

EYSA BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

May 22, 2016

In attendance: Todd Reinert, Morgan Miller, Rob Cymbor, Nicole Henry, Jackie McCarty, Tim Peterson, Marisa Gilbert, Brandon Putt, Rich Matijasich, James Noel, Tom McAuliffe, Jason Mell, Jon “Corky” Steiger, Kerry Eyler, Jason Long.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

April 2016 minutes were approved (1st Rob, 2nd Jackie).

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Nothing to report.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Morgan reviewed a promo offer from vendor Xara: Based on club parents spending \$16,000 on uniforms, they can offer \$3200 in retail items in year 1, and \$1000 in promo money in years 2 and 3.
- Xara uniforms have a 4-year run, with the possibility of stretching to 5 years with a little surplus inventory. We are currently in our 4th year but the board decided to carry existing uniforms through this fall, with the change happening Fall 2017. We will not require players in grades 7 or above to buy new uniforms – they can use old ones.
- The girls were able to complete their games at the Berks Classic Tournament on 5/21 but the boys’ games were postponed to June 5. There were some hiccups and complaints brought to the board’s attention. Any comments, questions or complaints should be emailed to the EYSA President. Once the boys’ games are complete, the committee hold a wrap-up meeting to discuss.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Summary from monthly RBJSL meeting: There were not enough clubs present for a quorum so no voting took place. EPYSA database will open early June to register clubs. As of Fall 2016, RBJSL will register teams by birth year. Clubs should indicate “true birth year” or “playing up” when registering teams; this will make it easier during relegation if they have to move teams. There is disparity among the refs on when to allow substitutions – some allow only by team possession, some allow “piggy backing.” Field size changes that were recommended by US Soccer are not set in stone and may change. Unreported score fines will be added to the amount due at relegation. The amount of fines issued may cover entire cost of the July 30 coach clinics. Coach clinics July 30 at Body Zone will be broken down into U6, U8, U9/10, U11/12. If there is enough demand for older groups, they will try to accommodate. Coaches will need to commit to attend in order to ensure enough training materials and staff. If a player has a hard cast on his/her arm, RBJSL will allow them to wrap the cast in ½-inch foam (not bubble wrap). However, refs may use their discretion at game time. Enforcement of heading for players age 10 and younger will take effect August 1. Infraction will be an indirect free kick.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

- Financials were reviewed. 501c3 status on hold until bylaw revisions are completed.
- Rob is looking into alternate port-a-potty companies.

REGISTRAR’S REPORT:

- Numbers for fall travel are low compared to other years. Numbers for youth rec are on target so far.

- When Youth Leagues changed over from old to new system, information for many kids did not carry over. She will have to manually enter their info. She recommends in the future we wait until their new system is in place before we open registration.
- Reminder that coaches must return all passes and score cards to Jackie.

BOYS'/GIRLS' DIRECTOR REPORTS:

BOYS:

- Tim wants to urge RBJSL to assign 2 refs for 9v9 competition, and 3 refs for 11v11 competition. Some fields for the older age groups are too big for lack of refs.
- Despite recommendations on roster sizes, Tim suggests we try to limit teams to no more than 3 subs if possible.

GIRLS: No report.

YOUTH DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

- Spring rec program is going well so far. Jim wants to encourage all (U8 equivalent) players to participate in spring travel soccer as well as tournaments in the future as it gives them a great head start for travel.

FIELD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

- There are still games that need to be rescheduled. Rescheduled games will always have precedence over a practice on the same field at the same time.
- We need to settle on what fields will be reseeded over the summer, as well as moving some fields from their current positions.

EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Absent. No report.

CPD DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Evaluations are completed. RU did not consistently evaluate goalie skills. Corky suggested the trainers at our in-house goal keeping clinics provide feedback about potential goal keepers.
- U7-U9 transition training went very well. They had about 18 show up consistently.
- The first goal keeper was successful. There are two more before summer. Will consider holding a few more later this summer, before fall games start.
- Goalie/Striker summer camp: Tentatively scheduled for July 19 and 21. Cost will be \$10 just to cover costs.
- We aim to bring in EPYSA to hold a coach clinic July 21. They will charge a flat fee of \$100 to the club, and all attendees will have free online access to the "F" license course.
- Brandon has been trying to get in touch with EPYSA's Gary Stephenson to schedule a group "E" license training session locally. They need at least 25 before they commit to holding.

FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Rich is waiting to find out from Chick-fil-a how much money was raised during EYSA spirit week
- Morgan will find out if the high school kids will be working with us again for the Kauffman's fundraiser.

WEBSITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Jason suggested we purchase a second domain name (exetersoccer.com) to make it easier to find us online. He also suggested we become a "verified organization" on Facebook to increase our visibility.
- Because each of us experience "email overload" resulting in missed emails, we will try slack.com which is a service (also available as an app) that helps organize emails.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Rob reviewed bylaw changes with Chris Branscome and suggestions were given. Jason will write them up, then the committee will review and present them at the next board meeting. If approved, we will send out to the general membership for voting at August meeting (there is no July board meeting).

NEW BUSINESS:

- The girls' high school soccer team wants to participate in the Kaufman's chicken fundraiser.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm (1st by Jackie, 2nd by Rob).

Next meeting is June 26 at 7:00 pm.