

EYSA BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

January 31, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:14 pm.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Because RBJSL is increasing their team registration fees in the fall, the club voted to increase EYSA registration fees by \$5 for recreational and \$10 for travel soccer (motioned by Rob Cymbor, 2nd by Jackie McCarty). New fees effective Fall 2016 will be: U5/U6 = \$55 (*corrected \$65*), U7 = \$60 (*corrected \$70*), U8 = \$70 (*corrected \$75*), U9+ = \$90. At the younger age groups, the increase will cover the addition of more teams due to the projected change in roster sizes. At the older age groups, the increase will also cover the additional increase in referee fees.
- To accommodate larger numbers and parent schedules, we will hold two town hall meetings to discuss the changes adopted by US Youth Soccer, EPYSA and RBJSL. The first will be at 6:00 pm, before the February Board meeting. The second meeting will be held on a weeknight within 2 weeks of the board meeting – time and location TBD. During these meetings, we will mention that players will still have the option to “play up” to the next age group, but they will lose a year with the club by doing so. Since the current “U12” age group will potentially be playing junior high soccer (11v11) in the fall, the club agreed to automatically move these players to next age group regardless of birth year.
- Registration for Fall travel soccer will open March 15, and will only be available online. Parents who do not have internet access may contact Jackie or one of the travel Directors. Parents can also download a PS-1 form from our website, complete it and mail it in with payment. Registrations received after April 30 will be subject to a \$25 late fee.
- Todd announced that Field Commissioner Alex Posey will be stepping down due to his new work schedule. He will make himself available as much as he can to train his replacement.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (in absentia)

- Berks Classic tournament committee notes were shared by Marisa Gilbert. Last year 64 teams competed. This year their goal is 100. Exeter and Governor Mifflin need to make sure all costs are agreed upon up front to avoid any surprises down the road. While Exeter wants to work with Reading United another year to learn more about running a tournament, GM is eager to take on the task themselves. If we clubs want to have more control with the tournament, we can utilize Reading United only for specific tasks. Consider 70/30 split with RU compared to current 60/40. Need to decide registration fees very soon.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- December 2015 minutes were approved (motioned by Rob Cymbor, 2nd by Jackie McCarty).
- Summary from monthly RBJSL meeting:
 - Reading Fightin' Phils are advertising their Soccer Day on Sunday, June 5. First 2,000 kids in attendance get a free soccer ball. Before the game there will be a Reading United clinic in the outfield, and during the game a Philadelphia Union player will be on hand to sign autographs. They are also making this a fundraising event for clubs. They will sell us tickets to the game for \$7 each. We can mark them up we would like. We decided not to participate in the fundraiser, but we will consider sending a mass email to help advertise the event.
 - RBJSL's outdoor referee class still has openings. If they don't have 15 people they will cancel class.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Financials were presented. Since we have a nice surplus, he is looking into purchasing some new goals.
- Rob ordered a "square" that can be used for purchases made at our fundraising events.
- Rob is working with State Representative Ryan Costello regarding our 501c3 status. Mr. Costello suggested we update our bylaws ASAP as he can see many "holes" that could present liability issues.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

- All player passes from the fall season have been returned.
- With fewer teams in the spring, many players are being moved to other teams. This is presenting a challenge thanks to rules limiting number of transferred players for each team. Jackie needs photos for all U8 players for their player passes. She will also let the youth directors know which players need to provide birth certificates.
- Jackie has coach shirts for new coaches.
- Jim Christian, RBJSL and EPYSA Registrar, does not want anyone contacting him other than the club Registrar. If a parent, coach or other board member has a question, contact Jackie and she will talk to Jim.
- Jackie received all clearance paperwork from Todd Haines and will start the process of entering them into her spreadsheet. She will sort by expiration year so she can communicate the need to renew when it comes up. She will also track signed Coach Code of Conduct. Coaches will only need to sign a new one if the form changes.

