

LEHIGH VALLEY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE
GENERAL MEETING
February 13, 2018
NCACC RM 146 at 7:30PM

Executive Board meeting was held at 6:30. The Board voted to admit East Allen Soccer Club.

Bill Ross called the general meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Membership signed in by way of sign in sheet. November 2017 general meeting minutes were read and approved (motion Lower Mac, second Abington). Membership meeting minutes are posted to the league website.

Bethlehem Steel gave a presentation for ticket codes for Youth Partnership Kickback Program. Call 484-403-0500 for more information.

President's Report:

Gary Blockus was introduced as the new Executive Director.

President stressed that reps need to take information from general meetings back to the clubs.

US Club passes are not acceptable; EPYS club passes are only allowed; Club passes are for primary players only – no secondary players.

A club cannot roster one player on two teams at the same age level of the same gender; however a female is allowed to play on both a female team and a male team at the same age level.

Dismissed coaches must leave the field of play and not return to the field after the game until the referee has left the location or they will be assessed an additional suspension above the standard minimum suspension.

Please send club meeting dates to the President so that the Executive Director and the President can come to club meetings.

Spring entrance open; last date to register is March 4. Tournament is on June 9/10 – discount for multiple team entry – goal is 100 teams. Will have a parade of teams at the Bethlehem Steel game on June 9.

2017 8U play day was rained out; scheduled new play day for May 5 or 12. Registration open until April 19.

Submit nominations for Board to Gary Blockus.

East Allen offered 3 teams for Spring season and made a presentation. Motion to approve Board's acceptance (Saucon Valley, second by Allentown) carried with no opposition.

Executive Director Report:

Each team can black out 4 dates maximum for Spring season.

Rosters are due March 23.

It was suggested that Easter Saturday and Tournament weekend be used for rescheduled/rain make-ups.

There will be a U-8 Play Day on May 5 or 12

Spring season starts April 7 and ends June 3, 2018

Tournament set for June 9/10, 2018.

Goal is to increase number of teams in the league.

VP of Operations Report:

8U Play Day is important to grow League – please register teams.

Please keep fields in good, playable shape and properly lined.

Please keep spectators staying positive when cheering for their players.

Please try to cut down on asking for reschedules between 12 and 3 on Sunday.

The LVYSL is always available to promote club events on the LVYSL website, so please ask – Social Media coming in 2018.

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 revenue decreased by \$11,216 from 2017 - \$70,490 to 2018 - \$62,874 mostly due to decrease in number of teams in tournament and extra salary for transition from Rob Rooney to Gary Blockus as Executive Director.

Registrar's Report:

New team packets accepted from February 1 to March 15; PS 1 changes by March 28

No roster freezes during the Spring season

EPYS is considering a fee increase that LVYSL will have to pass on to the clubs

Referee Assignor report:

Please report all incidents with referees bad and good to the Assignor.

Make sure line ups are properly filled out; players cannot wear jewelry.

Understand that block scheduling should be done in a manner to accommodate 1 man and 3 man crews.

10 day advance notice for rescheduling still applies.

Old Business:

Unlimited substitutions at all levels of play on any stoppage is now in effect throughout the LVYSL. Motion brought by Northeast United, second by Back Mountain. Vote carried 19-3.

New Business:

3 man crews for U12 1st division – please provide feedback from coaches and give feedback to the Board for potential expansion across all of U12 for Fall.

U11 and U12 all games at tournament will have 3 – man crew.

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.

Good of the Game:

U-8 age level – as long as players are registered with EPYS, then they are covered by club insurance for the Play Days through SAE

Issue was raised that coaches should be more respectful of referees and discussion was had among the membership regarding the Code of Conduct for coaches – the LVYSL Code of Conduct will be added to the website

Discussion was then had about the tournament format, question was raised regarding using Got Soccer points and discussion will be continued

Question was also raised regarding playoffs and was taken under advisement by the Board

Summer Meeting will be August 14 at 7:30 pm

David Rifkind
Secretary