

LEHIGH VALLEY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE  
GENERAL MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2017  
NCACC at 7:00PM

Bill Ross called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Membership signed in by way of sign in sheet. March general meeting minutes were approved. Membership meeting minutes are posted to the league website.

**President's report:**

Bill reported that David Rifkind was appointed to be the Secretary by the Board.

- 1) U8 Division will be established for Spring or Fall 2018
  - a. Committee established for All Day Play Day for Fall 2017
  - b. U8 4 v. 4 travel experience
  - c. USY Soccer rules
- 2) Rescheduling Initiative
  - a. Request for volunteers for a committee from the clubs to make recommendations to make scheduling and rescheduling easier and more efficient
    - i. Mike Cuchar0 – Lehigh Township volunteered
- 3) U12 3-Person Ref System
  - a. Proposal made for First Division to have 3-person referee system
  - b. Question raised about referee coverage
  - c. Hal Grahn (assignor) said coverage should not be an issue
  - d. 3-Person system was adopted for First Division only by vote 20 in favor, 2 against
- 4) Lower Mac raised question about guest players playing on two different teams in the same age bracket
  - a. Board will examine the question for the Spring 2018 season
- 5) Lehigh Township asked whether standing will be published for U11/U12
  - a. Rob Rooney (ED) stated that US Soccer has allowed standings to be published
  - b. U9/U10 standings will not be published

**Executive Director Report:**

- 1) Spring Season Champions received Medals:
  - a. U16 Boys – Triboro Youth Soccer Club Blue Devils
  - b. U18 Boys – West End Soccer League Wolverines
  - c. U16 Girls – Bethlehem Soccer Club 02-03 Girls
- 2) June 9-10, 2018 is the LVYSL Tournament at Lehigh County Sports Fields
- 3) Online game reports and referee reports being worked on
- 4) U8 Division being worked on

**VP of Operations report:**

- 1) Summer camps posted on website
- 2) Coach Deck offered – 52 playing cards with coaching tips

**Treasurer report:**

- 1) Balance at 31 May 2017 was 112,688 vs. 31 May 2016 at \$119,302 for a difference of \$6,600 lower
  - a. \$5,700 of the difference was due to lower tournament registration – 2017 tournament was 10 teams less than 2016
- 2) Major Expenditures:
  - a. \$3,892 in EPYSA registration fees for 9/1 to 3/15 was paid out
  - b. \$352 paid to Expand a Brand for tournament signs
  - c. \$233 paid to Rob Rooney for office and tournament expense
  - d. \$3,400 paid to Hal Grahn for assigning fees
  - e. \$823 paid to Action Rentals for tent and chairs for tournament
  - f. \$958 paid to league registrars
  - g. \$550 paid to FC York as return fee for tournament
  - h. \$1,393 paid to demosphere for website for Spring 2017
- 3) Bank statements are available for review; Form 990 is available from FY2015
- 4) Club Bond accounts will be resolved by the Executive Director

**Games Commissioner Report:**

- 1) Only 6 games did not get played – more reschedules (mainly due to weather) than in the past 10 years
- 2) Fall 2017 registration closes 17 July 2017 and season ends 19 November 2017
- 3) Fall round robin tournament will be scheduled in late October/early November for cup qualifier
- 4) LVYSL removed requirement that coaches be licensed and it is now up to teams as to whether to require that coach has a license or not; adopted by vote 16 for and 6 against

**Referee Assignor report:**

- 1) Small-sided game coaches need to be counseled regarding proper conduct toward referees
- 2) Asked clubs to try to coordinate schedules so that referee crews could be combined and referee coverage can be maximized
- 3) Seeking better interpretation on build out line to get all referees on the same page for the Fall 2017 season
- 4) Coaches that are dismissed from a game MUST leave the field and cannot approach a referee in the parking lot after a game

**League Registrar:**

- 1) Rich Mitstifer, who has served the league for over twenty years, will be stepping down as league registrar. We would like to thank him for his commitment to the league and the member clubs who he served over his term as league registrar. We appreciate that Rich will be available to lend his expertise and advice to the league in future as the Treasurer.
- 2) Fall packets are due 18 August

- 3) RG6 signed forms need to be collected and kept at club level; must be turned in w/in 24 hours of any injury

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) 3 New clubs petitioned to join the league was put before the membership and was voted in unanimously.
  - a. North Parkland Soccer Club (Allentown, PA) – 6 teams
  - b. Northeast Attack Soccer Club (Dallas, PA) – 4 teams
  - c. Next Level Soccer of PA (Hawley, PA) – 2 teams; must play all away games and find a neutral site to play games
- 2) Board Member election – all carried by voice vote:
  - a. President – Bill Ross
  - b. Vice President – Shayne Stone
  - c. Secretary – David Rifkind
  - d. Treasurer – Rich Mitstifer
- 3) U15 Girls and Boys divisions will be offered

Next meeting August 8 at @ 7:30 p.m. (Northampton Area Community College, College Center Building, Room 169)

Respectfully submitted,  
David Rifkind  
*Secretary*

Clubs in Attendance:

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| Abington       |                   |
| Allentown      | Northwestern      |
| Back Mtn       | Parkland          |
| Bethlehem      | St. Thomas More   |
| Carbon         | Southern Lehigh   |
| Catasauqua     | West End          |
| Electric City  | NorthEast United  |
| ENCO           | Cantalao          |
| FC Pocono      | Next Level Soccer |
| Forks          | Northeast Attack  |
| Keystone       | North Parkland    |
| Lehigh Twsp    |                   |
| Lower Macungie |                   |
| Nazareth       |                   |