Coordinator:** Neil Fisher

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Girls U11-U19 Coordinator:** Beth Guzzetta

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP Website Matters:** Mark VanDellon

**4<sup>th</sup> VP Referee and Discipline Concerns:** George Hebert

**5<sup>th</sup> VP U8-U10 Coordinator:** Karen May

**Secretary:** Janet Wright

**Treasurer:** Lou Boyon

b. Motion to elect to slate of officers: Sam DiSalvo (Genesee Lancers S.C.) 2<sup>nd</sup>  
– Beth VanVliet (Genesee Valley B.B. S.C.) Vote passed.

6. *Announcement of Sportsmanship and Model and Leadership Club Award winners:*

Model Club Award: Bloomfield S.C., Central Western United S.C., Genesee Lancers S.C., Genesee Valley B.B.S.C., Penfield Strikers S.C.

Leadership Award: River Flow

7. New Business from the board

- 2012 Budget –Mary presented the budget. Handouts were given.
- Rule changes for 2012–released to the clubs by the end of November. Reminder clubs have 30 days to comment to the board on these changes.
- Mark VanDellon discussed the impact of online game reporting for the referee unit. It is going to be different and effect all teams that play in RDYSL. The information teams bring to the field will be in a slightly different format and there will be no envelopes for the ref. It was emphasized how important it is to have a coach or manager at the meeting in March as the online game reporting will be discussed in detail.

- Division Coordinators- There are still two DC positions available: Girls U15-16 and Girls U17-19. All presidents were asked to go back to their clubs and discuss the possibilities of finding a volunteer for those positions.

8. New business from the members

- A request to change the number of games in the U19 age group from 10 back to 12. The board will look into this for next season.

Adjourned: 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
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