

# Central Illinois Youth Soccer League Board of Directors Meeting – Business Meeting

<b>Central Illinois Youth Soccer League</b>	
Date: <u>February 9, 2020</u>	Location: <u>Advocate BroMenn Health &amp; Fitness</u>
Time: <u>10:22 AM - 12:21 AM</u>	<u>Center, Bloomington, Illinois</u>

**Members and Guests in Attendance (EX – Excused):**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Attended</u>
Jan Berlin - Secretary.....	Yes No	Tom Kulavic, 1 <sup>st</sup> VP .....	Yes No - EX
Dirk Bennet, Board Member	Yes No - EX	Luis Ramirez, Dist IV Rep..	Yes No
Colin Bonner, Board Member	Yes No - EX	Brett Penick, Board Member	Yes No
Bill Bruno, Dist I Rep.	Yes No - EX	Jay Ray, President.....	Yes No - EX
David Hicks, Registrar.....	Yes No	Gary Stephens, Referee Coor	Yes No
Chad Jones, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP .....	Yes No	Carlos Eguez, Dist V Rep	Yes No
Myron King, Dist III Rep ...	Yes No	Drew Lenhardt, Board Mem	Yes No
<b><u>Guest:</u></b>		<b><u>Guest:</u></b>	
Tyler Benton – Midstate		Hugh Orlicz, ISRA	
Sarah Parola, Illinois Fire Junior		Tammy Stauffer, Illinois Fire Juniors	

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	The Business Meeting of the Central Illinois Youth Soccer League was called to order at 10:22 AM.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Chad Jones, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Central Illinois Youth Soccer League called the meeting to order.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Election of Officers</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Officer nominations were asked for from the floor. The current slate of officers were nominated to serve another one year term.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	There was no opposition stated to the current officers retaining their positions that they are currently holding. A motion was made by Brett Penick to nominate the same slate of officers and seconded by Chuck Eguez. The motion carried, and the Board of Director officers will remain as they currently stand.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Review of Minutes – Business</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Minutes for the December 4, 2019, business meeting were attached in the meeting packet for review.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Gary Stephens made a motion to approve the minutes. Brett Penick seconded the motion. Minutes were approved and will be placed on the CIYSL webpage.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Review of Board Contact List</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Those in attendance were asked to review master copy of CIYSL Board of Directors contact list.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	No changes noted.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Treasurer Report</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Mr. Dave Hicks presented the November & December Financials and the 2019-year end budget. Mr. Hicks did note that income had decreased from the prior year. The 2020 Proposed Budget was approved during the CIYSL annual meeting.

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<b>Action to be taken</b>	Jan Berlin was given the complete set of financials to file. Brett Penick made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Chuck Eguez seconded the motion. Motion passed.
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<b>Topic</b>	<b>League Fees</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	In the past the IYSA had a fee increase of \$2.00 a player. At that time CIYSL decided not to pass this increase on to the players. With not passing this increase onto the players CIYSL subsidized the league approximately \$8,000 per year because we register over 4,000 players. IYSA this Spring had another increase of \$1.75 per player and decided to hold it and not pass it on, but now have changed their mind for the 2020 season and will be raising the fees another \$1.75 per player. Mr. Hicks pointed out if we do not raise that fee for CIYSL we will be subsidizing teams between \$10,000 - \$12,000 a year. There are three options that were presented: #1 – Not to raise fees, #2 – Raise fees by \$1.75 per player, or #3 – Raise fees by \$3.75 per player. Currently, Academy Players pay \$25.00 per player, U-11-U12 pay \$425.00 per team for a 18 person roster, and U-13 teams and up pay \$500 per team for a 22 person roster. Currently, out of the \$500 fees collected \$390 goes to the state. Drew Lenhardt discussed the possibility of raising fees and giving funds to clubs that host games to maintain/improve their fields. Myron King suggested a league development fund that clubs could request funds for their needs. Discussed if we have money at the end of the year CIYSL could put it back in an account that clubs could apply for.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Brett Penick made a motion to not raise fees. There was no second. Dave Hicks moved for CIYSL to increase fees to \$1.75 at a full max of the team rosters. So U-11 – U12 would go from \$425 per team to \$460 per team and U-13 and above would go from \$500 to \$540 per team. Academy fees would stay the same at \$25 per player. Gary Stephens seconded the motion. Motion passed.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>IYSA UPDATE</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	The meeting packet included Dave Hicks' Central District – Commissioner's Report. report to the IYSA for review. CIYSL has 244 teams in Spring of 2019 with 4109 players which was an increase of 6.5% from spring of 2018. Fall of 2019 had 158 teams with 2255 players participating which was a decrease of 7% from fall 2018.  Price increase of \$1.75 and there was no conversation at the IYSA meeting regarding if there will be an additional increase regarding insurance in the future.  Got Soccer is coming out with a new registration format this fall. Mr. Hicks did meet with Got Soccer in Baltimore. The improvements in the program look a lot cleaner and more organized. Mr. Hicks will let CIYSL members know once the IYSA has signed on to this.  The IYSA approved SASA's recreational league at their board meeting.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Price Increase – If there is an insurance price increase Mr. Hicks will bring the information to CIYSL.  Got Soccer – Once IYSA signs on with Got Soccer, Mr. Hicks will bring the information to CIYSL.

