

Rochester District Youth Soccer League Board Meeting – Agenda

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

Attendees: Kathleen Buckley (Division Coordinator), Marc Dall (Division Coordinator), Steve Graham (Division Coordinator), Shawn Hart (Division Coordinator), DJ Maggio (Ref VP), Ed Muoio (Division Coordinator), Tom O’Neil (President), John Prospero (Boys VP), Brad Schreiber (Registrar), Peter Urban (Girls VP), Mark VanDellon (Web VP), Jacky VanDellon (Secretary)

Absences: G.Cambareri (Division Coordinator), Sean Doherty (Division Coordinator), Susan Gurak (Treasurer), Bill Heist (Division Coordinator), Jerry White (Division Coordinator)

Division Coordinator Breakdown for 2020:

Boys: U9-U10	Jerry White	Girls: U9-U10	Steve Graham
U11-U12	Sean Doherty	U11-U12	Bill Heist
U13-U14	G.Cambareri	U13-U14	Kathleen Buckley
U15-U16	Shawn Hart	U15-U16	Ed Muoio
U17-U19	Marc Dall	U17-U19	-empty-

Introduced everyone to Steve Graham new DC for Girls U9-U10 for 2020.

1. Apparel orders for the board are due December 23, 2019.
2. RDYSL has been working on a Social Media Statement. A spirited discussion was had on points in the statement, how to work with victims and clubs. All agreed when an instance comes to the board, a committee made up of the president, girls and boys VP, the DC associated with the age group and the secretary would be consulted. The committee would ensure consistent handling of any social media incidences. Everyone agreed this is a work in progress and we have to be able to fine tune the process over the next several years.

Brad Schreiber suggested an edit and Mark VanDellon stated a date on the document was necessary for revision history. The board agreed to place notification of the statement out on the front page of the website, Tom will send it out to all club presidents, all DC’s will refer to the new statement in their coaches meeting, and it will be placed in the reference library on the website. Jacky VanDellon will make the edits and forward the document to Tom O’Neil for distribution to the presidents and Mark VanDellon for publishing on the website.

3. Ref fees and RRU contract:
Tom O’Neil had a phone conference with representatives of the referee unit, Gary Levine and Chris Rollins. The reps proposed a new three year Referee Service Agreement, which Tom shared with the board. After much discussion, Tom will be going back to the ref unit with a counter proposal. Mark and Jacky VanDellon will be reading the contract for any edits and changes for clarity.

There was discussion on the floor about the money RDYSL gives to the ref unit for the mentoring program. The board would like to know how many refs are effected by the program: direct mentoring, 101 course,... The question from the group was “What do they

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spend our monies on?”. Mark VanDellon, DJ Maggio, and Tom O’Neil will be working to ask for information from the ref unit to clarify the use of RDYSL’s money. It was pointed out from the WebVP that 7 years ago our data would have been less sophisticated and the ref unit has to start somewhere in gathering data on successful programs they have.

4. AGM review:

The club presidents in general like the round table discussion at the Presidents meeting in September.

Tom will be holding a round table discussion sometime in the beginning of 2020 to discuss with presidents probation and if it is accomplishing what the board wants. Jacky VanDellon stated the history over the last 20 years on trying to make the clubs pay attention to their teams and this is the first program where everyone is actually working to get the attention of club officials.

5. U18/U19 Decision Time Frame:

2020 will mark the third year RDYSL is trying to have a U18 division. 2018 there was a clear cut division of talent and a U18. 2019 the talent pool for these two separate age groups was not distributed evenly. There was a unanimous decision by the board to take the U18 and U19 age groups and make them U18/U19. For 2020, there will be a U18/U19 age group with the Division Coordinator and Gender VP having the flexibility to make a ‘U18 division’ under the umbrella of a U19 age group; just as the U9’s have a the 8 year old teams grouped in a U9 Div 5. RDYSL is striving for competitive brackets and realize many factors, age being only one, makes a team competitive. The U17-U19 Division Coordinators will convey at the coaches meeting in March, the divisions creation process for 2020.

6. Website update:

Website is available for the 2020 season with all information available at the time; 2020 ref fees are not up-to-date.

Due to changes in the laws of the game, RDYSL rule changes were discussed at length. WebVP has a minor change in the verbiage for water break to agree with the laws of the game. RDYSL will stipulate substitutes need to leave the pitch, for safety reasons, midpoint at side of their team. The issuing of a red card to an official will be treated the same as RDYSL treats and ejection. Issuing of a yellow card for any team staff will be treated as a RDYSL minor misconduct with the same associated fines. The board agreed we will have to be revisit over the next couple of years these RDYSL rules may have to be adjusted.

7. DC Meeting on January 12:

This is the first of two mandatory teaching meetings for the Division Coordinators. Although many of our DC’s have been through this training, their mentorship of the new DC’s is invaluable. All DC’s need to bring a computer and have signed on with their DC login prior to arriving at the session. If there is any topic that the Division Coordinator’s would like to have emphasized, please contact Mark or Jacky VanDellon.

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8. Miscellaneous:

The RDYSL registrars, Karen May, Brad Schreiber and Jacky VanDellon, will be meeting with Charlie on December 12th. We will be discussing coaches multiple printing of RM passes, the changes we requested from Roster Pro, and what the future holds concerning electronic passes.