

DRAFT – UNAPPROVED MINUTES

LEHIGH VALLEY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE
GENERAL LEAGUE MEETING
Northampton Community College
June 10, 2014
7:30 PM

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Call to Order: Gus Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.
Roll Call: Clubs are fined for non-attendance based on the sign-in sheet. A list of clubs attending this meeting is attached as **Annex A**.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

As a first order of business, the March 11, 2014 minutes were read and unanimously approved with the following name correction – Curt Mosel from the Special Presentation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Pete Wotring (Lehigh County Sports Fields LCSF)

Mr. Wotring presented an update on the upgrades currently in progress at LCSF. He also petitioned the membership for club representation on the LCSF board of commissioner. Interested parties should contact Rob Rooney and offer their contact and pertinent background information.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gus Garcia (Tri-Boro SC)

Gus reminded the membership of the upcoming Soccer Fest to be held at Arts Quest/ Steel Stack and the Philadelphia Union season. Gus then mentioned the items on the agenda for membership consideration.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rob Rooney

Rob stated that the 35th Annual Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League Tournament entry was up 10% over previous years. Results are posted and generally everything went well.

The league signed a contract for a new website and hired Demosphere as its new website provider. The new site is expected to be on line within 7-10 days. League representatives should watch e-mail for necessary timely replies to Rob with contact information needed to populate the website. Once the new website goes live clubs will need to enter club information such as field sites, availability and addresses, club contact information and other information necessary to allow for scheduling and league operations on the new site. We are starting fresh and

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will not import the information from the old website, some of which is outdated. Clubs should download current website information that they may need as reference when updating the new website before they lose access.

Rob also presented a new member club petition for membership approval. Lehigh Township AA, an existing recreational club from the Walnutport area, requested membership beginning with the Fall 2014 season. They wish to enter three teams U11G, U12 B & G. Their application was unanimously approved.

VP OF OPERATIONS REPORT

Greg Ramos (Lehigh Valley United FC)

Not present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rich Mitstifer (Northwestern SC)

Rich wrote checks during the period for the following expenses since March 2014:

- \$6182.50 to EPYSA Spring RG2;
- \$3400 to the referee assignor for the balance of the Spring referee assignor fees;
- \$2,166 to league registrars for Spring registration and office expenses;
- \$1,005.25 for the Lehigh Valley Tournament player gifts; and
- \$735 toward LV Tournament tent rental.

Rich also reminds clubs to pay the full entry fee and performance bond fees for Fall 2014 season entry. He will be issuing refunds and invoices for outstanding balances before the August 2014 meeting.

NOTE: Fee Increase for 2014-15

Due to the increase in fees at the state level the new entry fees for teams will be as follows:

Small-sided - \$295 primary season entry

Large sided - \$420 primary season entry

Second season team fee will increase to \$100 per team

GAMES COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Girls/Boys Game's Commissioner and League Scheduler

Bob Eaton

Rob reminded clubs to review the Rules of Play for clarification on players not playing in the same age group, same season and same gender.

REGISTRARS' REPORT

Kris Campbell (Parkland Area Soccer Club)

Kathy Garcia (Tri-Boro SC)

Gina Keys (Lehigh Valley United SC) not present

Rich Mitstifer (Northwestern SC)

Manuela Tufano (FC Pocono)

Kathy presented the newly proposed Club Travel Player Pass System:

The members next discussed proposal for implementation beginning Fall 2014. The proposal was approved by membership vote with four nays.

Additional system details will be presented at the annual club registrar meeting following the general meeting.

EPYSA

John Kukitz

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John reminded the membership that with the retirement of Wim Roset we will need a new alternate candidate. John himself is scheduled to retire in 2016.

John also explained the EPYSA By-Law amendments meant to clean up current wording and decide on voting representation.

Announcements from EPYSA:

EPYSA received 14 applications for the \$300,000 / approximate 85 available grants

EPYSA had 71 scholar applicants

Erica Walsh, former EPYSA ODP player, was inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame

Congratulations to our ODP teams at the recent Region I tournament;

U19 had 40 wins; 8 ties; 8 losses

The following teams advanced to the Semi-finals in Kirkwood, DE in hopes to advance to the ODP Spring Nationals

Boys U16

Boys U17

Girls U15 both A & B

Girls U17

EPYSA had six champions at the Region I President's Cup with 11 of those 18 teams reaching finals – more than any other Region I state.

REFEREE ASSIGNOR'S REPORT

Hal Grahn

Thanks the membership for feedback on the officials. Hal announced that there are 90 new referees so if there are any issues please bring them to him directly rather than address the youth officials at the field site.

Piggy back substitution rule feedback was positive so it will continue. Process is outlined here.

1. An unlimited number of substitutions will be permitted in all games to encourage participation. Furthermore, a substituted player may re-enter the contest an unlimited number of times.
2. Substitutions shall only be permitted when the ball is not in play and only on a team's own throw-in, after a goal, at half time, on either team's goal kick or during a stoppage for injury.
3. If there is a stoppage of play due to an injured player on the field, that player must be substituted for and may not return until the next opportunity for substitution.
4. The opposing team may substitute at the time of the yellow card (1 for 1).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

June LVYSL Board Elections – current slate passed unanimously

LVYSL Position	
President	Gus Garcia
VP Operations	open
VP Finance	open
Treasurer & Registrar	Rich Mitstifer
Secretary	open

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Boys Game Commissioner	open
Girls Games Commissioner and League Scheduler	Bob Eaton
Small-side Games Commissioner	open
Registrars	Kathy Garcia, Rich Mitstifer, Gina Keys, Manuela Tufano and Kris Campbell

GOOD OF THE GAME

Gus encouraged member teams to support major League Soccer and the Philadelphia Union by watching games on television and attending them in person.

NEXT LEAGUE MEETING

Tuesday, August 12, 2014
7:30 PM
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There being no other business, at 8:50 PM, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Kathy Garcia
Acting Secretary