

## RDYSL Annual General Meeting

November 24, 2020  
7-8 PM Teleconference

**Board Attendees:** Susan Gurak (Treasurer), DJ Maggio (Ref VP), Karen May (Division Coordinator/Registrar), Ed Muoio (Division Coordinator), Tom O'Neil (President), John Prospero (Boys VP), Brad Schreiber (Registrar), Shawn Harte (Division Coordinator), Peter Urban (Girls VP), Jacky VanDellon (Secretary), Mark VanDellon (WebVP), Jerry White (Division Coordinator)

**Additional Attendees:** Albion S.C., Batavia S.C., Bloomfield S.C., Brockport S.C., Byron-Bergen S.C., Canandaigua A.S.L., Churchville S.C., Cobras S.C., Empire United Soccer Academy, Fairport S.C., Full Circle S.C., Gananda Bandits S.C., Gates Youth S.L., Genesee Lancers S.C., Genesee Valley B.B.S.C., Greece United F.C., Hilton-Parma S.C., Holley S.C., Honeoye-Falls Blaze S.C., Irondequoit S.C., Kendall Crossfires S.C., Lakefront S.C., LeRoy S.C., Livonia S.C., Penfield Rangers S.C., Penfield Strikers S.C., Pittsford Mustangs S.C., River Flow, Rush Henrietta S.C., Spencerport S.C., Victor S.C., Wayne Wings S.C.

**Club absences:** Caledonia S.C., Chili S.A., FC Dynamo ROC, Rochester Futbol Club, Scottsville A.A.

1. Election of Officers:

Karen May, Division Coordinator and Registrar for RDYSL, introduced the following slate of officers for 2020-2021 season.

President:	Tom O'Neil
Boys VP:	John Prospero
Girls VP:	Peter Urban
VP Website:	Mark VanDellon
VP Ref & Discipline Concerns:	DJ Maggio
Secretary:	Jacky VanDellon
Treasurer:	Sue Gurak

There were no additional nominations received from the floor. Jason Tonkery (Livonia SC) motioned to accept the slate and was seconded by Jason Howard (Wayne Wings). Karen May asked for all delegates to vote, silence was acceptance from all attending. 6 clubs had no delegates present and 2 clubs did not have the right to vote due to incorrect delegate representation per form. 425 YES votes for the slate of officers, 82% of the 518 teams of 2019. Slate of officers was accepted.

2. Tom O'Neil discussed the budget for 2021. RDYSL is anticipating a 20% decline in players.

Registration monies from the 2019 canceled season were kept by RDYSL per club request and will be utilized to pay the registration for those clubs in 2021. There will be an RDYSL anticipated loss of approximately \$13,000. Brian Magin, Spencerport SC, asked the dollar amount of registration fees that were left with RDYSL; Tom O'Neil said approximately \$12,000; after checking \$28,688 was rolled over. Tony Cafarelli, from the Hilton Heat, asked if there is a balance left after the 2021 season, for those clubs that left their registration fee with RDYSL, what happens to that money. When the RDYSL 2021 season ends, the books would be closed and if there is a monies in the clubs account it will be refunded.

3. Jason Howard, Wayne Wings SC, asked what happens to the clubs who were on probation for 2020. Tom O'Neil replied the probations would be eliminated. **THIS ANSWER IS BEING REVIEWED BY RDYSL.**
4. RDYSL is finalizing the assignor's contract. Small increases for the next several years. Tom will relay the new contract to the presidents when it is finalized.
5. Jacky VanDellon, one of the three registrars for RDYSL, relayed to the presidents all players will have to sign a "CoVid release" very similar to the NYSW form for the fall league. These forms will be kept by the club and when a team registers with RDYSL, the club will supply a form (supplied by RDYSL) stating which players parents have signed the release. Jim Herman, from River Flow SC, asked if parents don't sign will RDYSL allow them to play? The answer is NO, we are requiring this form to be signed for participation in the 2021 season. Jane DeBrine, LakeFront Soccer, stated they used the NYSW form for guidance and added to it...would this be acceptable? The answer was YES, as long as the form did not stray from the outline of the NYSW form. Dave Cashin, LeRoy SC, wanted to make sure he was clear on the process: clubs would get a form from RDYSL, the players parents would sign it, the clubs keep this form, and the team when registering will bring a form (supplied by RDYSL) stating all players having this form on file; understanding was correct. Brad Schreiber, Karen May, and Jacky VanDellon will be communicating with all the clubs registrars on this process.

6. Mark VanDellon, the webmaster.

The Club Control panel has had several tools added for 2020:

- tracking Model & Leadership Award Eligibility (tool tracks information regarding games BUT does not include club paying the bills on time)
- tracking club probation status
- tracking teams entering their Game Day Roster (preventing forfeits)
- detail monitoring of your teams registration form during the registration process
- ability to look back at reports from 2019

The Team Control Panel has a new tool to generate a list of all players based on our call-up criteria. The purpose for the list is to eliminate forfeits due to invalid players; invalid players will be displayed in RED. BUT the list does not account for player suspensions or the number of times the player has been called up.

The calendar for 2021 has been posted BUT everyone needs to check the calendar frequently as activities may be in flux.

When teams are registering, the 'previous year' will be 2019.

7. Questions or comments from the floor:
  - Jason Howard, Wayne Wings SC, relayed the information the club relies on 100% school fields and at this time the school system is not allowing any outside clubs/activities to be on

- the fields. Tom O'Neil stated communication will be key in the coming season and RDYSL will try to work with clubs to creatively solve problems.
- Jamie Gagnon, Churchville SC, asked if we could revisit the limitation of 3 secondary players as the smaller clubs may be hard pressed to field some age groups. Tom stated he would bring that information back to the board for discussion.
  - LeRoy SC asked what can be done to help teams who are attempting to put a team together in the pandemic, and trying to limit the financial strain of pulling a registered team out. Several options were discussed: moving team registration to later in the year, not fining for a team pull out, shortening game changes to give more time for team registration.
  - Jason Howard, Wayne Wings SC, was concerned with shortening down the game change period as teams sometimes are not very good about getting the game changes done effectively.
8. Tom O'Neil ended the meeting with the statement "Communication will be key for the upcoming season". Communication is key to make sure all are aware of the changing format. The RDYSL CoVid Guidelines will continue to be worked on and we will communicate those to the clubs.

**Please refer to the slides or the recording of the meeting for all other information covered in the meeting.**