

# Rochester District Youth Soccer League Board Meeting – Agenda

November 11, 2018 6:00-8:00 PM – JCC Conference Room

Notified absences: Marc Dall, Susan Gurak, Brad Schreiber, Paul Stirrup

Attendees: Kathleen Buckley, Sean Doherty, Shawn Hart, George Hebert, Bill Heist, DJ Maggio, Mike Mallaber, Mike Miron, Tom O’Neil, John Prospero, Jeff Rothwell, Peter Urban, Jacky VanDellon, Mark VanDellon

1. Three new Division Coordinators were introduced: Kathleen Buckley has reffed RDYSL for 17 years, been a soccer mom, and works with the ref unit for high school games, Mike Miron from Avon has played soccer in both high school and college, coached in college, has been an assistant varsity coach, coached in youth soccer, and started the Avon Soccer Club which includes kindergarten through 11<sup>th</sup> grade, Bill Heist has coached and assistant coached through Rush Henrietta Soccer Club, refs for RYDSL and works with the ref unit for high school games.
2. Mike Mallaber and John Prospero displayed the DC placement for 2019. A switch was made due to a conflict in interest and a new DC assignment will be published in December’s minutes.
3. Tom O’Neil and George Hebert made the announcement to all that Mark VanDellon received NYSWYSA Volunteer of the Year. Mark has been with RDYSL for 20 years and created the software that not only runs the website, created electronic game reports for both the ref and the DC, loads schedules, works with the ref unit and works to improve the software every year. RDYSL is purchasing up to 8 tickets to NYSWYSA Awards Gala, Saturday November 17, 5:30 cash bar, 7-9 dinner and awards. Board members interested should touch base with George within the next couple of days. The dinner is at the Rochester Italian-American Community Center, 150 Frank DiMino Way, Rochester, NY.
4. Model-Leadership and Club probation:
  - One of the clubs suggested to modify Model-Leadership award criteria by weighting minor and major infractions differently. A discussion was had and many stated that all the behaviors were adult misbehaviors which should not be tolerated. The minor infractions were still breaches of unwanted behavior by adults. The number of infractions allowed is weighted by the number of teams you have in the league. No action taken on this item. We will look into making the criteria for Model Leadership more visible on the website, action item Jacky VanDellon. Model Leadership awards will be handed out at the RDYSL AGM.
  - All clubs have been notified if they have met the probation criteria.
5. George Hebert brought to everyone’s attention when a club dips below 4 teams do our rules call for them to be excluded from the league. Research will be done on how the bylaws and our rules read.
6. Referee Game Feedback reports:

Approximately 2800 game feedback reports were received versus 2200 in 2017. DJ Maggio and George have sorted and worked through these. Ref’s with 5 or more reports from separate games were analyzed in detail. 27 refs were evaluated in detail. 4 refs names will be

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forwarded to Rochester Ref Unit for enhanced training. 5 refs were suspended from RDYSL in 2018. Batavia ref unit has dissolved. A portion of the refs will come to RRU and the others will go to the Buffalo unit.

7. The League has discussed mandatory training for refs in our league. We understand that the first year may have less refs available for our games. The board understands in the long run this is designed to give all new refs a better base and make them more successful as a ref. The board agreed to mandate two courses and work with the ref unit.
8. AGM Review – Tom O’Neil
  - Tom showed the board what will be covered at the AGM on November 18<sup>th</sup>.
9. Field size compliance for age groups will be a focus for 2019. The League will try to get out in front of it prior to the season starting. Tom states that he will be contacting the clubs with known field issues.
10. RDYSL recommends all club coaches have licenses but this is a club issue.
11. A discussion of Zero Tolerance will be taken up at the AGM.
12. Approximately 4<sup>th</sup> year of funding for the ref mentor program for the RRU unit. Mentors are there for the ref not to effect the game and we need to make sure that is understood by the clubs/coaches.
13. There will be an adjustment to the rules regarding for Forfeits: For U9-U10 if a game was completed and game was then forfeited it will be a \$75 dollar fine.
14. Mark VanDellon is adding a popup bubble on the DC panel for lopsided scores: After polling the DC’s the popup will activate when a U9-U10 game is over 8 goals difference and a U11-U19 game will activate when a game is over 6 goals difference.
15. Participation awards for U9-U10 will be chaired by John Prospero; previous history we have had zipper pulls, luggage tags, pins, patches.
16. Mark and Jacky VanDellon will send out teaching slides for January meeting after December’s meeting for the DC’s to view. Any DC that feels they will need more instruction in certain areas will be instructed to touch base with Mark VanDellon.
17. March 10<sup>th</sup> for the coaches meeting. Girls teams will go first. No training sessions in between meetings. Mark will redo time schedule for the meetings.
18. Sue Gurak has distributed the redone ByLaws please review. George explained those will be up for approval at an AGM in the future.