

**LEHIGH VALLEY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE
GENERAL LEAGUE MEETING
Northampton Community College
August 14, 2012
7:30 PM**

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Call to Order: Rich Mitstifer called the meeting to order at 7:36 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 June 12, 2012 minutes were read and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Greg Imming (Philadelphia Union)

Rich introduced Greg Imming from the Philadelphia Union who spoke for a few minutes regarding the Philadelphia Union soccer club and provided the handout attached as **Annex B**. Greg indicated that the purpose of his brief presentation was to introduce himself and the Philadelphia Union to member clubs and to provide an opportunity for member clubs to ask questions about youth soccer partnership programs. This is part of the Union's marketing initiative to have direct contact with clubs, and Greg is one of several Union employees assigned to act as a liaison to each LVYSL club as indicated on the handout. The Union has five home dates left in their schedule. At the close of the presentation, Greg gave out a Union t-shirt and pennant.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gus Garcia (Tri-Boro SC)

Not present.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rob Rooney

Rob reported that the 2013 LVYSL outdoor tournament will be held during the weekend of June 8 and 9. As part of a marketing effort, the league will offer incentives for early registration and to LVYSL members in order to grow the tournament and encourage LVYSL teams to play.

VP OF OPERATIONS REPORT

Greg Ramos (Lehigh Valley United FC)

Not present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rich Mitstifer (Northwestern SC)

Rich did not have the bank statements, but provided a brief update and followed up with a written report that is included in these minutes.

The bank balances at July 31, 2012 were \$118,397 compared to \$108,486 at July 31, 2011, a difference of \$10,451. The difference is attributable primarily to the timing of deposits as \$29,528 was deposited in the account during the period compared to \$10,021 deposited last year – a difference of \$19,507. Last year, at the end of July, the league owed \$9,159 to Lehigh University for the use of their fields during the outdoor tournament, and there is no similar debit this year as the league did not use the Lehigh University fields for the tournament. After making adjustments for the deposit difference and the Lehigh check, the cash balances this year are about \$100 above last year.

The only checks written during the period were for tournament expenses, the Referee Assignor payment for the Spring '12 season; and normal recurring payroll expenses. There is an outstanding bill for the LVYSL storage facility that is not yet due and will be paid in September.

The gross revenues for the outdoor tournament were approximately \$38,000 this year compared to \$52,000 last year. At the same time, expenses were down due to the fact that the league saved money by not using the higher cost Lehigh University fields and spent less on referees and other expenses due to fewer teams and games. A total of 76 teams participated in this year's tournament versus 105 teams last year. On a net income level, LVYSL expects to net between \$12,000 and \$18,000, which is approximately the same amount based on prior years. Rob expected the net income for this year's tournament to be approximately \$15,000.

Rich stated that he had refund checks for teams for the Fall '11 and Spring '12 seasons and that he would hand them out after the meeting. The amounts of the refunds changed from the previous Saturday's morning's email forwarding club balances because Kathy and the registrars computed and charged clubs for PS-1 changes.

Rob reminded clubs to print out the Fall '12 season entrance form and not to use the Saturday morning email summaries because the form includes the applicable bond amounts of \$50 per team up to a maximum of \$400. Clubs should make payments based on the amounts showing as due on the Fall '12 season entrance form and not offset or withhold payment based on past seasonal years. In addition, teams should not submit individual checks for payment of season entrance fees; clubs should send a single check for all of their teams.

Rich stated that if a club is not getting a refund check, then it is because they owe money. The following clubs owe money to LVYSL: FC Premier, Northampton SC (went from a positive to a negative balance), Pocono Snow Juniors, Keystone Athletic, Tri-Boro (went from a positive to a negative balance), Lehigh Valley United, Western Lehigh and Wind Gap.

GAMES COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Girls/Boys game's commissioner and League Scheduler

Bob Eaton

Bob reported that the scheduling for the Fall '12 season is in process but it has been a start and stop process due to following aberrations:

- one club didn't enter 12-13 teams by the Jul. 18 deadline and only entered the teams on Aug. 4;
- one team dropped out on Aug. 13;
- one club had two teams in the wrong division; and
- one team dropped out just after tonight's meeting.

