



FLAGS: Scholarships, Fall 2016 Key Dates, Elections, New Clubs

South Jersey Soccer League General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2016

Call to Order:	Meeting called to order by Larry Young at 8:04 PM
Minutes:	No report.
Attendance:	All clubs were in attendance, with the exception of: Cherry Hill FC, East Greenwich, Glassboro, Indian Mills, Mainland, Mt. Laurel, Pennsauken, Pittsgrove, Runnemede, Seneca, Tar Kill, Upper Twp, Westmont, Winslow, Woodbury
Club Contact Info	Bob passed around a list for all clubs to verify respective president, primary club rep and alternate rep for communications to club officers.
General Secretary Report:	No report.
Treasurer's Report:	Treasurer's report for January through April handed out and reviewed by the membership. Notable expenses include ref assigning at \$7515 with education (goalie training) at \$3000 being the next large expense. Motion to accept: Barrington. Second: Marlton. All approved.
Scholarship Awards:	<p>Larry presented the scholarship award recipients. Out of 21 total applicants, 6 were selected as awardees and will each receive \$1000 awards. The top 3 are also recipients of annual memorial awards. Those present to receive their awards are:</p> <p>The Brad Wilby Memorial award recipient for 2016 is Fernando Marinero. Fernando participated in SJSL U15 and over as well as U14 and under. He was ranked 8th in his class and with a GPA of 4.0 at Clayton HS where he was team captain for his high school soccer team for his junior and senior year. Fernando will attend Rowan University in the fall</p> <p>The Charles "Charlie" Kellogg award recipient for 2016 is Christopher Lenahan. Chris participated in SJSL U15 and over as well as U14 and under. He was 16th in his class at Shalick HS. Chris will attend Rowan College at Gloucester County in the fall participating in the NJ Stars program.</p> <p>Cedrick Garcia of Gloucester County Institute of Technology. Cedrick will attend Rowan University in the fall.</p> <p><u>Recipients who were not present include:</u></p> <p>Paul F Gilligan III Memorial award recipient for 2016 is Michael Zelinka. Michael participated in SJSL U15 and over as well as U14 and under and currently attends Cinnaminson High School. Michael will attend St. Joseph's University in the fall.</p> <p>Collin Cardona of Shalick HS. Collin will attend Rowan University in the fall.</p> <p>Timothy Campbell of Cinnaminson HS. Timothy will attend Rowan University in the fall.</p>
Registrar's Report:	Chuck reviewed the club survey data acquired via email response regarding club sizes and team structure for the fall. Found very few clubs were moving teams up intact, most of those who are being in the U11 and U12 age groups. 2/3 of small-sided teams are fully age-appropriate. To date, U8-U12 team volumes showing a 20% reduction in number of teams from last Fall. Some clubs yet to respond.

Grievance Report: Rules and Compliance:	Tom O. reported the season was going well until past weekend where there were higher than average poor conduct offenses. A few mercy rule violations, however lower than average. Overall, mercy rule, coach sanctions and poor conduct down from prior seasons which is good news. Tom needs to see Vineland, Cape Express, Washington Twp, Mt Laurel. Larry confirmed to the GM on the need to retain passes for ejections at the current time. This may change in the future as confidence in the Bonzi system evolves.				
State Report:	Larry presented that there will be revised Laws of the Game changes that will go into effect next year. All Laws have some level of change, most of it is descriptive language changes. One example is the kick off rule: ball does not need to initially go forward off the tap. The revisions were published by IFAB as effective on June 1, 2016. NJYS decided rules will go into effect Jan 2017 with the new referee recertifications. Be patient with referees as they get accustomed to the changes once they are in effect.				
Fall Games Report:	No report.				
Spring Games Report:	<p>Helmut reported on the Spring season. 25 games need to be made up by June 5th including 7 TBA's, 6 games from 4/10 and 12 games from 5/8. Game make-ups must be coordinated through the club rep and games commissioner. \$100 fine plus half ref fees for noncompliance. If a coach is having difficulty rescheduling or coordinating with opposing coach, contact Helmut and the game will be scheduled. Request from GM to add phone numbers to Bonzi game schedules for ease of contacting.</p> <p>Helmut reported a significant volume of forfeits this season including 5 during the weekend of 5/15. If anticipating Sunday closures due to weather, contact Helmut early via use of the field closure form if you know the girls' games are cancelled and fields will remain closed Sunday.</p>				
Information/Tech Report:	League is working with Bonzi to correct email notification and contact info processes.				
Website:	GM Minutes will be posted on the website going forward. All dates and info for the upcoming Fall season will be posted as well.				
Old Business:	Small sided field status – response from clubs needed by the June GM meeting. Need to know any clubs who will be using a full-sided field that will also be divided into small-sided since this will affect game scheduling.				
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Board will need to evaluate the point structure and eligibility for teams who change flights.

