

Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League
General League Meeting
Northampton Community College
June 9, 2015
7:30pm

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Call to Order: Gus Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Roll Call: A list of clubs attending the meeting is attached.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Evergreen motioned to accept the minutes and seconded by Keystone.
Unanimously approved.

President's Report

Gus Garcia (Tri Boro SC)

Ashley Miller a certified athletic trainer who has received a grant from the PA Athletic Trainers society and the PA Department of Health to develop a concussion program. Goal is to educate players, parents, coaches and administration on the impacts of concussion and the road to recovery. The cost to clubs would be free. Clubs who are interested should contact Gus for further information and contact information for Ashley. The course is approximately 2 hours including the post test.

Unsporting behavior – Gus was forwarded several items of communication sent by member clubs to players of other clubs effectively trashing other clubs and attempting to recruit players. Gus encouraged positive club promotion of activities and programs to promote the game but emphasized that clubs are not entitled to

put into communication the trashing of other clubs. The communications were from club officers and not just an isolated coach or manager.

There is no ownership of players. Enticement activities by clubs to attract players are not an allowed activity. There are specific guidelines prohibiting such activities in both LVYSL Rules of Play and EPYSA Bylaws and Arbitration documents against the specific player recruitment activities. Gus encouraged teams to not even be tempted to participate in such activities and not target specific players. Broad level newspaper advertisements are an appropriate activity but to focus on a specific player is not.

Executive Director's Report

Rob Rooney

36th Annual Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer tournament was this weekend at the County field complex. Weather was fantastic. Event went great. Games were played all day on Saturday and we were done by about 5:30pm on Sunday. Groups were very competitive. The county fields were in incredible shape. Plans are already in place for next years tournament which will be June 11 and 12, always 2 weeks after Memorial day weekend. Club participation is encouraged.

VP of Operations Report

Position is open

Treasurer's Report

Rich Mitsifer reporting.

Combined balance of checking and saving as of \$123,029 vs a previous year of \$114,834. Rich cautions that we are not all of a sudden making money but provides an analysis of the accounts detailing the facts that some expenses were not paid until June 2015 and also that some early deposits arrived in May around approximately \$6,000. He questions Rob about increased revenues and enrollment from the tournament as a possible reason for the increase. Effectively these two items account for the increase in the cash position when compared vs. the two years.

Major checks or bills paid since our last meeting.

Crown Trophy \$537 (Fall Round Robin)

Hal Grahn \$3,400 (Referee Assignor)

EPYSA \$7400 (Spring Registration and roster changes)

DAS Inc. (Tournament Logo)

Demosphere \$1275 (Website)

Action Party Rentals \$763 (Tournament expense – tents, tables and chairs)

Quick Goals - \$1,442 (Set of 2 goals)

Rich explains that the bank statements are open for any club and that the books (financial records) of the league are always open for review.

Games Commissioner's Report

Rob Rooney

Important Dates For Season Entrance

- June 15 - Entering your teams opens.
- July 24 - Closes chance to enter teams.
- July 29 - Preliminary divisions will be posted.
- Aug 3 - Appeals of divisional placements ends.
- Aug 5 - Final divisions will be posted.
- Aug 12 - Clubs will receive the schedules.
- Aug 19 - Deadline for clubs to finalize schedules.
- Aug 24 - Final schedules released.
- Sept 12 - First fall games
- Nov 22 - Final date of scheduled games
- No games scheduled Columbus weekend.

Be aware and remember clubs are responsible for entering the four (4) dates they would like to blackout. You only get four (4). It is your responsibility to make sure they are entered. You cannot email Rob and say they were forgotten. It is critical for clubs to please not change the date of games. The date is not something you can change.

Please double check when entering your teams that you are requesting the correct age group and division during the entrance process. Rob encourages one person to enter all the teams for clubs. If you are requesting to play up you must submit a divisional placement form. If you do not submit it your request will be denied. If you file an appeal of your divisional placement but failed to provide any information with your team application than your appeal will be denied. It is incumbent on teams/clubs to provide this information to the league up front when making your initial request for placement. You may not request all Saturday or Sunday games. Please use your four specific day requests judiciously. We will not move games for other leagues. Fines will be levied accordingly for teams that forfeit games in LVYSL due to conflicting game schedules in other leagues. Please be considerate of your opponent.

Please communicate in advance with your coaches when completing the scheduling process. Most issues or conflicts can be addressed in advance if clubs communicate internally and also if they reach out to their opponent when scheduling games. Please also plan ahead for school or religious issues. ODP conflicts do not exist for just one player.

Please be sure to update your field permits and make sure they are active and approved for use in the system. Please remember to schedule your games in blocks. We need to be considerate of referees and do not move a game out of the middle of your day and leave a hole. You would need to move those others so that Hal and other assignors can facilitate referee schedules.

Registrar's Report

Kathy Garcia

Important dates

July 1 - RG1 forms due

Teams with preseason tournaments are due 2 weeks before the tournament to allow the registrars time to process.

Aug 26 - Everything needs to be to the league registrar

Aug 31 - All teams must be in approved status

Every coach needs to do the concussion certificate every year. The clubs are responsible for collecting those. Coaches should not take concussion courses prior to August 1, 2015.

The club pass system will continue. No objection was made from any club. Secondary players are allowed in the Lehigh Valley League.

Coaching license requirements were updated and will be posted to the league website.

State of Pennsylvania has chosen to pass new child protection laws. This will impact all volunteers. See EPYSA website. Clubs will be responsible for enforcing this responsibility.

RG6 forms are to be collected by and maintained by the clubs.

EPYSA Representative Report

John Kukitz

Not in attendance and no report forwarded to Gus.

Referee Assignors Report

Hal Grahn (absent) Gus Garcia in his place.

Last minute cancellations are causing a minor problem. Forfeits fees will be applied per club rules. Please cancel games as early as possible.

Old Business

File will be updated to the LVYSL for the cross walk of required licenses.

New Business

Rob shares some club specific correspondence where a few clubs have addressed the issue where a U15 player does not have a team and wishes to join a U14 team. Of course this is not allowed for the team to play at a U14 division level but we could consider asking the other teams to be carded as U14 and play U15 for our league. Rob is working with the specific club and he mentions the idea only for clubs to be on the alert if we happen to see something come across the board. Teams would still be carded U14 except for the one team asking for the accommodation, which would of course have to be U15. This would allow the other teams to still play tournaments outside of the league in their age appropriate bracket. Gus does comment that the length of the game is longer and the fees would be assessed at the higher level.

Election of Officers

President – Gus will be stepping down.
VP of Operations - Open
VP of Finance - Open
Secretary – Ken Steenback
Treasurer – Rich Mistifler
Games Commissioner (3) - Open
Registrar – Kathy Garcia
Asst Registrars – Gina, Chris, Rich and Manuela

Nominations

President - Bill Ross (Bio reviewed by Rich) Lehigh and Nazareth
VP of Operations – no nominations
VP of Finance – no nominations
Secretary – Ken Steenback
Treasurer – Rich Mistifler
Games Commissioner (3) – no nominations
Registrar – Kathy, Gina, Chris, Rich and Manulea

Motion from the floor made by Lower Mac and second by Keystone, approved by all clubs in attendance.

Good Of The Game

Gus reports - Soccerfest 2015 at the Steel Stacks was a great time watching the US Ladies.

Next Meeting

August 11, 2015 @ 730pm
Northampton Community College

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Ken Steenback
Secretary