



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2018

State Office, Monroeville, PA

Present: Keith Renner [KR], Tom Beecher [TBe], Matt Bahr [MB], Cheryl Bejgrowicz [CB], Thilo Boensch [TBo], Michael Hill [MH], Eric Kowalski [EK], Steve Oberle [SO], Kerry Solomon [KS], Mike Spagnoletti [MS], Derek Zona [DZ]

Absent: Randy Lowden [RL]

Guests: Tim McCoy [TM], Terry Eguaoje [TE], Peggy Neason [PN]

1. Call to Order:

- Mr. Renner called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. Mr. Renner declared a quorum present.

2. Minutes:

- The minutes of the October 30, 2018 meeting were approved.

3. President Report:

- Monroeville Airport Property
Mr. Renner introduced to the Board that the referenced property is available and that it may be an opportunity to develop a sports park to be used by all sports with the main emphasis being soccer uses. Mr. Solomon presented a site design drawing of that showed a preliminary site layout. The Board voted to receive a proposal that defines the cost of a feasibility study for analysis. SO made a motion to approve, MH seconded the motion. APPROVED by majority.
- Mr. Renner presented an update that amends Policy 400-2 Travel reimbursement. Discussion about looking into a 'rewards' benefits and how PA West can benefit to be explored. CB/SO to update travel policy, TM to update and distribute. CB made a motion to approve, SO seconded the motion. APPROVED by majority.

4. VP Youth Report

- Board discussion involved creating Association Points Accounts.
 - A report on Futsal regionals was presented.
 - Futsal is developing a new league in Erie.
 - Futsal symposiums are to be established in Erie [Date TBD] and another one at a site and date [TBD].
 - President's Cup has 90 teams involved in 2018 versus 40 teams involved in 2017.
 - Discussion reviewing the AGM occurred.
 - Classic Leagues to start March 17th.
 - Youth leagues to begin weekend after Easter.
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5. VP Adult Report

- Elliott Sheffield was re-elected as Division Secretary.
- John Battersby is Over-40 Commissioner.
- Agreement to raise referees to match Classic.
- Adult leagues to begin weekend after Easter.
- A referee clinic was discussed.
- USASA moved the AGM to the Fall [September] and to be held in Buffalo.

6. Director of Coaching Report

- Paulo Neto has been elected by an email vote to the position of Assistant Technical Director. The email vote was ratified and approved. CB made a motion to approve the vote, SO seconded the motion.
- World Stride's new contract is 3 years. They will disburse \$1000 to PA West per trip. PA West is already 2 years into the existing contract.
- TE would like to attend a UEFA 'A' coaching course to be held in Ireland in June. Issue was tabled until next meeting.
- TE is looking for ODP friendlies and needs a field location for Spring ODP.
- Pre ODP programs were discussed. [old district teams]
- Proposed fees [cost] of for the in-person courses was discussed along with the proposed instructor's Salary. A \$60 fee per course for all courses was proposed and voted on. TBe made a motion to approve, DZ seconded the motion. APPROVED by majority.

7. Executive Director Report

- The basic issues concerning the Safe Sport Act on PA West Soccer were discussed. An amendment of Policy 200-7 was tabled. A reminder was made for Board members to complete the Sexual Abuse Awareness Training program before the next meeting.
- MB made a motion to table Policy Manual - Policy 200-8, 200-9 pending additional information from US Center for Safe Sport. MH made a motion to approve, MB seconded the motion. APPROVED by majority.
- Sponsorship – Dick's Sporting Goods was briefly discussed but it was suggested to table any action until the next meeting. MH made a motion to approve, SO seconded the motion. APPROVED by majority.
- Information about Soccer Shots joint marketing proposal was distributed to Board members but it was suggested to table any action until TE can acquire additional information concerning course curriculum. MH made a motion to approve, SO seconded the motion. APPROVED by majority.

8. Treasurer Report

- TBe gave an overview of his report. He requested that budgets be submitted before May 1, 2018.

9. Committee Reports

- No committee reports were given.
- Nominations for Hall of Fame should be made by XX.XX.XX. It was suggested that a combined Youth/Adult Hall of Fame would be appropriate. Further discussions will occur later.

10. Unfinished Business

- The Appointment Process Policy was suggested to table any action until the next meeting.

11. New Business

- The Fort Pitt Regiment Coaching Contract was distributed for review/approval.
- Referees – It was noted CJ Morgante receive the Life Achievement Award.
- PN mentioned that there are still problems with background checks.
- Proposed budgets are due by May 1, 2018
- Upcoming meeting schedule is as follows:

March 26, 2018

April 23, 2018

May 21, 2018

July 15, 2018

September 24, 2108

October 22, 2018

November 26, 2018

12. Adjournment: 10:10 PM

Next Meeting is March 26, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the State Offices. Mark your calendars.

Respectfully submitted,



Kerry E. Solomon
PA West Soccer Association
Executive Board Secretary

Per Matt's email to Tim McCoy, dated 2.28.2018, I agree with him concerning recording our Board meetings. It's very time consuming to take the notes and many groups record their meetings so they have an accurate record.

My wife bought our son a recorder to use while he was in college and he never used it. If the Board feels this is appropriate and we decide to proceed with this policy, we can use this unit. I'm just now starting to read the manual [in my spare time] but it appears we will be able save the recordings on a computer thus creating a solid record of the Board meetings besides having the written minute minutes.