

## **RDYSL AGM minutes**

**Sunday, November 17, 2012**

**7:00-9:00 pm**

**MCC – Empire Room**

Board Attendees: Mary Arter, George Hebert, Jacky VanDellon, Mark VanDellon, Beth Guzzetta, Lou Boyon, Sue Santini, Peppy Erlich, Howie DeLooze, Marc Dall, Bret Dangelmeier, Chris Brower, Janet Wright

Called to Order: 7:00 pm

1. *Roll call of member clubs:* (Present) – Bloomfield S.C., Brockport S.C., Byron-Bergen S.C., Canandaigua Area S.L. Central Western United S.C., Chili S.C., Churchville S.C., Cobras F.C., Empire United Soccer Academy, Gananda Bandits S.C., Gates Youth S.L., Genesee Lancers S.C., Greece Buccaneers S.C., Greece Eclipse S.C., Hilton-Parma S.C., Holley S.C., Honeoye Falls Blaze S.C., Irondequoit S.C., Kendall Crossfires S.C., Livonia S.C., Penfield Rangers S.C., Penfield Strikers S.C., Pittsford Hawks S.C., Pittsford Mustangs S.C., River Flow, Rush Henrietta S.C., Scottsville Athletic Association, Spencerport S.C., Stormers S.C., Victor S.C., Wayne Wings S.C., Webster S.A. (Absent)- Fairport S.C., GVBB S.C., Mt Morris S.C.
2. *Introduction and comments from our guests* – Kirk Regruit, from NYSWest requested more representation from the clubs at their AGM. A quorum was not reached due to lack of attendance (only 39 clubs were present/ 46 were needed).
3. *Mary presented her President's report – State of the League 2012*

### **Rochester District Youth Soccer League President's Report—State of the League 2012**

- For the 2012 season, RDYSL had 548 teams from 34 member clubs (decrease of 4 teams from 2011). Those teams were composed of approximately 8000 players and played approximately 3200 games. For the 2013 season, we welcome one new club, Gananda Bandits SC, to RDYSL.
- 27 clubs had teams that finished in first place in their divisions, and 26 clubs had teams that finished in second place in their divisions. Only one club had no first- or second-place teams.
- RDYSL strives to make all games competitive, with games decided by 2 or fewer goals. Not quite two-thirds of our games (62.7%) in U-11 through U-19 met that criterion (down from last year—65.4%). The most competitive divisions, with 80% or more decided by  $\leq 2$  goals, were U-13 girls div. 1, U-14G div. 1 and 3, U-15G div. 4 and U-16G div. 1. Over 8% were decided by more than 5 goals—an eightfold increase from last year.
- RDYSL assessed over \$26,000 in fines and fees, \$4000 more than the 2011 season. The average cost per team was \$46 in fines and fees, an increase of \$9 (24%) from 2011. The top 80% of fines and fees were for: (same categories as last year, in different order)
  - a. In-season reschedule fees--\$5040 (10% decrease)

- b. Coach/staff ejections--\$2650 (more than 2X)
- c. Player red cards--\$4000 (50% increase)
- d. Forfeit fines--\$3900 (41% increase)
- e. Spectator ejections--\$2224 (10% increase)
- f. Coach/staff minor offenses--\$1100 (2% increase)
- g. Spectator minor offenses--\$1075 (16% increase)
- h. Teams not represented at DC meetings--\$0 (great improvement)
- The Appeals Committee dealt with two appeals.
- RDYSL continued our behavior improvement program in 2012 (fourth 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: discontinued for the 2012 season based on member feedback.
  - c. Model/Leadership Club Awards: This is intended to recognize appropriate adult and player behavior and good club management.
  - d. Club warning and probation process: This was the first 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.
  - e. 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.
- George Hebert will report on the referees who officiated at RDYSL games.
- This was the first season for RDYSL's Online Game Reporting System. As with anything new, there were some growing pains, but we feel the system is a success.
- League income was \$52,735.76. Player registration fees accounted for 40% of income, general fines for 30%, player fines for 11% and game change fees for 8%. Expenses were \$56,605.10, with the largest (25.5%) being for T-shirts and patches. From this, you can see that RDYSL ran about \$2500 unfavorable, which was covered by our reserve fund. Detailed P&L and balance sheet are available at the door. We are paying for an independent review of the league's finances, which will be completed by the end of the year.
- We had one significant rescheduling incident this season: cancellation of a day of games in July due to extreme heat. RDYSL covered the 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 Jeremy Cheehan of Pittsford Mendon HS and Pittsford Mustangs SC and Abby Williams of Pittsford Mendon HS and Pittsford Mustangs SC. Congratulations to these deserving student-athletes.
- Finally, thanks to all the RDYSL board members.

4. *Elections of 2012-2013 officers:*

- a. Mary read the slate of officers for the 2013 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, Secretary: Janet Wright, Treasurer: Lou Boyon
- b. Motion to elect to slate of officers: Sam Woons (Gates Youth S.L.) 2<sup>nd</sup> – Peppy Erlich (DC U11/12 Boys). Vote passed.

5. *Announcement of Model and Leadership Club Award winners:*  
Model Club Award: Canandaigua S.C.\*, Genesee Valley B.B.S.C.\*, Penfield Strikers S.C., Stormers S.C.\*  
Leadership Award: Fairport S.C. \*, Wayne Wings \*  
(\* must still prove 501(c)3 status to be eligible for payment.
6. *Club Warning, Game Feedback and Referee Reports:*
- Six clubs will be placed on official warning. Criteria-sum of adult ejections plus minor offenses is 3 times the “allowable minor offenses” for a club. In 2011 there were 4 ejections/43 minor offenses. In 2012 there were 31 ejections/71 minor offenses.
  - The league conducted about 3,300 games. 3,036 GFRs on 1,957 games = 59%. 185 officials had 6 or more games with GFRs submitted. There were a total of 418 officials that had reports submitted. Reports can be submitted by anyone. Scores are affected by a wide range of things. Overall average evaluation was 4.146. (2011 average was 4.087). The overall average evaluation for referees with 6 or more games was 4.274. The analysis was conducted on any referee with 6 or more games with GFRs. 43 lowest scoring referees were “evaluated”. For 22 of these referees there was no problem found. There were 21 referees that were identified to require some form of remediation.
7. *New Business from the board*
- 2013 Budget –Mary presented the budget. Handouts were given.
  - Rules changes for 2013-released by the end of November. Remember you have 30 days to comment to the board.
  - 2013 Division Coordinators. See website for updates.
8. *Team Registration guidelines*  
Mark presented the team registration process as there was a noticed correlation between explanation and the requested division to the final placement. It is the most important thing each team will do for the season. Some of the items discussed included:
- Help teams put the correct information on the form to eliminate confusion (i.e. training-Take time to prepare your team registration input before starting the form. Read the instructions on the input form.)
  - To increase the opportunity to get the desired division (Get specific explanations that support your division request.) Reduce the number of unhappy coaches and teams that did not get their requested division (Do not wait until last minute and hurry input). If in doubt, start a dialog with your division coordinator during the registration period.)
  - Handouts were given.
  - There will be a link to the club login from RDYSL.com from the Presidents’ page soon.

9. New business from the members- Call up rule: US Youth Soccer rule is different than RDYSL rule.

Adjourned: 9:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
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