



Delaware Youth Soccer Association
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Member of the United States Youth Soccer Association & United States Soccer Federation



Minutes of the August AGM meeting held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018
beginning at 7:00 PM at The Modern Maturity Center, Dover DE.

Presiding: Scott Lobdell
ED/Secretary: Laura Sturdivant

Other Officers, Directors, Ex-Officio and Staff members present:

- Michelle Wojciechowski, John Weaver, Brent Feldman, Faye Smith, Joe Brown, Jim Green, Ian Hennessy, Chad Reed, Blaine Boyles, Scott Mosier, Stephanie Parker, Tom Pal, Brian Griner, Jr., Rebecca Mais, Garth Messinger, Mike Kleinert & Terry Reed

Clubs Represented: City of Harrington, Coastal Atlantic FC, Concord, DEFC, DE Union, DE Revolution, DE Rush, Henlopen, Kirkwood Soccer, Nanticoke, River, Western Sussex Youth SA

Affiliates & Independent Teams: none

Confirmation of Previous Minutes-approved

Treasurer's Report-written reports-Michelle Wojciechowski

- Budgets will be tracked this year. Hard to compare to previous years due to the way Quick Books was set up
- Treasurers' report filed for audit

President's Report-written report

- Laura updated members on ref situation. Megan is working with the US Soccer Federation in resolving the issues. She is setting up a meeting with the remaining board members from the Referee Committee
- Scott reported that Megan will host a Club President meeting in September
- Scott reported Target Cup will be held at DE Rush on November 10 & 11. John will put together a division for TopSoccer to participate

Executive Director-written report

- Discussion regarding State Cup for 2019. The cost to send teams to the NCS Regionals and President's Cup has been increased to \$1200 and \$900 respectfully. This is an increase from \$710 and \$550. In addition, we would need to increase the bond for teams to at least \$1200/\$900

- Comments from members:
 - Cost is too high for the number of games that a team receives
 - Need innovative ideas to come from our clubs
 - Teams are not competitive in all age groups
 - Focus is always on the 1% of players in the state and we should begin to build our programs from the bottom up
- Some suggestions from members
 - Allow 9U, 10U and 11U participate in the event. They would not advance but would be an opportunity for our younger players to experience State Cup.
 - Have more than 1 bracket. Top bracket would play to attend NCS regionals and second bracket would just play for state competition

Technical Director-Mike Kleinert

- Mike reminded all that coaches need to complete Risk Management. Coaches need to go through their club to complete
- Each club should be hosting a grassroots coaching course. The course is needed for coaches to advance to taking the “D”
- Instructors license is coming up next spring. Must hold an “A” license to take the course. We need at least 12 candidates before we can schedule. We are overdue for a “D” course.
- ODP-each age group almost had at least one player in the pool games at camp. 2004 boys regional team played a local team that was heading to Nationals in Frisco. 2004 boys won 8-1. Games were “live” streamed so parents could watch. A large portion of our players come from out of state. Please encourage your players to play ODP. We understand if they are playing DEFC, but if they are not, they should participate in ODP. Academies have 65% of the best players. The other 35% should be playing ODP.
- Tryouts for the 2018-2019 season are open and the first tryout is September 16th
- We have a lot of out of state players. They are not taking a spot from a DE player as other state Technical Directors are giving Mike contact information for them. Looking to have northern and southern teams.
- A U12 tournament will be held at DE Turf next February. We are hoping to have teams to participate since this is in our backyard.
- We need to remind players, parents and coaches that this program is not always about games and focus on the players as individuals
- Years ago, it was hard for DE players to move forward. Now with change of environment, we have an avenue for those players.
- Patrick Short, player from Henlopen, has been the team captain for his age group at the regional level for 2 years.

Recreation-Brent Feldman

- Mickey Wherry tournament will now be an indoor tournament at KSC on Jan. 13
- Interclub schedule to be out by the end of the month
- Brent is looking to host a downstate tournament next spring

Sponsorship & Marketing-Terry Reed

- Scott thanked Terry for all of her hard work
- Our next fundraiser is at Iron Hill Brewery on Aug 22. 20% of all food purchases will go to DYSA
- September 25 at Capriotti's in Lantana Square, Hockessin. Please be sure to sign up in advance. We need 20 people to sign up prior to September 20th or the Capriotti's will cancel the event. Please sign up at <https://www.groupraise.com/events/66578>
- October 26 is the 1st Annual Beef & Beer at the UWA, 698 Old Baltimore Pike, Newark, DE 19702. Tickets are \$30pp/\$50 per couple. To purchase tickets <http://www.dysalive.org/BEEFandBEER>
- Working with local foundations, Chichester, Carpenter & Levine. Focusing on TopSoccer.
- Please share the fundraising events with you members. Proceeds will benefit all players in in the state!

Commissioner-John Weaver

- John stressed the importance for all coaches, Volunteers and Board members to complete the background check. Anyone that does not complete the background check, Concussion training and Sexual Abuse training will not be covered under DYSA insurance
- Club Administrators need to remind everyone to complete the above
- Please check your equipment each season to make sure everything is in working order

TopSoccer-John Weaver

- No report

Old Business

- DYSL has 4 teams; schedule is complete and ready to launch. Each team will receive 6 matches. One home and one away game

New Business

- Elections
 - The following Board Members we ran unopposed and accepted their positions. Scott ran elections until the election for Vice President. Meeting was turned over to John Weaver. Scott Lobdell and Chad Reed were our candidates for Vice President
 - Directors at Large-Rebecca Mais & Scott Lobdell
 - TopSoccer-John Weaver
 - Commissioner-John Weaver
 - Director of Recreation-Brent Feldman
 - Treasurer-Michelle Wojciechowski
 - Vice President-Chad Reed

Good of the Game

- Nothing

**The November meeting will be held on November 22, at 7:30 PM at the
Modern Maturity Center in Dover**