Each time there is a change, Bob has to start all over with the affected age groups and divisions. Bob is still targeting a publishing date for the Fall '12 game schedules of approximately 10 days prior to the first game on Sept. 8, but it will be difficult.

There are 199 teams entered in LVYSL and there will be approximately 933 games. The season will start on the weekend of Sept. 8 and end on the weekend of Nov. 18; there will be no league games on Columbus Day weekend (Oct. 6 and 7).

Rob emphasized that too many teams are missing deadlines and are not entering teams in the appropriate age group or division. Clubs should communicate with coaches and make sure that the season entrance process is understood by the coaches. Also, coaches and parents should not email the league to ask when the schedules will be posted.

REGISTRARS' REPORT

Gina Keys (Lehigh Valley United SC) - Not present.
 Kathy Garcia (Tri-Boro SC)
 Rich Mitstifer (Northwestern SC)
 Kris Campbell (Parkland Area Soccer Club)

Kathy stated that while there are 199 teams entered in LVYSL, the number of teams affiliated with LVYSL on the EPYSA database is 233. She will be deleting those teams that are not entered in LVYSL. Fall registration packets were due on Aug. 10 for teams with no pre-season tournaments. So if your team has not yet submitted its packet, then it is late.

Kathy reminded clubs of the following Fall '12 season dates (dated are posted on LVYSL's website):

Fri, Aug 31	All Teams in Approved Status; no pending PS1s
Fri, Sep 7	LVYSL League Roster Freeze starts
Sat, Sep 8	LVYSL League Games begins
Sun, Nov 18	LVYSL League Games ends Round Robin Weekend (Girls and Boys Teams)
Mon, Dec 3	LVYSL League Roster Freeze ends

Finally, the registrars commented that there are some issues with the size of the passes and the laminating materials, especially with secondary passes, but they will work through it.

EPYSA

Wim Roset

Wim reported on a few items, including:

- The President's Cup next year will offer 8 vs. 8 at the U-12 level.
- FC Penn Strikers U18 Girls completed a trophy sweep this season, claiming titles in PA State Cup, Region I Premier League, Region I Championships, National League and the National Championships. Also competing in the National Championships in Rock Hill, South Carolina were Lehigh Valley United's U16 Boys and CRUSA/FC Bucks Fury U15 Girls.

A member club also noted that Lehigh Valley United '97 U14 Girls captured the PA and Region 1 titles for President's Cup and advanced to the national finals where they finished third.

REFEREE ASSIGNOR'S REPORT

Hal Grahn

Hal reminded clubs that in the event a game is cancelled due to weather, he must be notified by telephone (not email) at least 2 and preferably 3 hours prior to the game. All cancellations for whatever reason should be called in to Hal. Lastly, the date for reschedule requests for cancellations should be outside of 10 days from the date of the request to ensure proper referee coverage. Cancellations should be called in to Hal as soon as they occur.

As we prepare for the Fall season, Hal reiterated that coaches should ensure that nets, corner flags, fields, stamped line-ups with numbers, referee fees, etc. are in order prior to the start of the game.

For the Fall '12 season, there will be a 3-person referee system at the U-13 level. Youth referees will be manning the lines so teams are reminded to control their coaches and parents and to be respectful and not address officials, especially youth officials, with officiating issues. Coaches should report any issues directly to Hal through the game reports, and Hal addresses all comments directly with the officials (and with coaches when they request a call back or a response).

Referee fees have increased for the Fall '12 season as set forth below and a link is on the Fall '12 season portion of the LVYSL website. In LVYSL league play, U13 and above, use a 3 person crew and U12 and below use a one person crew. This fee schedule takes effect on September 1, 2012.