Joe reported the plans for Fall Ratings: To help align flights for Fall due to birth year changes, there are added questions to registration form including: birth year of oldest player, previous flight, how many players are playing up 1 year, 2 years, age appropriate. Club name is a drop down field. Team name must be fully spelled out (no abbreviations). A handout with the details was provided. Immediately following registration, enter coach name on the roster in Bonzi so the communication is sent to the appropriate coach. Ratings will be posted on website as well as sent by email to coaches in respective age groups. Fall season – will need to enter full roster again in Bonzi (Spring can carry forward). Got Soccer webinar will be presented again in August – especially for new coaches but open to all.

Roster Freeze:

Larry requested feedback from the GM regarding roster freeze after round 7 (from a rec team). Will vote in June. Discussion surrounding player adds from a premier team and how coaches would know. Option to consider only small-sided teams or potential to lock the rosters so a player would need to be looked up to confirm if they were carded prior.

Newsletter:

A newsletter is being produced monthly by Bob. Distributed via email as well as posted on website.

New clubs seeking entry in SJSL

Gary Auer from Absecon presented for acceptance to the SJSL. Larry proposed option to move for a hand vote. Audubon motion to precede by hand vote, Florence second. Unanimous approval. Motion to accept Absecon: Barrington, Second: Marlton. Unanimous approval.

Jeremy Verdone from Collingswood presented for acceptance to SJSL. Majority of players from Collingswood and Oaklyn, mix of rec and others currently playing within other towns. Year to year contract with Kroc center for field use due to restrictions in Collingswood.

Barrington objected citing concerns with player outmigration, Collingswood girls-side board member issues and that the club is playing games in Camden.

Larry confirmed that the issues with the girls board member should not preclude the boys program eligibility. Any new clubs are on a 2-year probation and if any issues present it will be managed accordingly.

Mike noted there are multiple high school programs at Kroc center with no issues. Chuck reported that surrounding towns had no major concerns with Collingswood joining the league.

Larry explained per the SJSL Constitution, the vote will be by club ballot and the number of votes is consistent with the number of carded teams in each club for the Fall season. Medford motion to waive the requirement and permit a hand vote. Second Wenonah, Majority in

	<p>favor, 9 objections, motion passes to vote by hand. Motion to accept Collingswood: Haddonfield. Second Burlington. Majority in favor, 5 opposed, motion passed for acceptance of Collingswood into SJSL.</p>	
Elections:	<p>Positions up for election: VP, General Secretary, Information Officer, 2nd trustee, Spring Games Commissioner, League Registrar, as well as Recording Secretary and First Trustee (since both positions were filled mid-term). If interested, submit via email to Scott Hartman or to the nomination committee chair when selected.</p>	
U15 Admin Teams	<p>Larry reviewed the new policy regarding U15 admin teams and the associated process as detailed in a handout distributed to the GM. U15/16 players from multiple clubs will be permitted to play on an administrative team in the Fall. Clubs must submit a letter to the SJSL President by July 18th indicating the primary team will play in the Spring 2017. This permits the team to be carded in August and players can play on an administrative team in the Fall. A club sponsoring an SJSL Administrative team for Fall 2016 must contact the SJSL President with their intent by July 25th. No extra fee to play in Fall – primary team must card before the Fall; players go back to their primary team but will not be transfers in the Spring so there are no associated penalties. Communicate to the league per deadline dates for appropriate planning now and to avoid penalties.</p>	
Clubs to Stay:	<p>Audubon, Berlin, Delanco, TBAA, Pittsgrove, Seneca, Swedesboro, Vineland</p>	
Next GM Meeting:	<p>June 9, 2016, 8 PM</p>	<p><u>Location:</u> Wyndham Hotel, 1111 Rt. 73N, Mt. Laurel</p>
	<p>Final registration payment: July 18, 2016, 6-8 PM</p>	<p><u>Location:</u> LaQuinta Inn, 5000 Clover Rd, Mt. Laurel (just off of Rt. 73)</p>
Next E Board Meeting:	<p>June 2, 2016</p>	
Adjournment:	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 9:52 PM.</p>	
Respectfully,	<p>Scott Hartman, Recording Secretary</p>	