

**LEHIGH VALLEY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE
GENERAL LEAGUE MEETING
Northampton Community College
November 13, 2012
7:30 PM**

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Call to Order: Gus Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 August 14, 2012 minutes were read and unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gus Garcia (Tri-Boro SC)

Gus opened the meeting by highlighting several recurring issues with a lack of sportsmanship on the field. Specifically, he stated that some teams were running up scores and that there were games with goal differentials of over 10 goals. Gus described several methods that coaches could use to level the playing field, including taking a player off, making every player touch the ball prior to going to goal, restrictions on touches and mandatory use of a player's non-dominant foot. Additionally, there were several reports of taunting by parents, parent-to-parent and coach-to-parent confrontations and coaches yelling to players in inappropriate ways and using abusive language. These are all example of poor behavior that is not tolerated by the league, and clubs are encouraged to address any such behavior at the club level.

A discussion ensued and member clubs discussed the use of a parent Code of Conduct. Clubs also discussed suspending coaches and parents that display inappropriate behavior. In response to a question, Gus and Rob indicated that they notify the affected clubs when these incidents are reported to the league. Gus also mentioned considering the Delco league rule where parents sit on the same side as the team and can't cross the midfield line. Finally, the league encouraged coaches to report any issues to the league in the game reports or to post an issue/comment on the LVYSL website.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rob Rooney

Rob stated that he expects to have the Fall '12 season winner's medals within 7-10 days, and he will send emails and arrange to hand them out in early December as necessary. They can also be mailed at the club's cost or picked up at the next members' meeting. As a reminder, medals are awarded in the Fall

to U14 and below teams as it is their primary season. In the Spring, medals will be awarded only to U15 and above teams and no medals will be awarded to teams playing in the Spring at U14 and below as it is their secondary season. Any games remaining for the Fall '12 season can be played until the first week in December. After that time, teams will be assessed fines as any games not played will be deemed forfeited.

The LVYSL Fall 2012 short season weekend (Round Robin) will be held during the weekend of Nov. 17 and 18 at the Lehigh County fields. Registration is closed, and there are eight teams participating in the Round Robin. The schedule is posted and each team is scheduled to play three games, which is the minimum number of games required to be scheduled in an EPYSA sanctioned league to qualify for State Cup. Teams must only play one of those three scheduled games in order to qualify so in the event of rain, there will not be a make-up date as long as each team plays at least one game.

A full year Fall '12 season accounting should be done by mid-December and fees/fines will be assessed then and taken from the club's bond.

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)

The bank balances at October 31, 2012 were \$106,359 compared to \$116,364 at October 31, 2011. The difference of approximately \$10,000 is due primarily to the loss of 25 large-sided girls' teams that played in the Fall '11 season but did not play in Fall '12 due to the change in the high school girls' soccer season from Spring to Fall in 2012. (A total of 25 teams x the \$400 registration fee = \$10,000 in registration fees).

With respect to deposits, the total amount for the Fall 2012 season is down approximately \$15,000 due to the loss of 25 large-sided girls' teams and the move to 8 v. 8 for U12, which reduced the registration fee to \$275 from \$400 for those teams.

Rich wrote checks during the period for the following expenses:

- \$1,828 to the league scheduler;
- \$2,000 to the referee assignor (paid in two installments);
- \$705 East Penn Self Storage for the annual fee for the LVYSL storage locker;
- \$29,807 to EPYSA for Fall '12 player fees; and
- \$1,330 to East Penn PC for one-half of the annual charge for website maintenance.

There are outstanding payments of \$9,300 still due to the league registrars, of which approximately \$1,500 is for the Spring '12 season and \$7,900 is for the Fall'12 season.

Rich further reported that the 2011 LVYSL financial report is completed (a copy is attached as **Annex B**) and that the required state and federal tax filings were completed, signed and mailed by the Nov. 10 deadline. For 2011, the league reported a surplus of \$4,398.

GAMES COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Girls/Boys game's commissioner and League Scheduler

Bob Eaton

Bob stated that the scheduling for the Fall '12 season was full of stops and starts 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 age group and this impacted two divisions; and
- another team dropped out just after the Aug. 14 members' meeting.

