

# Central Illinois Youth Soccer League Board of Directors Meeting

## Central Illinois Youth Soccer League

Date: July 29, 2021

Location: Brickhouse Grill & Pub

Time: 7:17 PM – 7:46 PM

3136 W Iles Ave., Springfield, IL

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

<u>Members</u>	<u>Attended</u>		<u>Members</u>	<u>Attended</u>	
Jan Berlin - Secretary.....	Yes	No	Tim Koch, Dist III Rep.....	Yes	No
Dirk Bennet, Board Member	Yes (Via Phone)		Tom Kulavic, 1 <sup>st</sup> VP .....	Yes	No
Colin Bonner, Board Member	Yes	No	Brett Penick, Board Member	Yes	No
Bill Bruno, Dist I Rep.	Yes (Via Phone)		Luis Ramirez, Dist IV Rep..	Yes	No
David Hicks, Registrar.....	Yes	No	Jay Ray, President.....	Yes	No
Chad Jones, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP .....	Yes	No	Gary Stephens, Referee Coor	Yes	No

Guest: Drew Lenhardt  
Chuck Eguez

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	The Central Illinois Youth Soccer League (CIYSL) open forum was called to order at 7:10 PM.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Jay Ray, President, Central Illinois Youth Soccer League called the open forum to order.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Recognition of Guest – Open Forum</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The two guest present at this meeting Drew Lenhardt and Chuck Eguez. The guest were allowed to present their issues with CIYSL. Mr. Chuck Eguez first led off the open forum with a statement regarding his resignation. He stated that he does not wish to resign his District V Representative position even though that was his indication to CIYSL in resent communication. Mr. Lenhardt stated the main goal is to develop soccer players and give them a good experience. The motivation for Mr. Lenhardt to start this alternative league was that FC Central Illinois was threatening to pull all of their teams out of CIYSL and place them in SLYSA. There needs to be a lot of changes in Central Illinois soccer, so a group of clubs came to the table and decided to play with SLYSA because they liked what they had. There are three of the big clubs and 22 others that have decided to stay together which includes Peoria and Pekin, which were not currently part of CIYSL. In discussions with IYSA, Mr, Lenharst stated they met with IYSA. They felt they were promised the world and then got the run around. They took a vote and decided to stay together and form a new league. Mr. Lenhardt, “Players don’t need clubs and clubs don’t need the league.” They will have a better experience and will be adding 35 Peoria teams and 35 Morton teams. One of Mr. Lenhardt issues was that Dave Hicks was refusing to send informational emails to Peoria FC. Mr. Hicks noted that CIYSL had made contact, but at that time Peoria were looking at the option of forming a US Club League in Central Illinois. Peoria FC/Peoria FC United continued to place teams in CIYSL and communication continued from the league office. Mr. Lenhardt was asked what their needs are and some are listed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What does the league do for clubs?</li> <li>2. CIYSL needs a new website.</li> <li>3. CIYSL needs a bigger presence on social media.</li> <li>4. Need to get link to Got Soccer on website</li> </ol>

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	<p>5. Need more competitive teams in CIYSL</p> <p>6. Teams need a better experience</p> <p>The guest bottom line is that changes need to be made, as we are missing out on numbers.</p> <p>Their new league will have a technical committee that will consist of seven (7) directors of coaching. They will have Trish as their administrator. Changes are happening and they will be playing with SLYSA. Craig will be their assignor and there will be three play dates that will be scheduled that will not conflict with tournaments. Noted tournaments that are scheduled are Peoria – August, Bloomington – September and Springfield – October. Gary Stephens expressed concern over the availability of referees as that could be a problem in this area with COVID, aging referees, and other reasons.</p>
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Bill Bruno made the assumption to the guest that their clubs/teams were not coming to CIYSL in the fall but asked them to let CIYSL know what the Board could do to get them back. Jay Ray then instructed the guest to get back with the board in late October with suggestions on what they wanted. Open forum ended and guest were asked to leave as the CIYSL Board of Directors went into executive session.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	The Central Illinois Youth Soccer League (CIYSL) Board Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Jay Ray, President, Central Illinois Youth Soccer League called the meeting to order.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Review of Minutes – Business</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Minutes for the February AGM & February business meeting were emailed to the board members prior to the meeting for review.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	<p>Chad Jones made a motion to approve the February AGM meeting minutes. Gary Stephens seconded the motion. February AGM minutes were approved and will be placed on the CIYSL</p> <p>Tom Kulavic made a motion to approve the February business meeting minutes. Chad Jones seconded the motion. February business meeting minutes were approved and will be placed on the CIYSL webpage.</p>

