

**Minutes**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**September 26, 2017**  
**State Office, Monroeville, PA**

**Present:** Keith Renner, Tom Beecher, Mike Spagnoletti, Cheryl Bejgrowicz, and Derek Zona

**Absent:** Thilo Boensch

**Guests:** Tim McCoy, Terry Eguaoje, Peggy Neason, Matt Bahr, Kerry Solomon, Eric Kowalski, Randy Lowden, Steve Oberle

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Renner called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Mr. Renner declared a quorum present.
2. **Minutes**
  - The minutes of the August 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. **President**
  - Board Vacancies
    - i. Mr. Renner asked for confirmation of his appointment of Steve Oberle to fill open Member At-Large position. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Spagnoletti and second by Mr. Beecher the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board confirm the appointment of Steve Oberle to the position of Member At-Large to expire in July 2018.
    - ii. Mr. Renner asked for confirmation of his appointment of Kerry Solomon to fill the position of Secretary. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Beecher and second by Mr. Spagnoletti the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board confirm the appointment of Kerry Solomon as Board Secretary for the length of the current term through July 2019.
    - iii. Mr. Renner asked for confirmation of his appointment of Eric Kowalski to Member At-Large via President's appointment. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Spagnoletti and second by Ms. Bejgrowicz the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board confirm the appointment of Eric Kowalski as a Member At-Large to a one-year term.
    - iv. Mr. Renner asked for confirmation of his appointment of Matt Bahr to Member At-Large via President's appointment. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Spagnoletti and second by Mr. Beecher the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board confirm the appointment of Matt Bahr as a Member At-Large to a two-year term.
    - v. Mr. Renner asked for confirmation of his appointment of Randy Lowden to Member At-Large via President's appointment. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Beecher and second by Mr. Spagnoletti the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board confirm the appointment of Randy Lowden as a Member At-Large to a two-year term.
  - Committee Appointments
    - i. Hearing/Referee Abuse/Assault Committee – Randy Lowden
    - ii. Office – Tim McCoy
    - iii. Budget – Tom Beecher
    - iv. Field Committee – Matt Bahr
    - v. Norm Hasbrouck Scholarship – Cheryl Bejgrowicz
    - vi. AGM – Tim McCoy

- vii. Nominations – Steve
- viii. Hall of Fame – Ron Hitchens
- ix. Referees – Peggy Neason
- x. Amendments – Kerry Solomon
- xi. Finance – Randy Lowden
- xii. Community Relations – Mike Spagnoletti
- xiii. Club Resources – Derek Zona

The Board agreed to Mr. Renner’s request to interrupt his report for the Referee Report

**Committee Reports** (*Item 9 on the agenda for all remaining committee reports*)

- **Referees**

- i. Ms. Neason asked for confirmation of the Youth Board’s appointment of Darth Newman as SYRA. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Beecher and second by Mr. Lowden the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board confirm the appointment of Darth Newman as State Youth Referee Administrator.
- ii. Ms. Neason shared that Mr. Spagnoletti conducted a training session for the referees on Verbal Judo. She indicated it was a positive experience and they will be offering the training again in the future.
- iii. Ms. Neason will be attending a meeting at US Soccer on October 23 to discuss the Federation plans for State Referee Committee appointments.
- iv. The SRC offered three entry-level courses this fall. Many of the attendees still haven’t provided clearances so they can be certified.

**President** (*continued*)

- Policy 400 delayed until October
- PA West Soccer Workshop – Mr. Renner suggested holding it in February. Mr. Zona suggested surveying the clubs for topics of interest. Mr. McCoy indicated he had one used by the US Youth Soccer Leadership Development Symposium to determine the training session that could be modified.

Adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel – 7:38 PM

Returned from Executive Session – 9:10 PM

**4. VP Youth**

- Mr. McCoy noted the Target United Cup is September 30 at Turner Valley Soccer Complex.
- Mr. McCoy announced the Region I Fall Meeting is October 20-22 at Greenbriar Resort in WV.
- Mr. McCoy shared there is an increase in complaints about Classic Clubs impinging on Sunday Travel.

**5. VP Adult**

- Mr. Lowden shared the GPSL will play at Founders Field this Fall.
- Mr. Renner indicated he would be representing the Adult Division at the USASA Mid-Year meetings October 20-22 in Lake Tahoe, NV.

**6. Director of Coaching**

- Written report submitted
- Mr. Eguaaje inquired about preference in providing coaches in the ODP program with a discount or free fees for their children. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Lowden and second by Mr. Spagnoletti the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board approve providing ODP Coaches with 50 percent player fee reduction for up to two (2) of their children.
- Mr. Eguaaje presented a business plan increasing revenue allowing for an increase in the salary to be available for an Assistant Director of Coaching. Upon duly made motion by Ms. Bejgrowicz and second by Mr. Spagnoletti the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board approve allocating up to 45,000.00 for compensation for an Assistant Director of Coaching.

#### **7. Executive Director**

- Written Report Submitted
- Mr. McCoy requested permission to pay the renewal fee to the NPSL for the Fort Pitt Regiment. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Lowden and second by Mr. Kowalski the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that renewal fee of 5250.00 be paid to the National Premier Soccer League for the 2018 Season.
- Mr. McCoy noted that teams from the NPSL and NASL are asking the Court of Arbitration for Sport to implement an open system in the United States.
- Mr. McCoy asked everyone to review the Abuse Prevention Systems course for discussion about implementation at the October meeting.
- Mr. McCoy asked for approval to purchase replacement canopies for 5 EZ-Up tents. It was recommended he seek pricing from a local source.
- Mr. McCoy noted US Soccer should announce whether Pittsburgh will advance to the second round of evaluation for hosting games during the 2026 World Cup.
- Mr. McCoy noted a review and discussion with the Barca Innovation Hub offering advanced coaching education.
- Mr. McCoy discussed the proposed affinity program offered by CerviFit.

#### **8. Treasurer**

- Mr. Beecher shared we're at the end of the fiscal year. Audit will begin in November and should be ready for Board review in January.
- Mr. Beecher asked for the Board to approve the new signors on the association checking account. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Lowden and second by Mr. Spagnoletti the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board designate the President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Executive Director as signors on the PA West Soccer checking account.

#### **9. Committee Reports – none**

#### **10. Unfinished Business – none**

#### **11. New Business**

- Mr. Renner reminded everyone that PA West Soccer Night at the Penguins is December 5.
- Mr. confirmed everyone has noted the meeting dates included in the agenda.

#### **12. For The Good of The Game**

- Mr. Lowden shared that Ft. Pitt Regiment goalkeeper Brenden Alfery had signed with the Riverhounds for the remainder of the 2017 season.

**Adjournment – 10:00 PM**

**Next meeting will be October 30, 2017**