

Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
June 22, 2020
Via Webex Teleconference

Present: Thilo Boensch, Michael Hill, Chris Grine, Tom Beecher, Jim Van Kirk, Eric Kowalski

Absent: Kerry Solomon (excused), Armando Marcantonio

Guests: Tim McCoy, Terry Eguaoije, Peggy Neason

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Boensch called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Mr. Boensch declared a quorum present.
2. **Minutes** – Moved to the next meeting
3. **Items For Action:**
 - **Foundation:** Mr. Boensch presented the idea of creating a foundation. After discussion it was decided to investigate further before taking any action.
 - **Club Approval:** Mr. Grine presented North Stars and Pittsburgh Elite Soccer for approval as new members per the recommendation of the Youth Board. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Grine and second by Mr. Van Kirk the Board unanimously approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that North Stars and Pittsburgh Elite Soccer be granted affiliated with PA West Soccer's Youth Division.
 - **Annual General Meeting:** Mr. Boensch asked to reschedule the AGM to Wednesday, August 5. He added the meeting would be held virtually. He also noted that there are several amendments that would require in person voting and requested that a meeting to vote on the amendments be scheduled at a later date. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Grine and second by Mr. Hill the Board unanimously approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the PA West Soccer 2020 Annual General Meeting be held virtually on August 5 at 7:00 PM. Due to weighted voting requirements the agenda item regarding bylaw amendments would be rescheduled at a later date when an in-person meeting can be held.
 - **Referee Contacts:** Ms. Neason presented the contracts for CJ Morgante, Charles Murphy, and Bill Jordan to serve as referee development mentors and fitness coordinator respectively. She noted the elimination of requirements to attend events that were cancelled by the pandemic. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Hill and second by Mr. Kowalski the Board unanimously approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that PA West Soccer approve contracts between the State Referee Committee and CJ Morgante (referee development), Charles Murphy (referee development) and Bill Jordan (fitness).
4. **Reports**
 - **Referees:** Ms. Neason reviewed information from the USSF Referee Meeting-notably they will be forwarding 2020 registration into 2021 for referees. She also asked about waivers for referees. Mr. McCoy indicated the primary concern with waivers is youth players but he would confirm with the insurance company.
 - **President:**

- i. Mr. Boensch reviewed the status of the work on the strategic plan information gathering by the Bayer Center.
- **VP-Adult:**
 - i. Mr. Hill discussed the Adult Division's decision to restart play with various leagues resuming play at various times.
 - ii. He shared that the Adult approved reducing the registration fee to 20.00 due to the reduction in play and asked the Board to approve the reduction. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Hill and second by Mr. Kowalski the Board unanimously approved the following resolution, RESOVLED that the adult registration fee be reduced to 20.00 for the remainder of 2020.
 - iii. Mr. Beecher requested the Board reduce the Adult Division's contribution to the Association by 1.00. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Beecher and second by Mr. Hill the Board unanimously approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Adult Division contribution to PA West Soccer be reduced by 1.00 for the remainder of 2020.
 - iv. Mr. Hill also noted the Hispanic League may be returning to PA West Soccer after a couple of years of playing independently. He said they would be returning at the 25.00 per player rate. He inquired about their ability to pay for registration with the office currently closed to visitors. Mr. McCoy indicated arrangements would be made.
- **VP-Youth:**
 - i. Mr. Grine indicated the classic clubs are back to operation. Community clubs are just organizing with not much activity.
 - ii. He indicated the classic clubs aren't showing a drop off but the community club is a concern.
- **Treasure:**
 - i. Mr. Beecher said the financials for the May had been distributed.
 - ii. We have paid roughly 175,000.00 in refunds and that June will be our low point for funds.
 - iii. He said would be working with our accountant and First National Bank to submit the documentation for the PPP Loan to convert it to a grant.
 - iv. He also shared that the application was submitted for a 100,000.00 loan from PNC.
- **Executive Director:**
 - i. The office has re-opened with a partial staff alternating weeks.
 - ii. Mr. McCoy discussed Norm Hasbrouck Scholarships and the need for a committee to review the applications. Mr. Kowalski volunteered to chair the committee to evaluate the candidates.
 - iii. Mr. Boensch asked if we'd need to upgrade our Webex contract to accommodate the AGM. Mr. McCoy agreed and said while the increased cost was probably within his approval purview he'd prefer the Board approve the expense. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Beecher and second by Mr. Hill the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Webex package be upgraded to allow usage for the virtual AGM.
 - iv. Mr. McCoy presented information about a proposal to resume a program with American Income Life. After discussion it was decided to delay a decision until the next meeting.
- **Technical Director:**
 - i. Mr. Eguaaje said he's continuing to have weekly training sessions with his Education staff.

- ii. He shared that attendance for his webinars has been above expectations and recordings were going to be posted on the Coaching Resource page.
- iii. He also shared that US Soccer had given the okay to begin scheduling coaching education courses again.

5. Reports/General Discussion

- None

Adjournment – 8:21 PM