

**LEHIGH VALLEY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE
GENERAL LEAGUE MEETING
Northampton Community College
June 11, 2013
7:30 PM**

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Call to Order: Gus Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Roll Call: Clubs are fined for non-attendance based on the sign-in sheet. A list of clubs attending this meeting is attached as **Annex A**.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

As a first order of business, the March 12, 2013 minutes were read and unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gus Garcia (Tri-Boro SC)

Gus opened the meeting by noting that his agenda primarily dealt with scheduling and elections and those topics would be covered later in the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rob Rooney

Rob reported that the 34th Annual Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League Tournament was held on Jun. 8 and 9, 2013 at the Lehigh County fields despite the inclement weather. Every game was played and there were few imbalanced scores so competition was comparable. Next year's 35th Annual Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League will be held on Jun. 7 and 8, 2014.

The Fall 2013 season is live on lvysl.org and teams may be entered as necessary but Rob requests one check from each club for all their teams. At the end of the registration process, clubs are asked to print the entrance report generated after entering all of its teams for the Fall 2013 season and to submit the form with the club's payment. Clubs should pay the amount on the season entrance form and should not deduct any remaining positive balance from the Spring 2013 season. Spring 2013 season fees/fines will be posted by Jun. 30 and refund checks will be issued shortly thereafter or at the August league meeting. Please have all coaches report all unreported Spring 2013 games before Jun. 30 to avoid maximum fines.

Rob is working on having a new league website up and running for 2014.

VP OF OPERATIONS REPORT

Greg Ramos (Lehigh Valley United FC)

Present – no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rich Mitstifer (Northwestern SC)

The bank balances at the end of May, 2013, were \$114,973 compared to \$131,525 at the end of May, 2012, a \$16,552 difference due partially to lower tournament revenue. Tournament revenue is down due to larger number of small sided teams.

Since the March meeting, Rich wrote checks for payroll expenses, the 2013 settlement and true-up for the referee assignor, web hosting (Jan – Jun), CPA, registrar fees and supplies, and the EPYSA Spring 2013 payment.

GAMES COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Girls/Boys Game's Commissioner and League Scheduler

Bob Eaton

Bob stated that the clubs should double check their team age groups and divisions when entering teams to ensure that teams are scheduled correctly. Pulling the schedule apart if mistakes are made disrupts multiple age groups which causes hours of reworking the season schedule and delays posting.

Bob further stated that clubs who wish to self-schedule need to indicate this on the season entry form and should follow up with an e-mail to him stating their intent to do so. If clubs have "black out" dates for field usage or for team availability please indicate those issues in the comment box for each team on the season entrance form or in the field entry section.

The Fall 2013 season will start the weekend of Sept. 7-8 and end on Nov. 16-17. The Round Robin tournament (older high school age season) will be held on Nov. 16-17 or 25-26.

A club requested that the league notify teams in a division when age groups combine so clubs can properly handle referee fees. For example, when U14 combines with U16 this changes the referees fees to be paid. Gus also noted that teams playing up should carefully choose their division when entering teams. For example, a recreational team entering LVYSL for the first time may not want to start in Div. 1.

REGISTRARS' REPORT

Kris Campbell (Parkland Area Soccer Club)

Kathy Garcia (Tri-Boro SC)

Gina Keys (Lehigh Valley United SC) - Not present.

Rich Mitstifer (Northwestern SC)

Manuela Tufano (FC Pocono)

Kathy informed the member clubs of the following dates:

- Aug. 19 - Sept. 1 - LVYSL Moratorium; no changes can be made to rosters during that time; and
- Sept. 6 - LVYSL roster freeze begins through the end of the season.

Kathy further reported the following information for the 2013/14 season

- The EPYSA team builder is live at epysa.org, and clubs may start registering teams in the database.
- Registration documents are posted on the LVYSL website (League Info tab; Registration Info).
- At least two club officials must have completed their RMA in order for clubs to complete their RG-1.

- Concussion links and coach license requirements are posted on the LVYSL website (League Info tab; Coach's Info).
- Families with no e-mail address must use the league parent e-mail parent@lvysl.org when registering their children with EPYSA.
- Teams with pre-season tournaments can submit registration paperwork for processing to the league registrar a minimum of two weeks prior to the tournament.
- League registrars will print passes for teams this year; please make sure player and coach photos are uploaded to make this a more efficient process.

Rich reminded clubs that they should train new coaches in registration procedures.

EPYSA

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Present – no report.

REFEREE ASSIGNOR'S REPORT

Hal Grahn

Reminds clubs to communicate with coaches the following procedures:

- Prepare materials pre-game;
- Coaches should do their job and let referees do theirs; coach's don't ref and ref doesn't coach during games; use game reporting to indicate referee shortcomings – don't challenge refs at games; and
- Reschedules on Sundays should be before 12:30 pm and after 3 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Gus had requested feedback from clubs regarding the drop in the number of older teams and season entrance. Members responded that more flexibility is needed in game scheduling to accommodate players who participate in multiple sports, especially during the Spring seasons. The games commissioners will look into this request.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections – The current slate of officers was unanimously re-elected for 2013-14.

A club requested that the league consider adding more games in the Spring season. Games commissioners will consider possible play-offs in certain divisions or teams playing opponents multiple times in a season to accommodate this request.

GOOD OF THE GAME

Gus reminded member clubs to support the local semi-pro teams (FC Sonic and Lady Sonic) which play at Whitehall HS. Also, players should watch the U.S. Men's and Women's World Cup qualifying games when possible.

NEXT LEAGUE MEETING

Tuesday, August 13, 2013
7:30 PM
Northampton Community College

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There being no other business, at 8:45 PM, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Kathy Garcia
Acting Secretary

Annex A

1	Abington
2	Allentown Youth Soccer Club
3	Carbon United Soccer Club
4	Catasauqua Youth Soccer Association
5	Enco United
6	F.C. Elite
7	F.C. Freedom
8	Keystone Athletic
9	F.C. Pocono
10	Nazareth
11	Northwestern Soccer Club
12	Parkland Area
13	Saucon Valley Soccer Club
14	St. Thomas More Soccer Club
15	South Parkland Youth Association
16	Southern Lehigh Soccer League
17	Tri-Boro Soccer Club
18	West End Soccer League