



## FLAGS: Rules, Referee and 5-Year Planning Committees, Board Opening

### South Jersey Soccer League General Membership Meeting Minutes December 13, 2018

<b>Call to Order:</b>	Meeting called to order by Bob Cooper at 8:05 PM
<b>Minutes:</b>	The October 25, 2018 GM minutes are still being finalized and will be distributed to the GM via email and posted online for review. Acceptance will be via email.
<b>Intro/Overview</b>	Bob reviewed the October Presidents meeting. Meeting with presidents will be an annual occurrence to improve communication with clubs and league.
<b>Attendance:</b>	All clubs were in attendance, with the exception of: Cape Express, Clayton, Cohansey, Collingswood, Gateway, Haddonfield, Hamilton Elite, Hammonton, Indian Mills, LAC, Medford, Pennsauken, Swedesboro Woolwich, Upper Township and West Deptford.
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b>	<p>Treasurer's report for Fall 2018 through November distributed via email for review by the membership. No income for October/November. Notable expenses include \$7,450 for ref assigning expense with meeting expense at \$317 being the next large expense. Anticipated December expense for trophies will be approximately \$7,000. Motion to accept: Barrington, second: Pennsgrove. Vote for approval – unanimous.</p> <p>Scholarship contact will be changing to Scott. Application info to follow - please distribute to HS Seniors who have played in SJSL. Application deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>
<b>Registrar's Report:</b>	Chuck noted flight winners were posted. Trophies can be picked up after January 8 <sup>th</sup> . Number of trophies will equal the roster number at the end of the season.
<b>Rules and Compliance Report:</b>	Tom sent out final season reports, overall very good and mercy rule violations were down this season. Suspensions will carry over to Spring season.
<b>Fall Games Report:</b>	Mike reported 532 teams, 2600 games played, 135 not played due to weather. Google form being developed (like closed fields process) to be used to simplify reschedule requests. Were some issues with late field closures notices from clubs on 12/2.
<b>SJ Cup</b>	Joe reported 134 boys teams entered SJ Cup. Suggested club reps get more involved with scheduling for field and game time organization to limit conflicts. Cup rosters are frozen for Cup games, cannot add players for semifinal and finals. Trying to arrange neutral fields for semifinal and final games – preferably Friday nights. Next year Cup registration will be along with league registration (separate payments) and schedules will be out sooner, so games can be played by the end of October.
<b>Spring Registration</b>	Joe reported Spring registration is open, reps with admin login can see who is registered from your club. Clubs control primary contacts and emails of coaches and managers. Reps can also manage all team registrations, “log in as team” (option in the lower right corner). Mass application does <u>not</u> allow flighting request comments.
<b>Guest Players</b>	Scott provided guest player stats from Fall season. 93 game requests (182 players across 61 teams from 32 different clubs). U11 and U14 were the highest volume. Majority of requests were appropriate, only 8 denied (late, players from different club/league). Reviewing continued value and parameters for appropriate use.

<b>Ref Evals</b>	Total of 5100 ref eval reports due form Fall, 90% completed/ 500 not completed. Tom acknowledged good completion and communicated purpose and value of the evals. Interest from GM to enable club reps to be able to view coach compliance.	
<b>Old Business:</b>	Rules Committee	Tom D and Gary forming a rules committee. Any reps interested send email to Tom, initial meeting will after New Year.
	Spring Coaching Classes	Bob reported 1-2 Level 1 courses will be scheduled in February based on need. Seeking additional hosts for summer dates. Level 2 course dates TBD. Seeking core locations for regular training dates.
<b>New Business:</b>	Referee Committee	Bob noted a Referee committee is in formation, contact Bob if interested in chairing or serving. Goal to improve process and volume of referee recruitment. See <a href="http://www.NJRefs.com">www.NJRefs.com</a> for info. One local upcoming class in Cherry Hill on 2/17 (Grade 8).
	Board Position Opening	Bob reported the Recording Secretary position is open. Scott moved into the First Trustee position. Additional assistant positions may be open as well to become involved and learn the operations. Bob to send out communication with info.
	5 Year Plan Committee	League is seeking a committee to create a 5-year plan. Committee make-up would consist of Board members and a mix of club reps.
	CPR/First Aid	Seeking connections to support the offering of CPR /First Aid courses.
	New Club Applicant	Gloucester County Union welcomed as a returning member club.  Burlington County Soccer Association application to league. Chris Updike discussed their interest in joining SJSL. Partnered with Riverside and Delanco with 2 teams (2007, 2009) ready to play. Open to players from any towns. Also have a few EDP teams. Votes from GM: 50 accept, 3 opposed. BCSA is welcomed to the SJSL.
	GDR's	Linkage of GotSoccer numbers and Arbiter numbers – goal to solve over the winter break to improve the GDR's for the Spring season to include the ref names and game numbers.
	USC Memberships	Four 1-year passes for USC membership raffled off to member clubs, winners are: Burlington Township, Delran, Haddon Heights and Palmyra-Riverton. Contact Joe by 12/21 with the names of who will be using the membership.
	<b>Next GM Meeting:</b>	February 21, 2019, Hotel ML
<b>Next E Board Meeting:</b>	January 3, 2019	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.	
<b>Respectfully,</b>	Scott Hartman, First Trustee	