

# **RDYSL Club Presidents Meeting Sunday**

September 22, 2019

Board Members Present: Tom O'Neil (RDYSL president), Jacky VanDellon (Secretary), Mark VanDellon (Web VP), Jerry White (Division Coordinator), Marc Dall (Division Coordinator), Ed Muoio (Division Coordinator)

Clubs Present: Batavia SC, Brockport SC, Caledonia SC, Churchville SC, Cobras FC, Fairport SC, Full Circle SC, Gananda SC, Gates Youth SC, Genesee Lancers, Genesee Valley Bronze Bears SC, Greece United FC, Hilton Parma SC, Irondequoit SC, LeRoy SC, Penfield Strikers, Penfield Rangers, Pittsford Mustangs SC, Riverflow SC, Rush-Henrietta SC

Summation: 19 Presidents, 1 Vice-President, 1 Club Board Member

The RDYSL president, Tom O'Neil, introduced himself, board members present, NYSW members (Roger Best and Alex Brame), and RRU representative, Gary Levine. Tom stated he wanted the presidents meeting to have more of the original intent, changes in rules, updated information for the new soccer year and round table discussions.

Two new clubs will enter the league for 2020: Albion Youth Soccer club and Rhinos Elite

Alex Brame, Executive Director of NYSW, relayed information to the attendees. He stated he hoped the data issues from Demosphere were corrected; 2020 will be the second year of the revamped software. The Risk Management software will have the ability for clubs to see where their club applicants are in the process. A question was asked from the floor as to how complete are the background checks. Alex stated if someone has no past documented history of violations then 'we can't catch what is not documented', but explained the system checks court documents, where you have lived for the past five years, and then moves on to larger items. All were reminded, see something say something and make sure all your coaches are aware of how to work around children. They are also hopeful the clubs will have the ability to print your own, approved Risk Management cards by Christmas. Concerns were raised on multiple printings of a RM card for a coach. Alex emphasized 'one card to one coach'. As Executive Director, Alex wanted to congratulate the area on 20,000 registered players, a rise in players when the population in our area is dipping. He reemphasized the CLI is there for insurance of place and player insurance (secondary insurance if prior insured) is available once registered with NYSW; during season NYSW receives 3-4 claims a week.

Gary Levine, representative and 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president of the Rochester Ref Unit, stated every year approximately 200 new refs are certified. The RRU loses 50% of these new refs in first year and 50% the second year. When the new refs go to the U9-U10 games, they are working on their craft but coaches have to point out the errors and this abuse causes them to walk away. Even seasoned refs have different styles of calling a game and work a game differently; toleration and understanding by the adults is important. Gary requested your clubs send out a plea to all ages for new refs. RDYSL works with the ref

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unit and helps to finance the mentoring program (\$3500). The Ref 101 classes are in addition to certification, and this is one of ways the monies are spent. Gary would like to know about indoor scrimmages (please give him notice a week prior to scrimmage), and he will get a crew of new refs with mentors to train more in depth at the scrimmages. New refs who go to these scrimmages are more likely to be prepared for ref assignments when they go outdoors. Gary explained there are more big FIFA rule changes for this coming year than has happened in a while, such as drop ball is no longer between two opposing players, goal kicks don't have to leave the 18 yard box, issuing yellow cards to coaching staff..... imperative for all clubs, coaches and players to be current on these changes. The following link is has been located by the RDYSL secretary and may help (<http://www.askasoccerreferee.com/2020-law-changes/>). Gary will get RDYSL a link that we can send to all presidents and in turn coaches after registration is complete.

The WebVP, Mark VanDellon, spoke concerning the Model and Leadership awards which relates to the calculations of clubs being on probation. The Model and Leadership awards were created to reward good behavior (monetary award) as too many times RDYSL has attempted to control behavior by being punitive. 2009 the Awards program was started with probation program starting in 2010. The probation program was approved by the clubs with its primary objective to monitor adult behavior. For the coming year of 2020, all presidents will have the ability to look at their metric for these awards and to understand what plays into them being knocked out of the running for award money. A question was asked from the floor to counting of multiple offenses at a game possibly counting as one offense in the tallying of data. Tom O'Neil, RDYSL president, stated he will bring this back to the board. Another question was raised from the floor, if a club takes action with a team that had multiple offenses at a game early in the season, can RDYSL have consideration of this corrective action and place the club back in the running for an award. RDYSL board will consider this request. A suggestion was made from the floor if we can get all the stake holders together (RDYSL board member, RRU member and several presidents/coaches) and work together to address the adult problems at games. Tom thought it was a good idea and will try to move this idea forward.

The RDYSL Data Manager, Jacky VanDellon, talked about the 34 forfeits in the 2019 season. 6 games did not have good documentation and she could not determine the reason for the forfeit; RDYSL will work with the DC's on documentation. 7 teams had ineligible call up players; teams will have a new tool next year to check to see if a player is eligible for call up. 7 teams did not have enough players; 4 of those teams are RDYSL documented as having low numbers. 7 teams had incorrect rosters at the game. The presidents of the clubs will now have the ability to monitor all teams and their entrance of their players in the RDYSL system. All DC's for the last several years have worked with all their teams to remind them of this process. 2 forfeits were due to ineligible players due to yellow cards. It is clear the coaches HAVE to keep accurate records of yellow cards on their players. A discussion on timeliness of game entry reconfirmed the team needs to keep accurate records. If there is any question on who was issued the yellow card, coaches need to ask the ref at the end of the game. Gary Levine was asked if he could relay to the refs that coaches may ask this question, not in anger but due to their need to know. Gary will relay this to the refs.

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One of the presidents asked why the appeals process is \$150 and can RDYSL think about changing the amount. Can there be a graduated amount for the appeal depending on a coach appeal versus a players appeal? It was determined that RDYSL gets 2-3 appeals a year. The RDYSL board will need to confer on those thoughts.

Another president asked if for the game rescheduling process could RDYSL take an electronic payment? The reason RDYSL has not is due to the security of a clubs/coaches/persons personal credit information and making sure it was secure. One person pointed out that Paypal has a nonprofit rate. RDYSL will consider options but this option will not be available for the 2020 season.

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