

Minutes for Rochester District Youth Soccer League Board Meeting

September 10, 2017 6:00-8:00 PM – JCC Conference Room

Notified absences: S. Gurak, P. Urban, B Schreiber, B. McGrain

Attendees: P. Ehrlich, M. Dall, G. White, J. Rothwell, J. Prospero, S. Hart, T. O’Neil, E. Muoio, K. May, J. VanDellon, M. VanDellon, M. Mallaber, B. Guzzetta, B. Dangelmeier, DJ Maggio, J. Wright

1. Reviewed board membership for 2018
 - a. New members – Paul Stirrup, Shawn Hart, Jeff Rothwell, John Prospero
 - b. Not returning
 - i. Brad Schreiber – tentative replacement Tom O’Neil
 - ii. Beth Guzzetta – tentative replacement Mike Mallaber
 - iii. Brandon McGrain
 - iv. Peppy Ehrlich – will step down from a DC but remain as emeritus board member
 - v. Paul Walters
 - c. When asked no other board members are leaving
2. Proposed future meeting dates – select dates for January – May 2018
 - Jan 14 (mandatory DC training for division formation)
 - Feb 25 (last Sunday of School February Recess)
 - March 18
 - Apr 15
 - May 6 (mandatory DC training for season operations)

M. Dall cannot make proposed date January 14 and Tom O’Neil cannot make proposed date February 25. Mark VanDellon to check dates against calendar and school vacations. Will follow up with email and perhaps modified dates.
3. DCs need to send any residual coach staff risk management/player passes with ongoing suspensions to send to Janet Wright, 3 Lake Lacombe Drive, Pittsford 14534. DC must indicate the remaining suspension. Janet to distribute to appropriate RDYSL registrar.
4. The league has one new club - Caledonia. The league has not received their performance bond. The club has been contacted and reminded.
5. Post season business process review of Presidents Meeting Items and Rules Review (see spreadsheet) Includes identification of September President’s Meeting Topics.
 - a. Field size wording to be modified to include “consistent with the dimensions and markings appropriate for that age group”.
 - b. Should we add a rule on bad field directions
 - i. Difficult to define “bad”. One person’s bad is another person’s ok.
 - ii. Most directions were done by webmaster and not supplied by clubs.
 - iii. There are links with the directions for Google and MapQuest.
 - iv. George to remind clubs to check the directions at Presidents Meeting and AGM.
 - v. Result: no action

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- c. Confirmed that number of secondary players will be three for all ages. Clubs were told this at the 2017 Presidents Meeting and AGM and had no objections.
- d. Some wording needs to be adjusted on callup rule to clarify
 - i. The number of secondary players is applied to the game day roster and not the team roster.
 - ii. How callup players are applied during a game forfeit.
- e. The game length cannot be shortened or modified by the coach other than for the current reasons in the rules.
- f. Referees are not completing the game report correctly and causing bogus duplicate jersey numbers. DJ to make sure refs complete form correctly and webmaster to add new question to game report – “Was there a duplicate jersey number that was not fixed before the start of the game”.
- g. To be consistent with USYSL guidelines will reword substitute rule to allow unlimited subs for U9-U12.
- h. Return pre-game procedure to require two game day rosters to be delivered to referee.
- i. Referee training needed make sure coaches can challenge an opponent’s identity.
- j. After a discussion to reinstate a fine for non-LOPC red cards the action was no change.
- k. Had a lengthy discussion on score blowouts. There were four strategies:
 - i. Stop game when score difference is greater than 7.
 - ii. Do nothing
 - iii. If score reaches a predetermined minimum require the head coach to attend a specila training session on how to control blowouts.
 - iv. Coach who wins by a large margin is deemed to have abused children and NYSWYSA will confiscate coaching pass.

Because this past season was the first year of the calendar year birthdates it was agreed to get more data from a second year. George to convey at Presidents Meeting and AGM,

- l. Had an increase in negative spectator conduct. Discussed a few proposals and in the end agreed to double each team misconduct event. For example the first event would be the standard, second event 2x first event, the third event 2x second event (or 4x standard), etc.
6. Topics for September 25 Presidents Meeting were discussed
- a. Review of 2016 season
 - b. Rochester Rhinos new ideas to support RDYSL and clubs
 - c. Discussion of planned 2017 changes
 - i. League agrees to support referee mentor program and contribute funds.
 - ii. Discussion on RDYSL website and how dependent everyone is on it. Agreed to pay for some of work, Amount to be determined.
 - iii. Player registration fees will be \$3.00 for 2018 season and \$3.50 for 2019.

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- iv. Discussion on RDYSL subsidizing new smaller sized goals: no conclusion reached
 - v. League needs to promote coaching classes.
 - vi. League needs to advertise more about the college scholarships.
 - vii. Reemphasize coaches technical area and mark with cones or pennies.
 - viii. Look at adjusting game days to better support the use of callups.
 - ix. Make it clear on Game Feedback Report that when a coach checks to not have the referee again is a rating and not a request. There is no guarantee to not have referee again. Will change wording to make this clear on report.
 - x. In addition major rule changes will be presented.
- d. US Soccer youth initiatives
 - i. 2017 season age matrix changes
 - ii. 2018 season rules changes
 - e. Requests to Club Presidents
 - f. Q&A
 - g. AGM Overview
 - h.
7. Referee/assignor update
- a. Game Feedback Reports – under evaluation, expect review at October meeting
8. Rules were reviewed, discussed, and updated for the remainder of the meeting in preparation for the Presidents' meeting scheduled for September 25.
9. Because we finished all topics there is no need for the next meeting. Webmaster to cancel on website calendar.

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm Respectfully submitted, jw