On a brighter note, reschedule requests were down significantly and self-scheduling worked well.

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) - Not present.

Kathy commented that there were too many issues with incomplete paperwork and registration packets in the Fall. A discussion ensued regarding the various issues and applicable fines.

EPYSA

Wim Roset - Not present.

Gus reported that EPYSA is developing a policy for concussion management and has various resources and documents on its website regarding the subject.

REFEREE ASSIGNOR'S REPORT

Hal Grahn

Hal stated reiterated the rules regarding players that do not have passes: the player has to sign the line-up card. If the referee does not request the player to sign the line-up card, then the coach should call Hal so he can address it.

Hal explained that all of the scheduled games had referees assigned to them. Some of the issues related to referees not being present at games or coming late are due to multiple leagues, schedules and make-up games being rescheduled and not coordinated among leagues. This results in rescheduled games that crisscross/interfere with regularly scheduled games and also results in referee delays in getting to scheduled games.

Hal further addressed sportsmanship issues with coaches and the requirement that they stay in their own technical areas during the game. Finally, Hal reminded coaches to report any issues directly to Hal through the game reports. Hal addresses all comments directly with the officials (and with coaches when they request a call back or a response). This is especially important with youth referees; coaches should not address officials, especially youth officials, with officiating issues.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Gus asked member clubs to consider what types of activities or programs the league can sponsor in order to give back to member clubs and players. A discussion followed regarding various alternatives such as a scholarship fund. Rob noted that we contribute to the Lehigh Valley Soccer Scholarship Fund for local high school and college players. Clubs were asked to bring their ideas to the next league meeting or to contact Gus.

GOOD OF THE GAME

Rob reminded clubs that the USA men's national team was playing a friendly against Russia, and Gus stated that the college soccer season was winding up and that there were good college games on television as well.

NEXT LEAGUE MEETING

Tuesday, March 5, 2013
7:30 PM
Northampton Community College

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There being no other business, at 8:30 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	Catasauqua Youth Soccer Association
5	Enco United
6	F.C. Elite
7	F.C. Freedom
8	F.C. Pocono
9	Lehigh Valley Magic Soccer Club
10	Northampton Soccer Club
11	Northwestern Soccer Club
12	Palisades Soccer Club
13	Parkland Area Soccer Club
14	Saucon Valley Soccer Club
15	St. Thomas More Soccer Club
16	South Parkland Youth Association
17	Southern Lehigh Soccer League
18	Tri-Boro Soccer Club
19	Valley Soccer Club
20	Wind Gap Area Athletic Association



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FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2011



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League, Inc.
Allentown, PA

We have compiled the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets - cash basis of Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League, Inc. (a non-profit corporation) as of December 31, 2011, and the related statement of revenues and expenses - cash basis for the year then ended. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Company's assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

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LEHIGH VALLEY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE, INC.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2011
See Accountants' Compilation Report

CURRENT ASSET	
Cash	\$ <u>95,163</u>
Total Current Asset	<u>95,163</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>95,163</u>
NET ASSETS - UNRESTRICTED	\$ <u>95,163</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ <u>95,163</u>

LEHIGH VALLEY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE, INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011
See Accountants' Compilation Report

REVENUES	
Dues and assessments	\$ 118,891
Program service revenue	52,675
Merchandise sales	2,899
Interest income	280
	<u>174,745</u>
EXPENSES	
Wages	42,756
Payroll taxes	3,936
Professional fees	2,290
Supplies	16
Cost of merchandise sold	2,612
Dues	165
Telephone	400
Postage, printing and publications	60
Bank charges	100
Insurance	6,100
Payroll processing	1,096
Referees and assignors	26,687
Field coordinators and marshals	4,744
Trainers	900
Field rentals	15,153
Registration fees and costs	50,307
Other direct tournament expenses	6,227
Trophies and awards	2,947
Website expenses	3,160
Charitable organization filing fee	15
Storage expense	676
	<u>170,347</u>
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	4,398
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>90,765</u>
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 95,163</u>