2012/13 League and Cups Fees

Age	R	AR	AR	Total
U9/10	\$33	\$19	\$19	\$71
U11/12	\$41	\$29	\$29	\$99
U13/14	\$47	\$33	\$33	\$113
U15/16	\$55	\$37	\$37	\$129
U17/19	\$61	\$43	\$43	\$147

2012/13 Tournament Fees - For 25/30 Minute Halves

Age	R	AR	AR	Total
U9/10	\$33	\$19	\$19	\$71
U11/12	\$41	\$29	\$29	\$99
U13/14	\$43	\$29	\$29	\$101
U15/16	\$45	\$31	\$31	\$107
U17/19	\$47	\$33	\$33	\$113

In response to a question regarding players wearing sweatshirts, Hal stated it was in the referee's judgment to permit it. In addition, Hal stated that regular prescription glasses could be worn by players.

Finally, Hal stated that there are referee classes planned for September. Information on classes can be found on the Eastern Pennsylvania Soccer Association - Referee Committee website at www.epsarc.org. Hal wants to add referees and encourages youth referees to take classes and become qualified.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

GOOD OF THE GAME

Wim suggested that the league again explore having a pre-season coaches meeting.

NEXT LEAGUE MEETING

Tuesday, November 13, 2012
7:30 PM
Northampton Community College

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There being no other business, at 8:38 PM, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Paul Bento
Secretary

Annex A

1	Abington Soccer Club
2	Allentown Youth Soccer Club
3	Bethlehem Soccer Club
4	Carbon United Soccer Club
5	F.C. Elite
6	F.C. Freedom
7	Keystone Athletic
8	Lehigh Valley Magic
9	Northampton Soccer Club
10	Northwestern Soccer Club
11	Palisades Soccer Club
12	Parkland Area Soccer Club
13	Pocono Snow Juniors Soccer Club
14	Salisbury Y. A. Soccer Club
15	Saucon Valley Soccer Club
16	St. Joseph's Soccer Club
17	St. Thomas More Soccer Club
18	South Parkland Youth Association
19	Southern Lehigh Soccer League
20	Tri-Boro Soccer Club
21	Western Lehigh United Soccer Club

Promotions at PPL Park

<p>Wednesday, August 29 8:00 PM</p>		<p>Presented by American Red Cross 1st 5,000 kids under the age of 15 receive a Union Draw String Bag</p> 
<p>Thursday, September 20 8:00 PM Dietz & Watson Dollar Dog Night</p>		<p>Presented by Independence Blue Cross 1st 5,000 kids under the age of 15 receive a Union Water Bottle</p> 
<p>Sunday, September 23 4:00 PM</p>		<p>Presented by Crozer Premier 1st 5,000 kids under the age of 15 receive a Union Player Growth Chart</p> 
<p>Saturday, October 6 7:00 PM</p>		<p>All guests receive a Union Pink Scarf, presented by Toyota</p> 
<p>Saturday, October 27 1:30 PM Fan Appreciation Day</p>		<p>All guests receive a Union team print, presented by Bimbo</p> 

Group Prices

For orders of 15 or more tickets

Midfield	\$45
Sideline	\$35
Corner	\$25
Endline	\$20

For more information, visit philadelphiaunion.com/tickets or call 877.21.UNION
Press 1 for Tickets and 1 for Group Sales

