

EYSA BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

DECEMBER 13, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:56 pm.

In attendance: Todd Reinert, Morgan Miller, Nicole Henry, Rob Cymbor, Jackie McCarty, Rachael D'Angelo, Alex Posey, Jason Mell, Marisa Gilbert, Brandon Putt, Rich Matijasich, James Noel, Julie Weitzel, Tom McAuliffe.

Executive Board was voted into place: President (Todd Reinert), Vice President (Morgan Miller), Secretary (Nicole Henry) and Treasurer (Rob Cymbor).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- The following positions were appointed: Boys' Director (Tim Peterson), Girls' Director (Marisa Gilbert), U5/6 Director (Jim Noel), U7/8 Director (Tom McAuliffe), Field Commissioner (Alex Posey), Webmaster (Jason Mell), CPD Director (Brandon Putt), Fundraising Director (Rich Matijasich), Registrar (Jackie McCarty) and Equipment Director (Rachael D'Angelo).

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- November minutes approved (motioned by Rob Cymbor, 2nd by Jackie McCarty).
- Summary from monthly RBJSL meeting:
 - Coaches must stop bartering different rules with referees.
 - West Schuylkill FC was voted in as full member (only Exeter opposed).
 - Important dates: 1/13 deadline to register teams. 1/18 relegation. Season 3/19-5/1 (6 games, no games Easter weekend).
 - New age designation rules will take effect Fall 2016 (we will compose an email describing changes in January). Roster sizes will likely stay the same. No need to buy new equipment to conform with changes unless you are replacing equipment anyway.
 - RBJSL will put together a snapshot of what fall teams would look like next year, with this year's data, to see if they need to make changes to their new division rules (eg., if there are two teams in an age group, one must play T1). The league said a club may appeal a relegation decision if they have data to prove a team does not belong in a particular division.
- Deadline to register for spring travel season has been moved to 12/31
- We will send an email to the EYSA community announcing the board changes for 2016. We will also start asking for volunteers to coach spring teams so we don't have to scramble later.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Financials approved (motioned by Brandon Putt, 2nd by Jason Mell).
- We need to better control purchase of paint for fields – two people were buying paint and we ended up with too much.
- Rob will make up extra keys for the equipment shed, Pineland and Trout Run, and distribute to appropriate members.
- 501c3 status should be finalized very soon.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

- Jackie is still missing numerous passes and score cards. The player and coach passes must be returned before spring season because they have to be reissued for the spring term.
- Winter program: Younger groups full. Older age groups still have room. Jackie will let us know where we have space and an email will be sent with extended deadline to register.
- It was discovered that approximately 90% of the youth coaches never completed their EPYSA Risk Management. Jackie volunteered to take over clearance tracking from the CPD Director because she can enter completion dates into her YouthNet system. She will get existing clearance information from Todd Haines.

BOYS'/GIRLS' DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- We will reach out to Scott Raifsnnyder regarding scrimmages for U12 players, so they can learn the 11v11 format to prepare them for soccer at the junior high school. Players must have been registered with EYSA for Fall 2015 or Spring 2016 to be eligible to participate.
- It was suggested by another board member to provide new coaches with a welcome letter, including links to complete all required clearances, concussion training, resources for training, etc.
- Nicole will work with Marisa and teach her the ropes of this position.

YOUTH DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

- U7 to U9 transition: A meeting took place between Rob Cymbor, Jackie McCarty, Brandon Putt and Rachael D'Angelo to discuss how best to transition current U7 players who will skip a year and enter the travel program under the new age designation rules. Suggestions: Optional clinics twice a week in April to teach them basic rules of the game, positions, throw-ins, goal kicks, terminology, etc.; during the month of May, they will play their normal U7 spring season; during the summer we will offer free kick-arounds separate from the other age groups. We will use Sign-Up Genius for the clinics.
- In January we will send a mass email to all members, outlining all of the changes taking effect Fall 2016, the evaluation process, etc. Rob Cymbor and Nicole Henry will draft this, along with a follow up for U7 parents only outlining the training plan for their children. In February we will offer a town hall-style meeting (at suggestion of James Noel) for parents who want to ask questions or discuss the changes. In March we will open up registration for next fall.
- Players must be 4 years old by August 1st to enter the youth program.
- The Mt. Penn soccer club has been "reborn." While we do allow Mt. Penn residents entry into our club, we strongly encourage those residents to play for their own club if there is a team available in their age group. Todd Reinert will reach out to their President and discuss status of their teams. In order to flag players outside of Exeter, we will make "Township" a mandatory field when registering. We do not want to take business away from another club.

FIELD AND EQUIPMENT DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

- Equipment:
 - All goals except Lorane Hollow have been locked up.
 - Need new nets for the permanent goals at Pineland.
 - Some youth goals need to be replaced – dangerously poor condition.
 - Need to organize spring cleaning of equipment shed.
 - Plan for next fall: Need new flag poles. Get rid of red flags, replace with blue. Have six flags at each game field - four at corners, and two extras zip-tied to goals. Purchase new set of small goals to keep at Lorane Hollow.

- Fields:
 - Lausch will no longer be used as a game field due to field conditions and theft of flags. We will move the “poorer” goals to those fields for practices.
 - Please stress to coaches to stay out of goal boxes during practice to allow the areas to “rest.”
 - Pineland and Farming Ridge fields are locked in for spring. We are still waiting for permits to come back from school fields.
 - Suggestion to line a smaller field within large field at Pineland so U9/10 games can be played there as well.
 - We will continue to reseed township fields as we deem necessary – Joe Seltzer from the township has OK’d this. We cannot touch the school fields, however.
 - Alex will communicate with Lacrosse about field usage when we are not using them.

CPD DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

- The board unanimously agreed not to hold CPD this spring.
- Nicole will put Brandon in touch with Reading United to communicate this, as well as to plan for evaluations in May.
- Evaluations for Fall 2016 travel soccer will be May 16-19 and May 23-26.
- Move focus of professional training to the coaches. Encourage coaches to complete “F” license course. Reimbursement is available up to “E” license. Hold coaching clinics, be more pro-active with other training resources. Give example of a practice warm up, etc. in the coach manual.
- Coach manual will be updated before spring season starts.3

FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

- Breakfast with Santa fundraiser earned \$505.
- Dairy Queen dates for next year not finalized yet.
- Happy Landings pavilion on reserve for our 2016 club picnic.
- Dunn Community Center has been reserved for our monthly board meetings for 2016.
- Berks Classic Tournament: Morgan and Governor Mifflin have formed a committee to start planning the event. We will continue to use Reading United to run the tournament until both clubs feel confident enough to do it without them.

WEBSITE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

- Website needs a redesign, including making it more mobile-friendly.
- Jason will update website with new board members.

OLD BUSINESS: Covered in individual director’s reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

- We will agree to donate up to two registration fees per calendar year (motioned by Rob Cymbor, 2nd by Jackie McCarty).
- The board does not support a volunteer opt-out because we do not require members to participate in fundraising, unlike other youth sports.
- Rob Cymbor wants to purchase a “square” so we can accept credit cards for purchases at fundraisers (motioned by Jackie McCarty, 2nd by Todd Reinert). He also wants to research other banks as Santander Bank fees have increased.

- A committee was formed to work on bylaw changes: Rachael D'Angelo, Rob Cymbor, Jackie McCarty, Jason Mell and Morgan Miller. They will draft a version in time for the town-hall meeting in February, to give the parents a chance to review and comment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm (motioned by Nicole Henry, 2nd by Jason Mell).