

Berkshire County Youth Soccer League
Board Meeting
October 30, 2007

Present: B. Farley, D. Larocque, J. Hunt, T. Alfonsi, B. Monteleone, B. Yehle, W. Metcalf.

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:20 p.m. Minutes from the September, 2007 BOD Meeting were approved.

New Business

7th/8th Grade High School Players Impact on U14 Division

- Board decided to revisit this issue and make a plan for the next fall season. Discussion about tournament exceptions for 8th graders who are too old for U14 but not eligible for high school teams – decided that this is not a BCYSL issue, but rather a decision for each tournament director.

Waiver Bylaw Language Change (Stranding, Co-Ed, Mergers)

- Consensus of the Board was to consider a girl stranded if her town/club has no girls' team in her age division, but then her only option would be to play for a girls' team in adjacent town. If no adjacent town had availability, then the Board would decide this on a case-by-case basis. Board would retain discretion and have final say. Consensus to not allow co-ed teams. These issues and issue of whether or not to revoke deadline to force all towns/clubs to merge into one program will be decided at next Board meeting.

Introduction of U8 Division / U10 Age Eligibility

- Feedback/input from Town/Club Coordinators was not available, so Board members first wanted tally of this information before voting on creating new U8 Division and whether to have any minimum age requirements for U10 or U8.

Maple Accomodation

- Ditto. Input from Town/Club Coordinators was not available, so Board members first wanted tally of this information before voting on whether to accommodate Maple players by not scheduling any games on Sundays.

TC Response to U8/Maple Inquiry

- See above.

Delegation of BOD Duties Among Members

- Tabled. Brian is working on this.

Blackout Dates - Columbus Day

- Tabled. To be discussed at a future meeting.

BOD Meeting Location / How Perceived

- Board members did not feel this was a problem, especially given the lack of responses from towns offering meeting locations. Minimal expense to provide some food to Board members.

Roster Changes Checks

- Four checks have been received for roster changes, and some bills need to go out. Jim will get information to Donna. Brian will e-mail Carl regarding game changes or forfeits.

MYSA Required Member Registration

- Jim e-mailed Rachel at MYSA. 6 or 7 Board members are not registered with MYSA. If not registered, then member does not have directors' insurance. Jim will e-mail the affected people to get DOBs and necessary information, then he will register them.

Complaint Against Pythons

- These complaints center around player tampering/recruiting. Board needs to investigate this further, then Board may consider sanctions against the Pythons and/or Tom Duane, including suspending Mr. Duane as the coach and/or club coordinator or banning the Pythons from BCYSL. Brian has a conflict so should not investigate himself, therefore he will only respond to Dean Rose, PSC director of the boys travel program, then pass the investigation off to Dustin. The involved families will need to be contacted.
- Discussion about the Pythons not reporting scores for their last seven games. Board decided that fines must be imposed for each infraction. Bill Yehle will get the necessary information to Donna so the Pythons can be billed.

Adams Issue

- Issue of Adams placing all teams in B divisions, regardless of skill level, possibly to gain advantage and win division. Board decided to form a “Competition Committee” to review all division placements at the Registration Meeting and advise as to appropriate division placements. The new Competition Committee will be composed of members of the BCYSL Advisory Council.

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The next BOD meeting will be on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Rainbow Restaurant, unless notified otherwise.

Board Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.!

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Monteleone, filling in for Cathy Schnopp, Secretary