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Review of Board Contact List</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	The Board Contact List was emailed to the board members prior to the meeting for review and updates were requested.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	List reviewed – no additions or corrections noted.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Treasurer Report</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Mr. Dave Hicks presented the June Financials for review. He noted that CIYSL took a hard hit by COVID and that some clubs did not offer girls high school soccer in the fall. There will be a credit given back to them. Mr. Hicks also presented a breakdown for year to date.

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<b>Action to be taken</b>	Jan Berlin was given the complete set of financials to file. Tom Kaulivac made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Gary Stephens seconded the motion. Motion passed.
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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Special Request</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Chad Jones recommended to the board that CIYSL should make a donation to the Aydin Gonsulen Memorial Scholarship fund.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	A motion was made by Chad Jones to make a \$250.00 donation and seconded by Tom Kulavic. Motion passed.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Referee Report</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Mr. Gary Stephens presented a proposal to increase referee fees. His proposal included rising the U-7-U-8 to \$30.00 from \$25.00, U-11-U12 from \$35.00 to \$40.00, U13-U14 to \$50.00 from \$45.00 and U-17-U18 referee fees from \$60.00 to \$70.00. He also proposed raising the AR fees in the U-17 – U19 age from \$40.00 to \$45.00.</p> <p>Mr. Stephens also presented recommendations for referee assault or abuse to the committee by a coach and the resulting fines listed.</p> <p>Assault –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Per person committing the refer assault must be suspended as follows:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For a minor or slight touching of the referee or the referee's uniform or personal property, at least 3 months from the time of the assault</li> <li>b. Except as provided in clause (i) or (ii), for any other assault, at least 6 months from the time of the assault.                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. For an assault committed by an adult and the refer is 17 years of age or younger, at least 3 years or</li> <li>ii. For an assault when serious injuries are inflicted, at least 5 years.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Abuse –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The minimum suspension period for adult and youth referee abuse shall be at least three (3) scheduled matches within the rules of that competition. The Organization Member adjudicating the matter may provide a longer period of suspension when circumstances warrant (e.g., habitual offenders).</li> </ol> <p>Fine –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the first offense by a coach \$200</li> <li>2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense ????</li> </ol> <p>Please be advised referee assault cases may be adjudicated under US Soccer Policy 531-9, Misconduct Toward Game Officials.</p>
<b>Action to be taken</b>	A motion was made by Tom Kulavic to accept these recommendations. The motion was seconded by Chad Jones and passed. This information will be added to the CIYSL website under Rules, League Format & Rules – VI. Coach, Team Manager, & Parent Guidelines.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Spring 2021 Review</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Dave Hicks reported there was under 100 teams in the Spring. There were not a lot of problems reported. There was on incident noted where a coach went off on a referee.

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	There was great success at State Cup with CIYSL teams.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Information only.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>IYSA UPDATE</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	The importance of player health was noted.  May 5 <sup>th</sup> IYSA terminated their current contract and are back with Sports Engine.  Got Soccer is now Got Sport. In Got Sport parents have to register and player has to have an email.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	Information only.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Fall Report</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Discussed Multi-Media expansion – more to follow. Looking at adding Twitter and Instagram accounts.
<b>Action to be taken</b>	CIYSL facebook page will be taken down. Colin Bonner was administrator for the account and has said he lost the password.

<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 8:48 pm which included the Executive Session time.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Meeting Schedule</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Will be looking at meeting in October.

Respectfully Submitting,  
Janice R. Berlin  
CIYSL Secretary/Treasurer