LVYSL Meeting Minutes 8/11/2020

**Gary Blockus– Executive Director’s Report:** Intro/opening – minutes approval – approved by Lower Mac and SPYA, with no changes.

8/15/20 deadline to register. Whole bunch of divisions and some duplicate applications, so please confirm

with Gary if you may have put in a duplicate.

Some problems with division, we have 5 U-15 boys and 2

U-16 boys teams. We would like to combine those.

U-14, U-15, U-16 girls may need to be combined to

have a full flight.

Fall season –We are going to mandate teams split sides of fields to avoid any issues and clubs can self-manage their sides, respectively. We will be bowing to EPYS’s guidelines and regulations to enforce in

our league.

**Gina Ramos – President’s Report**

Report– LVU has continued running their club and have been practicing, playing and

participating in tournaments. We would like to know how each club is doing with field accessibility.

Nazareth has lost some fields due to closure and that will pertain to the PIAA decision

forthcoming. May be revisited and in due time, may regain access to fields TBD.

We will be opening for high school aged teams should they like to join LVYSL.

Spectators are allowed on the sidelines but must wear masks and need to respect social distancing guidelines once they leave their vehicle. Spectators should be socially distanced (by household) of 6 feet as per EPYS guidelines, and wear masks covering nose and mouth as

per EPYS guidelines.

Is EPYS cancelling if PIAA shuts down? Bill’s feeling is they would not follow their lead at this time.

What is the end point if a team were to withdraw? ---- once the schedule is run, a fee would be associated and financials would have to be determined between Gary and that Club.

* as far as the masks, who will be enforcing that? That is the main reason we are

splitting the teams and fields to opposite sides of the field to self-manage their team, parents, coaches,

etc. We are all in this together.

* would you recommend boxes painted on sidelines? We would like to leave that up to

the clubs and the ability at their respective fields. A 6-ft touch line was outlined marking off where

parents should be in respect to the players area, as well as boxes painted 6-ft apart and marked with an X

in between where people can and can’t stand.

* Is EPYS in touch with LVYSL? – Bill Ross “the day the Gov. made the statement we had an

emergency meeting that night. We discussed at great length, but a unanimous vote was taken that

soccer should be played. We did not want to take the decision out of the clubs’ hands and left it up to

them to proceed at their own caution while following the guidelines EPYS and LVYSL have issued.

**New Board Member Elected** – Rebecca Brown, Carbon United, has been appointed the new Treasurer of Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer as Rich Mitstifer has resigned from his role after many years serving on the Board. We areextremely thankful for all Rich has done for the and are excited for Rebecca moving forward/

**Greg Ramos– Vice President Report** – Gina covered it in Greg’s absence, see above.

**Registrars’ Report** –Please bring 3 full copies of the roster/line up for that day. August 24th or 26th to have all teams registered to leave a 2 week window before season should prospectively start.

Q - Does anyone know if it’s possible to move Stacksports Backround check

information to the Got Sport site? It must be done manually, there is not an upload/transfer mechanism

between the systems. If it’s your clearances, you should have copies of them, so you just upload them.

There is also SafeSport and Concussion protocol (Heads Up) that need to be completed.\

**Tom Mustac – Games Commissioners Report** – Gary sent over a spreadsheet with all the teams and have larger than normal divisions but at this time we are awaiting the final teams to register. Any questions about seeding please speak with Tom and Gary directly.

**Bill Ross, EPYS Report** – U-19 and U-20 have been added since older players may not have a place to play come fall.

On the website, COVID-19 Response updated information is there illustrating procedures and

best practices of different scenarios and how to address.

Q: There is a waiver on there do players have to sign that? It is for clubs to use with

coaches and parents to sign for their players. Coaches are expected to keep signed copies with them.

**Hal Grahn, Referee Assignor’s Report** – Most important, since we have changed the sideline set-up, please make sure coaches are aware. I would suggest splitting the players section and parents’ section at the 50-yard line. Please make coaches responsible for the team, players and parents/spectators. Field preparation will be huge since we missed the spring season. Rosters complete and matching the team sheets, names, numbers, etc. Please speak with all players about conduct, it has been getting worse year to year and we are asking for your help!

Please provide a 2-hour window to Hal if we must cancel a game due to weather related events. We are

willing to work with you for ref logistics should clubs have problems procuring fields. Please take note to

ref fee’s for certain age groups which have been posted on LVYSL website of the amounts.

**Old Business** – none

**New Business** – Issue of ref shortages. If you can play a game during the week, you

should have no issues finding refs for those days, that being if you are playing a local club.

**Motion to Adjourn** – Enco; seconded Allentown.

Next meeting Tuesday, Nov. 10