

**Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer Board of Directors Meeting
August 2nd, 2022 – General Meeting Minutes**

- 1) Call to Order – 7:31 pm
- 2) Roll Call by Presence on Zoom, type name and club name in chat (See attached)
- 3) Approval of Minutes
 - a. June 7th, 2022 Meeting Minutes: Mike Derr - Motioned, Gina Ramos - Seconded,
- 4) Executive Directors Report (Gary Blockus)
 - a. Season schedule will go to club field assignors by this Friday (Aug 5th) and must be completed by August 28th.
 - b. Season will end on November 5-6th. 8 Games for each team. Tie breakers will be done via playoff games. (weekend of 14th and 20th)
 - c. Game rescheduling requests? Contact other club and verify a reschedule date and then contact Gary to reschedule once both teams approve. Start August 15th.
 - d. U15-U18. Four U15 boys willing to play at start of September. Three U16 boys teams signed up. One U15 girls team.
 - e. Working with Berks-Reading for U15-18 teams for after HS season.
 - f. Club pass abuses. Roster players to actual birth year, lowest division to make them eligible to club pass “up” in division or age.
 - g. Hal Grahn was board elected to position of LVYSL President. Will recuse himself for referee issues.
 - h. St. Luke’s hosted a Coaches Safety Clinic. Will host again in March before Spring season. Potentially have a fall clinic in September.
- 5) St. Luke’s Representative (Stephanie and Chad):
 - a. Introduction of St. Luke’s as league sponsor and explained a couple of the programs/offerings they can provide.
- 6) President’s Report (Hal Grahn):
 - a. Talked about league growth and team growth.
 - b. Hal indicated to email him with ideas for growth.
 - c. Discussed Hal will still be ref assignor and proper procedure for game changes.
- 7) Vice President’s Report (Greg Ramos): -
 - a. No Report
- 8) EPYSA Rep’s Report (Bill Ross):
 - a. New ref fees are on the EPYSA website. Slight increases.
 - b. Top Soccer: Practices at Lehigh County Fields in warm months and at LRC in winter. Developmentally challenged children have the opportunity to play soccer.
 - i. New Players are welcome. Advertise through the club.
- 9) Treasurer’s Report (Gina Ramos):
 - a. Balance stands at \$101,953.63 (as of 8/2/22)
 - b. Completing 2021 tax returns with accountant. Filed an extension.

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- 10) Registrar’s Report (Manuela Tufano and Kris Campbell) –
- a. Get Rosters in as soon as you can. Don’t wait until last minute.
 - b. Team registrars need to let league registrars know when rosters are complete or if there are any changes to the roster. They do not get notifications.
 - c. During the season, Wednesday night is the latest that rosters can be changed for the following weekend.
 - d. Check coaches risk management documents. Make sure they are up to date and not expired.
- 11) Referee Assignors Report (Hal Grahn)
- a. Please send an email to coaches.
 - i. Fields need to have corner flags, nets sandbagged, field lines stripped.
 - ii. Rosters and lineup cards need to be updated and match the uniforms as on the field. Coaches need to match.
 - b. Fee changes and have exact change.



Youth Referee Fees
Effective 9/1/2022
2022-2023 League and Cup Fees

Age Group	R	AR	AR	Total
U9/10	\$40	\$21	\$21	\$82
U11/12	\$48	\$35	\$35	\$118
U13/14	\$56	\$39	\$39	\$134
U15/16	\$67	\$43	\$43	\$153
U17/19	\$76	\$49	\$49	\$174

Tournament Fees 2022-2023
Fees are for 30 min & less halves only.
All other shortened times over that are regular fee.

Age Group	R	AR	AR	Total
U9/10	\$40	\$21	\$21	\$82
U11/12	\$48	\$35	\$35	\$118
U13/14	\$54	\$37	\$37	\$128
U15/16	\$63	\$39	\$39	\$141
U17/19	\$70	\$40	\$40	\$150

- c. Schedule midweek games if you can.
- d. Refs are quitting from abuse from parents, coaches, kids.
- e. Fall reschedules may be after 4pm based on availability.
- f. Please talk internally in clubs regarding parental and coach behavior.
- g. Biggest concern regarding losing refs (all leagues), fines will be issued for cancellations for late game changes. Minimize schedule conflicts. Player availability, Coaches conflict.
- h. When there is a rain out, reschedule immediately. Reschedule has to be 10 days after initial date (unless end of season).
- i. Spread games out. Schedule back to back games at home complexes. 30 minutes between games.
- j. Only send emails to Hal and scheduling@lvysl.org when both coaches agree on game cancelling and rescheduling and include game/match number.
 - i. Only one game per email. Game and Match number in subject line.

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12) Games Commissioner's Report (Tom Mustac)

- a. Working through division lineups.

13) Old Business:

- a. Clubs need to contact Gary to find out if you need to pay performance bond or not.
- b. Number of referees at U12. Discussed 3-man team at Gold Level and 1 man at other levels. For Fall 2022, U12 Gold to 3-Man Team.
- c. 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. Roster minimum number of primary players is tabled.
- d. 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.
- e. Players on one side of field; Parents on other side of field.
- f. Discussed an emphasis on high kicks in U9-U11 levels since they cannot head the ball. Just as or more dangerous?
- g. Minimum Roster Limits for Primary Players (Primary versus Secondary)
 - i. Exceptions via 2 Club Officers?
 - ii. Primary on Younger team, Secondary on Older team.
 - iii. EPYSA has no mandate.
 - iv. Nazareth suggested to keep in mind that some teams are made up of primarily of secondary players.

14) New Business:

- a. Gary trying to form an adhoc committee to look at options / proposals for LVYSL to grow the game and the league.
 - i. Inner City Outreach: Bigger audience.

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: Wednesday, November 9th, 7:30pm Online

17) Adjournment: 8:30pm Motion: Kris Cambel BSC – Mike Derr, Seconded by ALL

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Present:	Club:	Rep:	Comments:
X	Abington	Brian Hiller	
	AFC	Adam Smeltz	
X	Allentown Youth Soccer Club	Frank Ortiz	
	Back Mountain		
X	Bethlehem (BSC)	Mike Derr	
	Carbon United		
	Catasauqua	Tim Gebhardt	
X	East Allen	Brandon Szoke	
X	ENCO	Fernando Cabrera	
X	FC Pocono	Manuela Tufano / Amanda Hendricks McGee	
	Greater Pittston (GPYSA)		
X	Keystone Athletic	Tom Mustac	
X	Lackawanna	Leandra Barbuti Ayala	
X	Lehigh Valley United (LVU)	Greg/Gina Ramos	
X	LV TOPSoccer	Bill Ross	
	Lower Macungie	Erin Ofner	
	Luzerne County Fusion	Charlie Evanofski	
X	Mountain Top	Joe Cavanaugh Jr.	
X	Nazareth SC	Matt Flicker / Kacy Miller	
	Northeast Cantolao Attack		
	Northeast United		
X	Northwestern	Shelly Beitler	
	Parkland Area		
	Pittston SA	Bill Wolfe	
	Reading Rage		
X	Riverfront United	Meryl Wagner	
	Saucon Valley		
X	Slate Belt	Renee Lilly	
	Southern Lehigh		
	South Parkland		
	Spartan Soccer Academy	Brad	
	St. Joseph's		
X	St. Thomas More	Shawn Marie Hursh	
X	Triboro	Toni Guedes	
X	West End	Marcia Hansen	
	Western Lehigh	Amy Hain	
X	St. Lukes Sport Performance	Chad Waelchli	