BOYS'/GIRLS' DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Tim is waiting for some coaches to complete clearances and risk management before he releases the boys' rosters. Some teams still have room for players, but other groups have a waiting list.
- Winter Instaskills was cancelled on 1/24 due to the weather. After discussing with Eric Franks, it doesn't look like they can make up that session as the schedule for the fieldhouse is pretty full. If we run this program next year, we will add a disclaimer addressing cancellations.
- Marisa reported that there are 4 girls' teams this spring. She has 1 player on the waiting list for U8 and possibly one for U9.
- Parents/players cannot request uniform numbers unless they are reordering an existing uniform.
- If there is more than one player on the team with the same number, coach will need to use white medical tape to put a "1" in front of one of them. Their "new" jersey number will also have to be accurately recorded on the roster and game card.

YOUTH DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

- Spring rec will be Thursdays and Sundays at Farming Ridge starting May 5, for 8 weeks (no sessions Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend or Father's Day). Registration will be opened very soon. Cost will be \$35, which will include shirts (*Corrected \$40*). Exeter Orthodontics wishes to sponsor the shirts. Jim will hand out flyers about registration at next Sunday's Instaskills.
- U7 to U9 transition: Going by last fall's registration, this change will affect about 30 kids. We will run twice weekly sessions starting in April for 5 weeks to help prepare the kids for travel soccer. Parents will sign their kids up via Sign-Up Genius. We are not charging for these sessions.

FIELD AND EQUIPMENT DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

- Equipment:
 - Rachael asked for clarification on what equipment she is responsible for.
 - Rachael now has a key to the storage shed. She has a list of what coaches need for their bags.

- Fields:
 - Alex will have goals moved from Lausch Plateau to Farming Ridge (near creek). Move goals from Farming Ridge near creek to Upper Lausch.
 - Rotate Lower Lausch field, and let Lausch Plateau sit for spring.
 - Line/set-up Upper Lausch.
 - Overseed all bare patches at Lausch, Farming Ridge and Lower Lorane.
 - Purchase new set of small goals for Lorane Hollow park. Park field can only be used for games (no practices). Move old goals from Lorane Hollow to Lausch Plateau, or scrap them.
 - Pineland needs new nets for goals.

CPD DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Brandon will confirm evaluation dates with Colin Kent/Reading United.
- Club will focus on developing coaches. We will encourage coaches to complete "F" license training and are offering reimbursement.
- Brandon talked to Jason Pratt, of Positive Coaching Alliance and Pro-Connect Sports. They discussed what these services can offer the club including training videos, webinars, camps, etc. Although training is available on numerous websites, this service bundles together.
- The most successful summer camp we have had in recent years is goalkeeper camp. Brandon will research options for coach clinics/training and summer camps (RU, Pro-Connect, other).
- We discussed the option of providing a voluntary CPD day during the spring travel season. Further discussion will be needed.

FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Dairy Queen dates for this year not finalized yet.

WEBSITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Jason is looking into options to redesign website. Must make sure it is compatible with Youth Leagues.

OLD BUSINESS:

- By-law committee presented ideas for changes. Will compare against other clubs' bylaws. Chris Brancome from EPYSA and Jim Christian from RBJSL offered to help with the process. Other board members are asked to review suggestions and offer feedback by 2/14. Committee will type up a draft to present at February board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Todd Reinert and Morgan Miller will be transitioning out of their temporary elected positions of President and Vice President. If either is unable to fulfill the duties of their role, someone can be assigned as a "Pro-tempore" to stand in for them until new members are elected into those positions. New bylaws should be in place before new members are elected.
- The club will look for a new Field Commissioner through word of mouth.
- Morgan asked us to discuss switching to Adidas uniforms as Sneaker Villa promised better pricing than current brand. We decided to stay with Zarra because they have a longer run (5 years vs. 3 years).

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 pm (motioned by Jason Mell, 2nd by Rob Cymbor).