

Rochester District Youth Soccer League Board Meeting – Agenda

August 29, 2019 6:00-8:00 PM – JCC Conference Room

Attendees: Kathleen Buckley (Division Coordinator), Sue Gurak (Treasurer), Shawn Hart (Division Coordinator), DJ Maggio (Ref VP), Tom O’Neil (President), John Prospero (Boys VP/Division Coordinator), Jacky VanDellon (Secretary), Mark VanDellon (Web VP), Peter Urban (Division Coordinator/Girls VP)

1. Board membership

- a. The Board is need of a number of DC’s. Looking to recruit anywhere from a minimum of 2 to 4 people. Tom O’Neil will send an email to all presidents. Depending on response, we will determine if an email will be sent to all teams from 2019. RDYSL will make a plea at the Presidents meeting for interested individuals. The board members have agreed to talk to all.
- b. Peter Urban has been asked to fill the Girls VP vacancy until elections at the RDYSL AGM in November, as Mike Mallaber stepped down.

2. Season overview

President (T.O’Neil): Appreciated everyone’s hard work due to an extraordinarily tough seasons. Stressed his learning curve as the new RDYSL president and working to make sure he does not over extend himself. He is working to better communication.

Boys VP (J.Prospiero): The season went relatively well with the DC’s doing a good job considering the weather causing cancelations and the large number of reschedules that had to occur. Due to the changes some of our processes were not followed as DC’s were just working so darn hard to get the games rescheduled. He felt we need to work on the Zero Tolerance Policy.

Ref VP (DJ Maggio): Everyone worked hard. He felt the younger age groups were a bit physical and they would work with the young refs taking control. Certain coaches trash the refs regardless and this gets discouraging to all. We need more adult refs. He is recruiting in the adult leagues, and scholarship letters sent to applicants encouraged them to get involved in reffing.

DC (K. Buckley): Chaotic beginning due to weather. She, being a ref herself,, was concerned about game reports that were not indicative of what happened in a game. She voiced concern over refs not getting back to her in a timely fashion when extra info was needed on a game.

DC (S. Hart): Complimented John Prospero as being a great communicator. He had the typical red cards, a fight, two forfeits, pulled up players too young for callus, 25 rain outs, 15 site changes and 4 in-season game changes. Busy year. Shawn was concerned at the technical area RDYSL has defined and how it is enforced. He also felt the Zero Tolerance Policy needs to be talked and discussed.

DC (P.Urban): Peter has been the girls U9-U10 coordinator for 4 years. He said it was pretty standard from other years other than the start of the season being so rainy and the number of field issues he encountered with correct sizes for the younger age bracket.

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Secretary (J.VanDellon): Assignor fees were doubled from previous years with the rainy start of the season. As the person who administers the shirt awards, she was distressed to have to chase down 20 teams which delayed the second printing of the shirts by 7 days. She referred to information that had been sent out regarding the 34 forfeits in 2019. 7 of those with illegal callups. Mark is working on a tool for the teams so they can input information and get whether this player is a legal callup.

Web VP (M.VanDellon): Extend his appreciation for all the hard work the DCs did with game reschedules. DCs did a much better job this season with getting the in-season fine checks mailed to Sue; he states reminders in the code helped. Mark stated RDYSL needs more criteria in making the decision, after team registration is complete, on whether to keep the U18 age group as a standalone group or combine them with the U19s. Numerous field issues in 2019 unrelated the weather ... wrong size, wrong field markings, wrong goals. RDYSL need to follow our own rules and immediately take these fields off line. Problems with assignors not following procedures and accepting input directly from clubs and teams; we need to be proactive with assignors to end this. Two minor issue DCs made: (1) not taking a game out of suspend while attempting to score the game; (2) game forfeits. Both have been addressed for 2020 season with adjustments in the software and additional tools for the DC's for forfeits.

3. New Club Applications

Albion Youth Soccer Club has applied to be part of the league. We discussed the number of teams and genders. Tom will contact the club.

4. Future meeting dates – Finalizing with MCC on their dates. JCC is scheduled and the board will be working on transferring some of the meetings to virtual meetings.

5. RDYSL Scholarship winners for 2019

<i>Recipient:</i> Jack B	Sarah D
<i>Town:</i> Webster	Pittsford
<i>School:</i> Webster Thomas HS	Pittsford Sutherland HS
<i>Team:</i> Lakefront Soccer Club	Pittsford Mustangs
<i>College:</i> St John Fisher	SUNY Geneseo

6. Referee/assignor update

Reviewing both contracts as the ref's contract expires 12/31/2019 and the assignors expires 12/31/2020. The mentoring program had a rocky season as the number of refs to cover games was inadequate at times and they were called off mentoring assignments to ref. We are working with RRU on reporting related to our funding of mentor program.

Game Feedback Reports have just been compiled and under evaluation. Tom O'Neil, John Prospero and DJ Maggio all read every game feedback report and have reacted if necessary to any during the season.

7. Presidents meeting

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RDYSL would like to work on getting the Presidents meeting back to more of a directed round table discussion. Communication on any new rules and any price increases should be shared at the meeting but discussion/stats regarding the 2019 will be at the AGM.

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