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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Academy Report</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Drew Lenhardt informed those in attendance that CIYSL did get more U-8 teams. This will help with both of the U-8 brackets being more diversified.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Mr. Lenhardt will review the information regarding the academy on the CIYSL website to make sure that all information is correct and up to date. It is important that the email that is sent to clubs/teams include information to make certain that everyone has the same standards regarding fields, goals, payout line, etc. It is also important that the tournaments hosted by CIYSL clubs follow these standards.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Referee Report</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p><u>Referee Fee Increase</u> - Gary Stephens distributed his proposal for the increase in referee fees: U-8 increase \$5, U-9 – U10 increase \$5, U- 11 – U-12 increase \$9, U-13 – U-14 increase \$10, and U-15-U-19 – no increase. Would like to start this in the Fall of 2020 and it is more of a struggle to get referees because we are competing with high school and college.</p> <p><u>Referee Classes</u> – We need to get the word out regarding referee classes. A request was made for information to be sent out to clubs so they could get people enrolled.</p> <p><u>Proposal</u> - Myron King made a proposal that for the first year CIYSL have \$10,000 that is accessible by all the clubs for brand new referees. New referees would get \$200 and returning referees could get \$100. This money would help offset the expenses the referees have. Proposed \$10,000 from February 9, 2020 (today’s date) until July 31, 2020, and then evaluate where we are at with the \$10,000 budget for this program. Concern was expressed about creating a taxable event. Suggestion that the referee is not paid directly and that we give the club the money to distribute. Process is the issue, and is there a fair an equitable way to distribute this money. The by-laws state that you have to have a minimum of four teams both spring and fall in the league. This would be the minimum number of teams to get a portion of the funds. Concern of how the money is going to be dispersed and who is going to verify it. Percentages would be determined by how many teams each club has. Checks will be issued to the clubs.</p> <p><u>ISRA</u> – Hugh Orlicz reported that the State of Illinois has lost several referees. He stated that it is hard to get young people to referee when they can make more working at the grocery store or dairy queen. The young kids will referee until they can get a “real job” that is not seasonal. Also, things have changed that we use to get referees from teams but now with paid coaches and trainers, they do not suggest to players that they should also referee. We need to rethink how we market and how we recruit. What do we need to start budgeting to stay competitive? Mentoring is a way to retain referees.</p>
<b>Action to be taken</b>	<p><u>Referee Fee Increase</u> - Brett Penick made motion - U-8 increase \$5, U-9 – U10 increase \$5, U- 11 – U-12 increase \$9, U-13 – U-14 increase \$10, and U-15-U-19 – no increase. Motion was seconded by Chuck Eguez. Motion passed. This would start in the fall.</p> <p><u>Referee Classes</u> – Gary Stephens will send the information regarding upcoming classes to the assignors. Ask Colin will be asked to put this information on the CIYSL Facebook page.</p>

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	<p><u>Proposal</u> – A motion was made by Brett Penick and seconded by Chuck Eguez to set aside \$10,000 for the referees. Motion passed.</p>
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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Spring 2020</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Silent Sunday & Group Club Play - Silent Sunday and group club play will be held on April 28 <sup>th</sup> at Champaign IFC. Chuck Eguez and Colin Bonner will split group club play on May 12 <sup>th</sup> . Chuck will host the girls and maybe older boys and Colin will host the boys.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Please make sure to send your number of fields and availability to Chuck Eguez.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>New Business</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Tyler Benton brought forth a proposal from Colin Bonner regarding ordering armbands to have U18 referees wear. His proposal is that the league purchase them or pay for them with the money that was just allocated for referees. Colin has offered to handle all communication. Tyler will check with Colin to get a cut off date for ordering.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	This will be a club option with the money that was allocated to referee fund. Ordering would go through Colin for ordering and each club would request the appropriate number needed.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	The meeting was adjourned.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	The Central Illinois Youth Soccer League Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 12:21 PM by Chad Jones.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Meeting Schedule</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>6/24/2020 – Champaign – 6:30 PM - Wednesday Night          7/29/2020 – Decatur – 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night          12/2/2020 – Springfield – 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night</p>
<b>Action to be taken</b>	

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	6/24/2020 – Champaign – 6:30 PM - Wednesday Night
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Illinois FC will make arrangements for a meeting location and inform Dave Hicks and Jan Berlin. Jan Berlin will send meeting notice to Board Members.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>ISRA – Hugh Orlicz</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Hugh Orlicz, Youth State Referee Administrator, spoke to those in attendance at lunch regarding the mentoring process for referees. There were a group of referees between the ages of 13 to 23 that were taken to OPD scrimmage games with players from Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois. They are assigned a mentor called a “coach” to assess & monitor them. They would be assigned three to four games. When they

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	were assigned a center to referee they would have a fourth licensed official to assess and help. This really help with their confidence. It also worked well because they were refereeing ODP level of play. There were two classroom session that they also would attend. Mr. Orlicz is currently working with assignors for recommendations of young referees to participate and for those referees that could mentor “coach”.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Please make sure your assignors know of this program and ask them to send Hugh information if they have either younger referees or mentor “coach”.