

Rochester District Youth Soccer League Board Meeting

March 15, 2020 6:00 – 7:00pm – Teleconference

Attendees: Kathleen Buckley (Division Coordinator), Sean Doherty (Division Coordinator), Steve Graham (Division Coordinator), Susan Gurak (Treasurer), Shawn Hart (Division Coordinator), Bill Heist (Division Coordinator), Amy Kosinski (Division Coordinator), DJ Maggio (Ref VP), Ed Muoio (Division Coordinator), Thomas O'Neil (President), Brad Schreiber (Registrar), Peter Urban (Girls VP), Jacky VanDellon (Secretary), Mark VanDellon (WebMaster), Jerry White (Division Coordinator)

Absences: John Prospero (Boys VP)

Teleconference was held by the RDYSL board to talk on the following agenda items.

1. Apparel orders for the Board: All apparel was handed out at the Coach's meeting on March 8. Mark VanDellon, Jacky VanDellon and Susan Gurak will need to pick up their apparel from Tom O'Neil.
2. Coaches/DC Meeting update from the DC's:
Kathleen Buckley stated RDYSL needs to make it clear on where players exit the field when being subbed out. DJ Maggio, Ref VP, stated we would make it clear to the RRU (Rochester Ref Unit) all players for RDYSL will exit at midfield as they have in previous years.

Bill Heist brought up the new rule where the undershirt of a player has to be the predominate color of the teams uniform. RDYSL agrees, after some discussion, that the undershirt should be the same for all the team BUT at this time players have purchased equipment and we will deal with this issue in 2021.

In between the girls and boys meeting, the RRU sent Steve Montanino and Gary Levine to educate our coaches on the new FIFA rules for 2020. The session was well attended and the speakers were very clear and concise. Both speakers stressed it will take time for all, coaches and referees, to understand and incorporate the new rules into the game. Patience is a must while our entire soccer population comes up to speed.

3. 2020-21 Rules/Policies suggestions: A reminder was made to all board members, we do not change the RDYSL rules prior to the season unless there are extraordinary circumstances. Please remember to give all thoughts on new rule changes to Tom O'Neil. He compiles them for our August discussions. A discussion point was added about range of ages on some older teams.
4. Treasurers update: Susan Gurak talked to the two attachments, sent in a previous email to the board. RDYSL has received all club player registration fees except for the Rochester Futbol Club. Verified with the secretary to pay our T-Shirt distributor for the first printing.
5. T-shirts update: Our T-shirt distributor, Special T's, has 2020 T-shirts in house for the first printing of the T-shirts. Jacky VanDellon is working with the art department on the picture for the back of the T-shirt.

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6. Participation awards: John Prospero has ordered the participation awards and they should be in in the next 2 weeks. Registrar will distribute to the clubs U-9 and U-10 teams through the process of player registration
7. RDYSL Succession: Tom O’Neil requested everyone think to the future. If you know you are going to leave your position in the next year or two, who would be a good fit? Has your job description changed if so how? If you have thoughts about wanting to serve in another capacity on the board, touch base with Tom.
8. COVID 19: A discussion was had concerning the viability of the 2020 season. Creative ideas were floated out for a full season, partial season, and a suspended season. Everyone agreed the situation is far to fluid to predict where we will be by the end of April. Tom O’Neil will send a letter to all club presidents, club vp’s, field coordinators, and registrars. In order to salvage all or part of the season, clubs need to continue with game changes, field assignments, and player passes being processed through the RDYSL registrars. Those administrative duties need to be accomplished. The Executive Board will continue to talk regularly through the week monitoring any change in direction the Federal, state, or US Soccer governing body issues. RDYSL will have a formal meeting on April 15th to see where the situation is at that time. We continue to place the players, refs, parents, and coaches safety first. The Thruway league continues to plan for the 2020 season. Little League Baseball has not terminated their season at this point.
9. April 19th next board meeting: This may vary depending on the current COVID 19 situation. If held this will be a teleconference.
10. May 3rd – Mandatory DC meeting (last meeting until August). This meeting will be a teleconference and will be run by Tom O’Neil, Mark VanDellon and Jacky VanDellon. It will be imperative that all DC’s read prior materials sent out in order to make effective use of the teleconference time.

Teleconference ended 7 pm.