Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League
General League Meeting
Northampton Community College
August 14, 2018
7:30pm

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Executive Board meeting was held at 6:30. The Board voted to present the updated Rules of Play to the general membership.

Bill Ross called the general meeting to order at 7:33pm.

Membership signed in by way of sign in sheet. June 2018 general meeting minutes were read and approved (motion Carbon, second Northeast United). Membership meeting minutes are posted to the league website.

President's Report:

President stressed that volunteers are needed for LVYSL Board positions. Bring back to the clubs the necessity of clubs submitting persons to fill open board positions – currently Vice-President of Operations, Secretary and Games Commissioner. Two board positions for 2019-20 will also be available these are President and Treasurer. Position descriptions are below.

President – oversees general meeting and board meetings quarterly (approximately 2 hours per quarter) Supervises Executive Director and assigns tasks as necessary. Attends annual AGM or assigns the executive director or a board member to attend as the league representative. (approx. 4 hrs)

Vice-President of Operations – oversees game scheduling and addresses concerns of clubs as necessary; attends quarterly meeting (approximately 2 hours per quarter)

Secretary – records minutes during general meetings and board meetings quarterly. Submit written minutes to executive director in a timely manner for posting to the league website (approximately 3 hours quarterly)

Treasurer – manages league finances; pays employees and contracted employees; writes checks for expenses as necessary; balances checking and savings, balances club performance bonds and issues refunds at end of seasonal year. Reports quarterly at league meetings the status of the league finances, pays EPYS for player registration as determined by the EPYS current year database quarterly. Liaisons with accounting firm for tax filling and reporting (approximately 5 hours per quarter)

Games Commissioner – reviews league schedule with executive director; settles disputes with club game conflicts and addresses concerns regarding referees or team standings. (approximately 20 hours per season start)

Registrar – league liaison for player registration at the club level. Instructs new club registrars on databases, procedures and roster criteria throughout the year. (approximately 40 hours per week during peak season registration times)

All board members must attend a minimum of two general meetings per year. Each board member will receive e-mails from the executive director relating to specific topics of concern based on the board position responsibilities. And during times a vote is required for league matters. Board members are encouraged – but not required - to be present at annual league tournament. Of course additional time available for league events and matters are appreciated when possible.

Executive Director manages daily league business, supervises the referee assignor and is the primary liaison for clubs and teams; manages and coordinates the annual league tournament and other league events as assigned. Collects club fees and fines as needed, executes the league scheduling and season entry.

President also reminded clubs to be game day ready. Provide proper change for each referee, line ups (cut apart in three) ready with jersey numbers and player info.
Please note: Referee Fee increase for 2018-19 – fees will be posted to the league website.

Executive Director Report:

Updated Rules of Play will be posted to the league website. They are now in four parts for easy reference; Registration reference page; referee information and responsibilities; game day reference and rescheduling procedure.
Please note a change in rescheduling procedure; no ten day requirement – please follow procedures before submitting the request. This will save time and allow changes to be processed quickly.

League schedules will go live on Friday, August 17th. Reminder when self-scheduling please do not change dates.

Gary requests the games commissioner position be filled ASAP so a second set of eyes on the schedule helps prevent conflicts.

LVYSL 40th Annual tournament will be held June 8 & 9. Committees are needed to recruit teams and sponsors.

Reminder the league is sponsoring a free Youth Soccer Summit on Saturday, August 18th at Moravian college. Sports psychologist, free CPR/AED class, medical emergency plan taught and more will be available. Let your coaches know about this very useful free program.

VP of Operations Report:

No report – open position

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer's report is available and summary will be posted to the website

Treasurer reported regular expenses and invoices; bank statements were available for review.

Treasurer reported League bank balances of $59,385 as of July 31st compared to $103, 078 as of July 31, 2017. Change is due to the season entry checks for Fall 2018 being deposited in August versus July as in 2017. League has a loss of approximately eight thousand dollars.

Registrar's Report:

All teams must be in approved status by August 31st. Teams that are not approved by this date will be deleted from the database so payments to EPYS will include viable teams.

Round Robin season teams should be built in the EPYS database after Sept 1st.

EPYS Representative:

None – not present

Referee Assignor report:

Hal Grahn submitted report through Bill Ross.
Same as Bill stated please be game day ready.

When requesting a Reschedule game plan for game times outside the middle of the day or use weekdays when possible.

Dismissed coaches must leave the field of play and not approach or interact with the referee after the game. Additional suspensions may apply for coaches approaching a referee after an ejection.

If there is a concern regarding calls or referee capabilities e-mail the referee assignor so he can build a history for each referee of concern. The history will help the referee assignor and the league assess ability and areas of concern.

Coaches are responsible for sideline behavior. Do not abuse youth referees – send an e-mail with concerns to referee assignor.

Old Business:

Reminder to have clubs be ready to vote in November regarding using three man crews at all 12U games for Spring 2019 – Fall 2018 three man crews will be used on 12U Div I games.

New Business:

League website will receive an upgrade during the week of August 20th if clubs experience issues please contact Gary.
Gary is looking for club representatives to discuss teams staying to play in LVYSL for Elite play.

FROM MEMBERSHIP on the floor:
Teams play outside of LVYSL for team points so they may enter more elite tournaments. Suggestion for league to register with Got Soccer for league and tournament points.

Good of the Game:

Head injury is a major emphasis for US Soccer and any player must be cleared by a medical professional before they can return to the game.
Stay hydrated
Educate parents on concussion and heat exhaustion
Encourage players age fourteen and older to take a referee course

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm (motion by Gus Garcia second Abington)

Next meeting will be November 13 at 7:30 pm

Kathy Garcia
Acting-Secretary

Clubs in Attendance"

Abington
Allentown
Back Mtn
Bethlehem
Cantalao
Carbon United
Catasauqua
East Allen
Electric City
ENCO
FC Pocono
Forks
Greater Pittston
Keystone
Lehigh Twnsp AA
Lehigh Valley Utd
Lower Macungie
Luzerne Fusion
Nazareth
Next Level
North East Attack
North East United
Northwestern
Palisades
Parkland Area
Pennridge
Quakertown
Saucon Valley
South Parkland
St Joe's
St Thomas
West End

Western Lehigh