



FLAGS: Constitution Changes, Fall Dates, GotSoccer and US Club Processes

South Jersey Soccer League General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2018

Call to Order:	Meeting called to order by Larry Young at 8:00 PM	
Attendance:	All clubs were in attendance, with the exception of: Chery Hill SC, Cinnaminson, Glassboro, Hammonton Youth, Mainland, Swedesboro-Woolwich and West Deptford.	
Recording Secretary Report:	The April 9 th GM minutes were posted to the website and distributed via email for review by the membership. Correction to Woodstown attendance. Motion to approve by Pittman, second by Pennsgrove. Vote for approval – unanimous.	
Treasurer’s Report:	Tom reviewed the treasurer’s report for April. April income \$3,110 including \$2,710 Spring registration and \$400 fines paid. April expenses \$9,620 including \$7,515 ref assigning expense, \$873 meeting expense and \$418 computer expense. Full report and list of fines will be sent via email to the membership.	
Registrar’s Report:	Chuck reminded the membership that players are free agents at the end of the season. Chuck will send a message to the club reps with info on trophies and pickup details.	
Grievance Report: Rules and Compliance:	Tom O. reported that the season is going well, fines and cards are down, communicate to coaches of job well done. Sanction, poor conduct and golden goal reports are sent to reps weekly. Respond to Tom for any corrections.	
Spring Games Report:	Spring games remaining on June 3 rd are to be arranged to eliminate holes in the schedules. Larry inquired on field status and plans for games this weekend from the GM. Majority of the reps acknowledged that they do not expect their fields will be playable this weekend. Clubs should contact Helmut as early as possible if closing fields. Will permit any cancelled games to be rescheduled until June 10 th . Remind coaches to report scores on the correct game date. Many scores reported on a cancelled week which will not reflect in standings.	
Old Business:	Communication and Notifications	Based upon feedback from clubs, communication has been a continuing problem – based on the perspective of club roles and the ability of getting the right info to the right people. Goal is to eliminate barriers so everyone knows what’s happening. Past systems had a different grouping of reps / coaches / contacts. The new communications system will be accurate as long as clubs maintain their updated contacts. Newsletter feedback is one direct avenue to get info direct to coaches, etc.
	Rules, Procedures and Fines	A new committee will set up as a panel to review rules and laws of the league to keep up-to-date to have club engagement as a council. Purpose of bi-directional education in review of old rules as well as new/revised rules. Recommendations will be made to the Board based on the committee’s feedback. Please consider signing up for this committee. Other proposed committees include coaching education committee and a league cup formation committee. Link on website is available for sign-ups for those interested.

	League / Club Behavior	Perception of the “old boys club” and that the Board talks down to the membership or shuts down conversations or questions. Need to not make it personal. Bob acknowledged an apology on behalf of the Board if this behavior has occurred. We are committed to changing this perception and please continue to provide feedback.
New Business:	Constitution Changes – Second Reading and Vote	<p>Larry presented the Constitution for a second reading/review – changes include replacing “NJYS” with “Youth Regional Soccer Association” to allow flexibility in affiliation. Also allows for change of the June meeting with 30 days’ notice due to frequent conflicts in June.</p> <p>Motion to vote by aggregate: Pemberton, Audubon second; vote to approve: unanimous</p> <p>Motion to accept the Constitution changes: Pennsgrove, Burlington Township second. Votes: 57 approved, 3 opposed.</p>
	Fall Dates	<p>June 1 – July 2: Online registration open July 17: Payment due, 6-8 PM LaQuinta Inn, Mt. Laurel July 20 -22: Ratings posted for comment August 31: Schedules posted Sept 4: U8-U11 Coaches meeting, 7:30 Start Sept 5: U12 – U17 Coaches meeting, 7:30 Start Sept 9: Fall season opening day</p>
	E. Board Nominations	<p>Nominations open for Vice President, Registrar, General Secretary, Spring Commissioner, Information Officer, Second Trustee.</p> <p>Heather Talarico will collect nominations.</p>
	Guest Players	<p>Facts provided on use of guest players:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 79 requests, 65 approved 14 denied (either late request or ineligible player issues) • 25 clubs, 43 diff teams • U11 and U13 were the greatest percentage of guest player usage
	GotSoccer Registration Process	<p>Joe Arone reported that Fall league registration will be through the SJSJL website (GotSoccer Link), cost will be \$80 per team. Clubs may start to enter rosters in GotSoccer now to prepare for Fall. No more “quiet period” will exist, teams will automatically age up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure teams apply for the age group you will be in the Fall. Register with club name spelled out, team name and birth year of the oldest player (full 4 digits). • Clubs can apply in mass (via club reps) or individually by coach. Instructions will be sent to club officers from GotSoccer. Note: If coaches enter individually, reps should monitor applications to ensure all teams are entered with correct naming convention.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After carding, player pass numbers must be added to GotSoccer (from US Club). • Enter player email contact info in GotSoccer for communication about game changes or cancellations. • EDP players cannot play (with EDP pass) on a SJ team.
	US Club Passes	<p>US Club (via Kyck Play) will be used for carding. Club accounts must be set up (unless you current have one for teams playing EDP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passes can begin to be processed starting July 1st. • Player passes must be requested at the team level (not individually) to receive the \$15 fee. • Acquire digital birth certificate and photo files. • League logo will be on the back of the pass, print, fold and laminate passes once paid and received. Suggestion: set up Google Doc form to collect player info and documents to upload for pass info. • Coach passes (\$25) can be requested after completion of a sports sideline course (\$5), background check (\$18) (via US Club) and safe sport online training (free) and upload of documents. • Coach pass fee is \$48 total, good for 2 years. Coaches are carded to the club, not to individual teams. • F license courses are still honored, as are national courses. SJSJL plans to design and hold a coach licensure course before the Fall season.
	Insurance	<p>D&O insurance is not offered to clubs, must go to an independent broker if interested. Joe to follow up regarding General Liability coverage. Certificate of Insurance (COI) application forms will be accessible from the SJSJL website (link to US Club insurance request form). COI's are valid for the calendar year.</p>
Next GM Meeting:	Monday June 11, 2018, Hotel ML	
Next E Board Meeting:	May 31, 2018	
Adjournment:	Meeting was adjourned at 9:51 PM.	
Respectfully,	Scott Hartman, Recording Secretary	