

**Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer Board of Directors Meeting  
June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – General Meeting Minutes**

- 1) Call to Order – 7:31 pm
- 2) Roll Call by Presence on Zoom (See attached)
- 3) Approval of Minutes
  - a. February 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes: Paul Kozerski - Motioned, Bill Ross - Seconded,
- 4) Executive Directors Report (Gary Blockus)
  - a. Announced St. Luke's Primary Sponsorship and Honey Stinger as food sponsor for tournament.
  - b. Fall Season is open for registration. Prices are the same.
  - c. Clubs need to contact Gary to find out if you need to pay performance bond or not.
  - d. Abuse of Club Passes. Primary players rostered on higher level team and club pass down to lower levels is not allowed. Need to primary player at true age and at lowest division and club pass/secondary at higher level.
  - e. U15 and older teams discussion.
    - i. Discussed smaller sided games 9v9?
    - ii. Send Gary an email if you are interested in 9v9 division or late fall season after MS/HS season.
  - f. Gary announced Dean Koski has resigned as President due to conflict with St. Lukes sponsorship
- 5) President's Report (Not Available):
  - a. No Report
- 6) Vice President's Report (Greg Ramos): -
  - a. No Report
- 7) Treasurer's Report (Gina Ramos):
  - a. All bank accounts have been consolidated to new Truist Account. (Thank you Kathy)
  - b. Balance stands at \$87,444.05 (as of 6/6/22)
  - c. Over \$16k in performance bond account – contact Gary before sending in more \$.
  - d. Sent Iron Pigs check for \$1,016 (has not cleared yet)
  - e. Completing 2021 tax returns with accountant.
- 8) Registrar's Report (Manuela Tufano and Kris Campbell) –
  - a. Get Rosters in as soon as you can. Don't wait until last minute.
- 9) Games Commissioner's Report (Tom Mustac) – No Report
  - a. 7v7 –
  - b. 9v9 –
  - c. 11v11 –
- 10) EPYSA Rep's Report (Bill Ross):
  - a. No Report

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- 11) Referee Assignors Report (Hal Grahn)
  - a. Thank you to coaches for being reasonable in rescheduling games.
  - b. Refs are quitting from abuse from parents, coaches, kids.
  - c. Fall reschedules may be after 5pm based on availability.
  - d. Please talk internally in clubs regarding parental and coach behavior.
  - e. Biggest concern regarding losing refs (all leagues), fines will be issued for cancellations for late game changes. Minimize schedule conflicts. Player availability, Coaches conflict.
  - f. Schedule midweek games during first 4 weeks of season.
  - g. Only send emails to Hal when both coaches agree on game cancelling and rescheduling and include game/match number.
    - i. Only one game per email.
  
- 12) Nomination and Election of Officers
  - a. Nominations requested for president of LVYSL.
  - b. Rest of current board to stay in current positions.
  
- 13) Old Business:
  - a. Covid policies currently – we do not have a mask mandate. Unless that changes at the state level, we will continue with no mask requirement. AS far as reporting covid issues of exposure, please report ASAP to ensure the health and safety for all.
  - b. Players on one side of field; Parents on other side of field.
    - i. Motioned by Nazareth; Seconded by Riverfront; 26 Yeas, 0 Nays
  - c. Southern Lehigh: End Fall Season before daylight savings. May require blackout dates at end of season for makeups, encourage weekday games, reduced schedules (8 games in fall and 6-7 in Spring with spring starting later). Discussed playoffs at end of season if season is shortened.
  - d. BSC: Playing up restrictions: BSC proposed limiting 7v7 and 9v9 age groups to only be able to play up 1 year and 11v11 would be able to play up 2 years. Example: U11 fall teams would only allow 2011 and 2012 birth years, no 2013. Concern about kids playing up too many years. Discussed heading restrictions at U9-U11 age groups and those players playing up at U12 or U13. EPYSA ODP allows U11 to tryout for U12 ODP but not any younger players. Is that the cut off point? Smaller clubs concerned about not being able to fill teams with playing up restrictions. Club Passes? Middle schools only allow 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to play sports. HS can play all 4 years.
  - e. Discussed an emphasis on high kicks in U9-U11 levels since they can not head the ball. Just as or more dangerous?
  - f. Minimum Roster Limits for Primary Players (Primary versus Secondary)
    - i. Exceptions via 2 Club Officers?
    - ii. Primary on Younger team, Secondary on Older team.
  
- 14) New Business:
  - a. Number of referees at U12. Discussed 3 man team at Gold Level and 1 man at other levels.
  - b. Discussed impact of PSG/Real Madrid on local teams and leagues. Information session to follow.
  
- 15) Good of the Game:
  - a. Top Soccer will be going in the fall.
  - b. Coaches Safety clinic prior to fall season?
  
- 16) Next Meeting: Tuesday, \_\_\_\_ Aug. 2\_\_\_\_ 7:30pm Online

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17) Adjournment: 8:28pm Motion: BSC – Mike Derr, Seconded by ALL

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<b>Present:</b>	<b>Club:</b>	<b>Rep:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
X	Abington	Brian Hiller	
X	AFC	Adam Smeltz	
	Allentown		
	Back Mountain		
X	Bethlehem (BSC)	Mike Derr	
	Carbon United		
X	Catasauqua	Tim Gebhardt	
X	East Allen	Brandon Szoke	
X	ENCO	Fernando Cabrera	
X	FC Pocono	Manuela Tufano	
	Greater Pittston (GPYSA)		
X	Keystone Athletic	Tom Mustac	
	Lackawanna		
X	Lehigh Valley United (LVU)	Greg Ramos	
X	LV TOPSoccer	Bill Ross	
X	Lower Macungie	Erin Ofner	
X	Luzerne County Fusion	Charlie Evanofski	
X	Mountain Top	Joe Cavanaugh Jr.	
X	Nazareth SC	Paul Kozerski	
	Northeast Cantolao Attack		
	Northeast United		
X	Northwestern	Shelly Beitler	
	Parkland Area		
X	Pittston SA	Bill Wolfe	
	Reading Rage		
	Riverfront United		
--	Saucon Valley		
	Slate Belt		
	Southern Lehigh		
X	South Parkland	Ray Cruz	
X	Spartan Soccer Academy	Brad	
	St. Joseph's		
	St. Thomas More		
X	Triboro	Toni Guedes	
X	West End	Marcia Hansen	
X	Western Lehigh	Amy Hain	