



FLAGS: SJSL and SJGSL GM Joint Meeting – Blue Star Review, Fall Dates

South Jersey Soccer League General Membership Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2017

Call to Order:	Meeting called to order by Larry Young at 8:00 PM
Attendance:	All clubs were in attendance with the exception of: Gloucester County Union, Hamilton Elite, Indian Mills, South Harrison, Seneca, Tar Kill, Voorhees
Recording Secretary Report:	Minutes were distributed to the General Membership via email and online for review. Motion to accept: Winslow, second: Medford Strikers. Vote to accept – unanimous.
Treasurer's Report:	Treasurer's report for May 2017 was distributed via email to the general membership for review. Total income of \$2166 primarily from fine payments. Total expenses of \$8668, notable expenses include \$7450 for ref assigning and \$546 for meeting expense. Motion to accept: Winslow, second: Medford Strikers. All approved.
Spring Games Report:	Larry reported that coaches did a great job with game reschedules and dealing with all the weather cancellations and delays. Final lists of division champions will be distributed soon. Trophies will be picked up at Third Base Sports in Cherry Hill. Notice will be sent by the league.
Blue Star Procedures and Fall Policies:	<p>Bob Cooper provided a presentation on the Blue Star / Bonzi procedures for Fall 2017. The presented PowerPoint will be available on the SJSL website under the "Admins" section.</p> <p>Fall season key dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online registration open 6/1 through 7/3• Invoices sent out 7/7• Final registration payment 7/18 @ LaQuinta Inn 6-8 PM• Ratings posted for comments 7/21 through 7/23• Ratings adjustments by 7/27• Fall schedule posted 8/29• Mandatory Coaches meeting 9/5 (U8 – U11) & 9/6 (U12 – U17) Hotel ML 8 PM• Round 1 Fall season begins 9/10• GM Meetings: 10/19, 12/14, 2/15, 5/17 & June TBD <p>Registration Excel Spreadsheet: sent to all SJSL clubs – must be completed by June 30th. In addition to league registration through Blue Star. Excel form will be distributed following the GM meeting to collect home fields, number and name of teams and rating information. Must be completed and returned by June 30th. See handout provided at the GM meeting. Email to Eboard@SJSL.org</p> <p>Ratings: Reps must inform club and teams about ratings along with schedule and dates. Ensure coach email address is on the Bonzi roster so the coach receives the messages. Help the process by working to align for competitive flights so all players are in a developmental situation.</p> <p>Answers to Roadshow Questions (per Google Doc distributed in May): 6 responses submitted under the following categories:</p>

- 1). League registration questions:
 - Blue Star questions go to Allison, she is assigned to NJ to support clubs through June. Multiple clubs can organize a collaborated education session with Allison.
 - All Blue Star questions need to be posed to Blue Star directly per the contacts:
 - Jim Parent: Jim.parent@bluestarsports.com
 - Allison Baker: Allison.baker@bluestarsports.com
 - No connection with GotSoccer. Players get their login and enter medical release and registration info, pictures, age verification directly.
 - Three methods to enter players: Portal entry, Club assignment or via Bonzi Team (mobile app) coach invite.
- 2). Fees:
 - Registration Fees: \$15 per coach (includes background check) and \$15 per player (replaces packet cost). SJSL fees \$90 and SJGSL fees \$140 are billed to the club (by the league). Parents are billed 2.9% + .30 if using credit card.
 - Rec players are \$9 and if background checks are requested for coaches, the fee will be \$9 for coaches.
 - Option to collect fees via your current club process which incurs no cost for Bonzi
- 3). How to get help setting up registration:
 - Registration Process: Blue Star is taking the place of GotSoccer for the state's website and all NJYS/USYS carding and roster preparation. This is NOT controlled by the league.
 - Instructions and help screens are on the Bonzi website, customer support will help getting underway.
 - Roadshow materials and training resources, videos, etc.... are available at www.njyslive.com and copies of training handouts are also in the SJSL website under the Admins section, PowerPoints.
- 4). Background Checks:
 - Everyone gets a background check through Bonzi regardless of other township requirements.
- 5). Game Day rosters & passes:
 - Roster freeze old process to gain pass numbers. No more roster freeze button. All players will have a unique pass number that they will retain through their youth soccer career.
 - Game day rosters – act as game card and still must be printed for every game
- 6). Questions regarding registration:
 - Admins can check for completion of forms, birth certificate & player pic
 - Pictures expire after 2 years (auto-deleted by Bonzi)
 - Registrar can be any club role, but must be assigned in Bonzi
 - Registrar may enter teams into leagues (mass apply). Team connect code will place team into the league. Recommend parents entering player info and med release, documents, etc.... (not by club staff).
- 7). Player passes:
 - Coaches will print player passes on plain paper (no card stock).
 - Players can't be placed on a team until approved by a DC.
 - Club reps are the primary contacts. Ensure President, Reps and Alt Reps are up-to-date in the member login page. Copies of medical waivers should be printed and kept with the coach for games and tournaments. Get a hand signature from parents.

Fall Changes:

- SJSL rules govern play in SJSL!
- Birth year – team age is determined by the oldest player on the roster. Subtract birth year from the Spring year to determine the age group of the team.
- U8 teams – register as U8 through Blue Star, must be age appropriate (1/1/10 – 12/31/10) will play under U9 rules
- 7v7 Fields: 60-65 yds. by 40-45 yds.
- Transgender players: US Soccer national rule, players register with the gender with which the player identifies
- Guest player policy Effective Fall 17: Players may only be carded to one club/team registered with SJSL at a time. Guest players can play on another team within their same club within specific parameters:
 - Must be carded to play for the same club within the same league
 - Max 4 guest players who all must appear on game day roster as guest players
 - A “need” must exist (1 or fewer subs available for the game)
 - GDR may not list more than the allowable minimum numbers per above
 - No players handwritten on the GDR (GDR must be computer generated)
 - Higher flighted player cannot guest play down within age bracket (lower flighted player may play up on a higher flighted team)
 - Playing up rules:
 - U6/U7 may not travel or play up
 - U8 must be 100% age appropriate
 - U8 – U14 players may play up 2 years with club approval
 - U15 and above players may play up with club approval
 - No majority rules (except U8)
 - No more than 2 league games in a day, same uniform required
 - Max of 3 guest play appearances per player and teams may have guest players a max of 3 times
 - Must be used appropriately, must not purposely cut players from a GDR to field guest players. Sanctions will be imposed if this is discovered.
- No pass, no GDR, no play, no exception! Physical passes/cards and rosters must be in hand.

SJSL Elections

Executive Board election proceedings handled by Kurt Andress from Audubon.

Positions up for election this year include:

- President, Larry Young
- Treasurer, Tom DiValerio
- Rules Compliance Officer, Tom Olbrich
- Fall Games Commissioner, Mike Trojak
- Recording Secretary, Scott Hartman
- Third trustee, Gary Rambo
- First trustee, (open position) Mike Bonanno candidate via application

Kurt made a motion to accept all unopposed positions and applicant for the open trustee position, General Membership unanimously approved by show of hands.

Next GM Meeting:

September 5th and 6th 2017 (Mandatory Coaches Meetings)

Next E Board Mtg:

August 2017 (Date TBD)

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully,

Scott Hartman, Recording Secretary