

Ohio Travel Soccer League

Annual Meeting

July 18,2021

Meeting called to order at 4:41 PM

Communities not in attendance: Aurora, Brooklyn, Elyria, Firelands, LaGrange, Louisville, Mentor, Middleburg Hts., Orange, Perry (Stark), Springfield, Strongsville, Tallmadge, Wooster

Treasurer report: Approx. \$450,000 total assets. Lost approximately. 50K in 2019- 2020 due to lost season and 25K in 2020-2021 fiscal year due to no tournaments. Need communities to make sure they keep treasurer contacts up to date so we can get invoices to them. Trophy reimbursement policy changes include not able to win if a game is forfeited or refused to be made up. Further if community wishing a refund has a balance with the league, the refund will be applied to the balance.

Elections- Christian announced that based on votes all three candidates on the ballot, Bill Bryan, Greg Byerly and Russ Buckley were elected.

Administration: Becky went over the following:

- 1) Got sport is new system and your registrars should be working to get everything done.
- 2) Game Reschedules- new process allows each team up to 3 game changes per team once the open schedule closes. These changes can occur up to 3 days before a game. However, if the change is between 3 and 7 days, the community requesting the change will be responsible for ref and ref assignor fees for that game. If less than 3 days than no change and forfeit of the greater of \$100 or ref and ref assignor fees.
- 3) She emphasized we need teams to put in game scores. We actually had a team say they won a division, but half the games were not entered so could not be verified.
- 4) Remember you need to complete your Lindsey law and concussion certifications waivers by August 8th, one week prior to season start.
- 5) We do provide Rec coverage through US Club for those interested. The cost is \$10 per player and \$5 per cost. Dawn DiCicco can answer any questions.

Coached Education: Marcie went over the upcoming courses including in upcoming DOC license in early August and multiple grassroot licenses. Everything is on the website. She also reminded all communities about the coach's education reimbursement program the league is still running to help communities get their coaches licensed.

Referee and Referee Assigning: Frank went over changes including that Joe Blackham retiring after 15 years, He already has a replacement and is working with those communities. He also stressed ref assignors are to advise community reps up to 36 hours in advance if they do not have a referee assigned to a game. At that point the community can get someone to referee the game. That person MUST be Lindsey Law and Concussion certified.

Discipline: Christian went over the new process for discipline as well as the new form for referees to complete when issuing a red card, a new referee complaint form and an ineligible player form. All forms are now on the website.

Game Check-In: Howard went over the new game check in policy. The new policy is the following:

- 1) Players are to be checked in by the opposing coach
- 2) Team rosters will be used to check in players. Those rosters can be either paper or on a phone/Tablet. If the team is short players and using a non-rostered player from another one of their teams, they must provide a player pass for those players.
- 3) Under NO circumstances should a non-rostered player or coach be allowed to play in a game or be on the sidelines.
- 4) The referee should be a part of the check-in process for safety measures like shin guard, cleats, etc.
- 5) Should a team be found using ineligible players, the entire coaching staff will be suspended for four games for a first offense and have a one year bam for a second offense.

Ohio Travel Cup: The Ohio Travel Cup is October 2-3. Cost is \$375 for U-12 and under and \$425 for U-13 and above. Games will be played at 4 locations as we have added Strongsville for this year. Registration will open this upcoming week.

Tournament Blast policy: The league announced a new tournament blast policy to begin on September 1st. For a tournament to be blasted, it must be sanctioned through US Club, If they are part of our league and running it themselves, we will blast up to three times as well as a final blast for specific teams. If they are a tournament working with one of our communities but run by others, we will blast twice. If we are asked to blast for specific teams a team discount must be offered to any of our teams that agree to play at the late date.

Neutral Site: Becky reminded everyone of the neutral site rules.

Board Chairperson ; Bill went over what board members will oversee league functions:

Howard- Events and Marketing, Greg: Membership, Bill: Education and Bracketing, Joey: Technology
Christian: Discipline and Russ: Nomination and Scholarship

Howard announced the board has decided we have grown to the point we need a part time executive director/operations manager to help with process primarily during season but will other decision-making issues. The pay will be \$1,250 per month and the assumption is it will average 40-45 hours per month.

New Business; Greg Byerly motioned to amend the code of regulations to allow elections to be held exclusively electronically. Dave Klingensmith from Stow seconded. The motion passed without decent.

Having no other business the meeting ended at 5:53 PM.