

RDYSL AGM minutes
Sunday, November 23, 2014
7:00-9:00 pm

MCC – Empire Room

Board Attendees: Mary Arter, George Hebert, Jacky VanDellon, Mark VanDellon, Beth Guzzetta, Bret Dangelmeier, Sue Gurak, Janet Wright

Called to Order: 7:10 pm

Roll call of member clubs: (Present) –Batavia S.C., Bloomfield S.C., Brockport S.C., Byron-Bergen S.C., Canandaigua Area S.L., Chili S.C., Churchville S.C., Cobras F.C., Empire United Soccer Academy, Fairport S.C, Gananda Bandits S.C., Genesee Lancers S.C., Greece United F.C., Hilton-Parma S.C., Holley 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, Rochester Futbol Club, Rush Henrietta S.C., Scottsville Athletic Association, Spencerport S.C., Stormers S.C., Victor S.C., Webster S.A. (Absent)- Central Western United S.C., Gates Youth S.L., Genesee Valley B.B.S.C., Livonia S.C., Wayne Wings S.C.

Introduction and comments from our guests – Roger Best from NYSWest was in attendance as well as Chris Pacilio, Recreational Soccer Director. 101 Coaching course is free to any club interested. Schedule with NYSWest (Chris Pacilio) free of charge. They will come to you for this introductory course. New level of coaching this year is the 100 Series. (102, 103, 104) There is a fee of \$250 for each of these courses and can be scheduled through NYSWest. They will come to you to for this course. Additionally, Region 1 Championship League schedule will be complete by January 1. Lastly, it was suggested by NYSWest to consider using Ref Pay for the 2015 season.

Mary presented her President's report – State of the League 2014

Rochester District Youth Soccer League President's Report—State of the League 2014

- For the 2014 season, RDYSL had 535 teams from 35 member clubs (decrease of 3 teams from 2013). Those teams were composed of approximately 8000 players and played approximately 3200 games. For the 2015 season, we welcome one new club, Rochester Futbol Club, to RDYSL.
- 25 clubs had teams that finished in first place in their divisions, and 28 clubs had teams that finished in second place in their divisions. Three clubs had no first- or second-place teams.
- RDYSL strives to make all games competitive, with games decided by 2 or fewer goals. Less than two-thirds of our games (60%) in U-11 through U-19 met that criterion (a decline from last year's 64%). There were four highly competitive divisions, with 80% or

more decided by ≤ 2 goals: boys U14-3 and U16-2, and girls U13-1 and U16-2. Slightly more than 8% of games were decided by more than 5 goals—about the same as last year.

- RDYSL assessed close to \$20,000 in fines and fees, about the same as the 2013 season. The average cost per team was slightly more than \$35 in fines and fees, essentially no change from 2013. The top 80% of fines and fees were for:
 - a. In-season reschedule fees--\$4895 (20% increase)
 - b. Player red cards--\$1850 (30% decrease—50% decrease in two years)
 - c. Forfeit fines--\$2850 (19% increase)
 - d. Spectator ejections--\$1000 (40% decrease)
 - e. Coach/staff minor offenses--\$1350 (15% increase)
 - f. Poor field conditions--\$830 (18% decrease)
 - g. Coach/staff ejections--\$1200 (20% increase)
 - h. Teams not represented at meetings--\$2350 (6 teams not at DC meeting, 7 clubs not at AGM—in spite of increase in fine amount)
 - i. Spectator minor offenses--\$625 (24% decrease)
- The Appeals Committee received zero appeals.
- RDYSL continued our behavior improvement program in 2014 (sixth 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 third 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. 2012 – 6 clubs received warning letters. 2013- 4 clubs returned to good standing, 1 club received first time warning letter, 1 club ceased to exist, 2 clubs received warning letters. Observation- MOST adult issues with younger teams. 2014- Program suspended for 1 year by RDYSL Board. 40% of adult minor misconduct or ejection NOT assessed to clubs (67/101 assessed). Too great a variation in the criteria to support these actions.
- George Hebert reported on the referees who officiated at RDYSL games. There was a large increase submitted by parent/other. 515 officials had reports submitted. Overall average evaluation was 4.284 (statistically insignificant change). Overall average evaluation for refs with 6 or more games was 4.300. 39 lowest scoring referees were evaluated and actions being taken. Several poorly performing officials from 2013 did NOT referee in 2014.
- This was the third season for RDYSL's Online Game Reporting System.
- League income was \$45,816.37. Player registration fees accounted for 45% of income, general fines for 28% (down from 40% in 2013), player fines for 4% (down from 7.6% in 2013) and game change fees for 9%. Expenses were \$45,176.11. 34.5% of expenses were for T-shirts and patches, 13% were for our awards and scholarship programs, and 22% were for professional services (registrars and web). From this, you can see that RDYSL ran about \$640 favorable (not counting investment interest). We brought in an additional \$1362 in interest. Detailed P&L and balance sheet are available at the door.

- RDYSL awarded \$1000 college scholarships to Cobie Beach of Pittsford Sutherland HS and Pittsford Mustangs SC and Brianna Antinoro of Spencerport HS and Spencerport SC. Congratulations to these deserving student-athletes.
- Finally, thanks to all the RDYSL board members.

Elections of 2014-2015 officers:

- a. Mary read the slate of officers for the 2015 season: President: George Hebert, 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: TBD, Secretary: Janet Wright, Treasurer: Lou Boyon
- b. Motion to elect to slate of officers: Motion to accept by Dave Iacometna Jr., Spencerport S.C., 2nd Victor Van Vliet, Genesee Valley B.B.S.C. Vote passed unanimously.

George Hebert made some suggestions to the club Presidents to get involved in the team registration by giving RDYSL more information for placement of teams in divisions. U8 is no longer a separate age group. If you have a team that is asking to play up this year it requires a club President's endorsement. NYWest has current course offerings online. There is a T Shirt design contest this year for Champions and Finalists open to any young person between the ages of 8-19 may submit a design to RDYSL Jacky VanDellon 515 Sherborne Road, Webster, NY 14580 by March 1, 2015.

Announcement of Model and Leadership Club Award winners:

Model Club Award: Byron-Bergen S.C., River Flow

Leadership Award: One club qualified on metrics but their end of season bill was not paid on time--ineligible

New business from the board

- 2015 Budget –Mary presented the budget. Handouts were given.
- Rules changes for 2015-released by the end of November. Remember you have 30 days to comment to the board.
- 2015 Registrars- new online this year. See website for registrar assigned to your club.
- 2015 Division Coordinators. See website for updates.
- Same day game change process was discussed. See website for update
- Possible elimination of fines resulted in the following comments by members: Don't punish team for one person. Suggestion that improvement be charted throughout the season and if there is improvement then eliminate fine at the end of the season. Fines for misconduct work— if you take them away we may see more young refs decrease. Clubs do not understand why they are being hit with fines that are out of the club's control. It is unfair to be fined for lines due to weather as well as long grass with a wet spring. A reminder that field related fines can be discussed with your DC. It was suggested to keep the fines for red cards

and big fines for bad behavior. Some presidents like to see what's going on within their club. The overall response was to not eliminate fines for the season.

New business from the members--none

Motion to adjourn by Karen Drabik, Penfield Rangers, S.C., 2nd Dave Veltre, Churchville S.C. Meeting adjourned: 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,
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