

RDYSL Teleconference 2/9/2020 at 8 PM

Attendees:

RDYSL board: Susan Gurak (Treasurer), Tom O'Neil (President and coordinator of the teleconference), John Prospero (Boys VicePresident), Mark VanDellon (WebMaster), Jacky VanDellon (Secretary), Peter Urban (Girl's VicePresident)

Club Presidents (5): Jason Howard from Livonia, Meghan Laverenko from FC Dynamo, Mike Branciforte Gates Soccer, Dion Rogers from River Flow, Greg Lull, Amy Kosinski from Caledonia (also 1st time Division Coordinator for RDYSL)

Tom O'Neil had a few items to relay to the presidents before open forum on club probation:

- 37 clubs within RDYSL. Rhinos Elite did not meet the requirements to belong to the league and will have to reapply for 2021
- Thanked all teams/clubs who registered for the league in a timely fashion
- Stated teleconferencing may be a work in progress for RDYSL. Topics such as registration, a good explanation for a team entry into the league, and other topics are being tossed around.
- Reminder of the MANDATORY coaches meeting March 8th. In between the two sessions, boys and girls, will be a discussion involving significant rule changes for 2020 (approximately 45 minutes)
- U18 division for both the boys and girls will be collapsing into the U18/U19 division

This teleconference was held due to the presidents meeting in September; a president discussed having an open conversation concerning our rules for putting a club on probation. RDYSL has updated the club control panel to give club staff information on what 'problems' or happenings are going on in the game and how it effects there model/leadership/probation standings. It was expressed that a club taking care of a coach/parent problem immediately is appreciated BUT it takes 3 adult instances for a club to be placed on probation. Jacky VanDellon spoke to the history of working with trying to model good adult behavior over the last 20 years: penalty points, fines with larger dollar amounts,... She stated the probation program has been the only thing that has caught people's attention and contributed to proactive approaches by clubs. Tom O'Neil asked for comments from the five club presidents present. River Flow, Dion Rogers, feels that no credit need be given for an in season disciplining of a coach/parent. Three adult events need to be logged before probation is in effect. Dion did wonder if communication on a coach that is 'club hopping', thus possible trouble, could be available. The board will have to contemplate sharing this type of information, but stresses if you have a coach coming from another club that you do your due diligence and call the other club president asking for past performance.

Tom O'Neil asked if the teleconference format was acceptable. Dion Rogers, from River Flow, the only one to say yes.

Meeting ended 8:45.

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