Club Name	Location	Contact with Phila. Union	Email Address	Phone Number
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Allentown Youth Soccer Club	Coopersburg, PA	Greg Imming	gimming@philaunion.com	610-497-8933
Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association	Dallas, PA	Tim Seidler	tseidler@philaunion.com	610-497-6404
Becks Ajax	Boyertown, PA	Tim Seidler	tseidler@philaunion.com	610-497-6404
Bethlehem Soccer Club	Nazareth, PA	Alex Carrington	acarrington@philaunion.com	610-497-8796
Black Thunder Futbol Club	Dingmans Ferry, PA	Tim Seidler	tseidler@philaunion.com	610-497-6404
Carbon United Soccer Club	Lehighton, PA	Nico Abelenda	nabelenda@philaunion.com	610-497-6211
Catasauqua Youth Soccer Association	North Catasauqua, PA	Kevin Ahern	kahern@philaunion.com	610-497-6152
Deep Run Soccer Club	Hilftown, PA	Jason Freedman	jfreedman@philaunion.com	610-497-6304
ENCO United	Easton, PA	Nico Abelenda	nabelenda@philaunion.com	610-497-6211
F.C. Elite	Coopersburg, PA	Greg Imming	gimming@philaunion.com	610-497-8933
F.C. Freedom	Bethlehem, PA	Greg Imming	gimming@philaunion.com	610-497-8933
F.C. Pocono	Stroudsburg, PA	Greg Imming	gimming@philaunion.com	610-497-8933
F.C. Premier	Collegeville, PA	Kevin Ahern	kahern@philaunion.com	610-497-6152
Kavestone Athletic	Sciota, PA	Kevin Ahern	kahern@philaunion.com	610-497-6152
Kutztown Soccer Club	Kutztown, PA	Alex Carrington	acarrington@philaunion.com	610-497-8796
Lehigh Valley Academy Charter School	Bethlehem, PA	Kevin Ahern	kahern@philaunion.com	610-497-6152
Lehigh Valley United FC	Whitehall, PA	Kevin Ahern	kahern@philaunion.com	610-497-6152
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Lower Valley Soccer Club	Mt. Top, PA	Greg Imming	gimming@philaunion.com	610-497-8933
LV Magic Soccer Club	Easton, PA	Anthony Cardillo	acardillo@philaunion.com	610-497-8934
LVSL Emeritus	Macungie, PA	Kevin Ahern	kahern@philaunion.com	610-497-6152
Nazareth Soccer Club	Nazareth, PA	Greg Imming	gimming@philaunion.com	610-497-8933
Northampton Soccer Club	Northampton, PA	Greg Imming	gimming@philaunion.com	610-497-8933
Northwestern Soccer Club	New Tripoli, PA	Jason Freedman	jfreedman@philaunion.com	610-497-6304
Palisades Soccer Club	Kintnersville, PA	Greg Imming	gimming@philaunion.com	610-497-8933
Parkland Area Soccer Club	Orefield, PA	Jason Freedman	jfreedman@philaunion.com	610-497-6304
Pennridge Yellow Jacket Soccer Association	Sellersville, PA	Nico Abelenda	nabelenda@philaunion.com	610-497-6211
Pocono Snow Juniors Soccer Club	Shavertown, PA	Greg Imming	gimming@philaunion.com	610-497-8933
QuakerTown Soccer Club	Quakertown, PA	Greg Imming	gimming@philaunion.com	610-497-8933
Salisbury Y. A. Soccer Club	Allentown, PA	Nico Abelenda	nabelenda@philaunion.com	610-497-6211
Saucon Valley Soccer Club	Hellertown, PA	Jason Freedman	jfreedman@philaunion.com	610-497-6304
Shane Beth Youth Soccer Association	Bangor, PA	Alan Avidar	aavidar@philaunion.com	610-497-6210
South Parkland Youth Association	Allentown, PA	Greg Imming	gimming@philaunion.com	610-497-8933
Southern Lehigh Soccer League	Coopersburg, PA	Kevin Ahern	kahern@philaunion.com	610-497-6152
St. Joseph's Soccer Club	Orefield, PA	Tim Seidler	tseidler@philaunion.com	610-497-6404
St. Thomas More Soccer Club	Macungie, PA	Alan Avidar	aavidar@philaunion.com	610-497-6210
Tri-Boro Soccer Club	Northampton, PA	Alan Avidar	aavidar@philaunion.com	610-497-6210
Valley Soccer Club	Red Hill, PA	Nico Abelenda	nabelenda@philaunion.com	610-497-6211
West End Soccer League	Brodheadsville, PA	Greg Imming	gimming@philaunion.com	610-497-8933
Western Lehigh United Soccer Club	Allentown, PA	Alex Carrington	acarrington@philaunion.com	610-497-8796
Wilson Jr. Soccer Club	West Lawn, PA	Kevin Ahern	kahern@philaunion.com	610-497-6152
Wind Gap Area Athletic Association	Wind Gap, PA	Tim Seidler	tseidler@philaunion.com	610-497-6404