

RDYSL AGM minutes
Sunday, November 24, 2013
7:00-9:00 pm

MCC – Empire Room

Board Attendees: Mary Arter, George Hebert, Jacky VanDellon, Mark VanDellon, Beth Guzzetta, Lou Boyon, Marc Dall, Bret Dangelmeier, Chris Brower, Brad Schreiber, Brian Charles, Chris Brower, Janet Wright

Called to Order: 7:00 pm

Roll call of member clubs: (Present) –Batavia S.C., Brockport S.C., Byron-Bergen S.C., Canandaigua Area S.L., Chili S.C., Churchville S.C., Fairport S.C., Gananda Bandits S.C., Gates Youth S.L., Genesee Lancers S.C., Genesee United S.C., Hilton-Parma S.C., Holley S.C., Honeoye Falls Blaze S.C., Irondequoit S.C., Kendall Crossfires S.C., Livonia S.C., Mt Morris S.C., Penfield Rangers S.C., Penfield Strikers S.C., Pittsford Hawks S.C., Pittsford Mustangs S.C., River Flow, Spencerport S.C., Stormers S.C., Victor S.C., Wayne Wings S.C., Webster S.A. (Absent)- Bloomfield S.C., Central Western United S.C., Cobras F.C., Empire United Soccer Academy, Genesee Valley B.B.S.C., Rush Henrietta S.C., Scottsville Athletic Association

Introduction and comments from our guests – Roger Best from NYSWest was in attendance.

Mary presented her President's report – *State of the League 2013*

Rochester District Youth Soccer League President's Report—State of the League 2013

1. For the 2013 season, RDYSL had 538 teams from 35 member clubs (decrease of 10 teams from 2011). Those teams were composed of approximately 8000 players and played approximately 3200 games. For the 2014 season, we welcome two new clubs, Batavia Soccer Club and Greece United Futbol Club, to RDYSL. At the same time, we say a sad goodbye to Greece Soccer Club Eclipse and Greece Buccaneers SC, which have combined to form GUFC.
2. 28 clubs had teams that finished in first place in their divisions, and 25 clubs had teams that finished in second place in their divisions. Five clubs had no first- or second-place teams.
3. RDYSL strives to make all games competitive, with games decided by 2 or fewer goals. Not quite two-thirds of our games (64%) in U-11 through U-19 met that criterion (a slight improvement from last year). There were nine highly competitive divisions, with 80% or more decided by ≤ 2 goals: boys U14-1, U15-2, and U17-1; and girls U12-2, U13-2, U13-4, U14-1, U15-1, and U16-1. Slightly less than 8% of games were decided by more than 5 goals—about the same as last year.

4. RDYSL assessed almost \$20,000 in fines and fees, \$5000 **less** than the 2012 season. The average cost per team was slightly more than \$35 in fines and fees, a decrease of \$11 (24%) from 2012. The top 80% of fines and fees were for:
 - a. In-season reschedule fees--\$4080 (20% decrease)
 - b. Player red cards--\$2650 (33% decrease)
 - c. Forfeit fines--\$2400 (38% decrease)
 - d. Spectator ejections--\$1650 (26% decrease)
 - e. Coach/staff minor offenses--\$1175 (7% increase)
 - f. Poor field conditions--\$1010 (**did not appear on last year's top list**)
 - g. Coach/staff ejections--\$1000 (65% decrease)
 - h. Teams not represented at meetings--\$900 (6 teams not at DC meeting, 3 clubs not at AGM)
 - i. Team withdrawals --\$875 (3 teams) (**did not appear on last year's top list**)
 - j. Spectator minor offenses--\$825 (23% decrease)
5. The Appeals Committee received three appeals.
6. RDYSL continued our behavior improvement program in 2013 (fifth year).
 - a. Zero Tolerance: This is intended to set clear expectations for player and adult behavior and provide negative consequences where necessary.
 - b. Model/Leadership Club Awards: This is intended to recognize appropriate adult and player behavior and good club management.
 - c. Club warning and probation process: This was the second year this was in our rules. The intent is to provide consequences for clubs that do not take action to reduce their rates of adult misconduct.
 - d. George Hebert will announce the winners of the Model and Leadership club awards and will comment on the status of the club warning and probation process.
7. George Hebert will report on the referees who officiated at RDYSL games.
8. This was the second season for RDYSL's Online Game Reporting System.
9. League income was \$53,717.76. Player registration fees accounted for 37.5% of income, general fines for 40%, and player fines for 7.6% and game change fees for 8.5%. Expenses were \$53,359.45. 24% of expenses were for T-shirts and bag tags, almost 26% were for our mentor, awards, and scholarship programs, and 28% were for professional services. From this, you can see that RDYSL ran about \$358 favorable (not counting investment interest). We brought in an additional \$1700 in interest. Detailed P&L and balance sheet are available at the door. An independent review of the league's finances showed no areas of concern.
10. RDYSL awarded \$1000 college scholarships to David Siciliano of Hilton HS and Hilton Heat SC and Elizabeth Maffett of Spencerport HS and Spencerport SC. Congratulations to these deserving student-athletes.
11. Finally, thanks to all the RDYSL board members.

Elections of 2013-2014 officers:

- a. Mary read the slate of officers for the 2014 season: President: Mary Arter, 1st VP Boys U11-U19 Coordinator: Neil Fisher, 2nd VP Girls U11-U19 Coordinator: Beth Guzzetta, 3rd VP Website Matters: Mark VanDellon, 4th VP Referee and Discipline Concerns: George Hebert, Secretary: Janet Wright, Treasurer: Lou Boyon

- b. Motion to elect to slate of officers: Fernando Garcia (Penfield Strikers.) 2nd – Shaun Welch (Wayne Wings). Vote passed.

Announcement of Model and Leadership Club Award winners:

Model Club Award: Wayne Wings

Leadership Award: Fairport S.C. Genesee Valley B.B.S.C.

New business from the board

- 2014 Budget –Mary presented the budget. Handouts were given.
- Rules changes for 2014-released by the end of November. Remember you have 30 days to comment to the board.
- 2014 Registrars- new online this year. See website for registrar assigned to your club.
- 2014 Division Coordinators. See website for updates.
- Same day game change process was discussed. See website for update

Adjourned: 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
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