

Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
August 20, 2018
State Office, Monroeville, PA

Present: Keith Renner, Michael Hill, Tom Beecher, Cheryl Bejgrowicz, Randy Lowden, Derek Zona (by phone), and Eric Kowalski

Absent: Thilo Boensch, Kerry Solomon (away on work) and Armando Marcantonio (at work)

Guests: Tim McCoy, Terry Eguaoje, Bill Andrews, Tuffy Shallenberger, and Kevin Johnston

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Renner called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. Mr. Renner declared a quorum present.
2. **Minutes**
 - The minutes of the June 2018 meeting were approved as presented.
3. **Membership Issue**
 - Mr. Renner introduced the representatives from the Riverhounds to discuss their application for affiliation. They sought affiliation to allow their U10-12 RDA teams play in a league in Ohio North. Mr. Johnston shared that Ohio North adjusted the league sanctioning to accept teams from US Club Soccer. Mr. Johnston clarified that the RDA was withdrawing its application for affiliation.
 - There was discussion about the application and notification process requiring presentation to the Executive Board following a decision on an application by the Youth Board. The decision was sent to the Hounds without review of the Executive Board. Mr. Hill will review the process in the governance for amendments

Mr. Lowden departed 7:20 PM

- Mr. Renner read Matt Bahr's resignation into the record. Upon duly made motion by Ms. Bejgrowicz and second by Mr. Kowalski the Board unanimously accepted the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board accept Mr. Bahr's resignation with regrets and thanks him for his service and contributions to the association.
4. **Resignation**
 - Mr. Renner read Matt Bahr's resignation into the record. Upon duly made motion by Ms. Bejgrowicz and second by Mr. Kowalski the Board unanimously accepted the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board accept Mr. Bahr's resignation with regrets and thanks him for his service and contributions to the association.
 5. **Investment Policy**
 - Mr. Kowalski presented and reviewed the proposed policy.
 - Upon duly made motion by Mr. Beecher and Mr. Hill the Board approved (4 yeas, 2 abstentions) the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board re-affirm the appointment of Cookson-Pierce as the investment manager for PA West Soccer.
 - Upon duly made motion by Mr. Hill and second by Mr. Beecher the Board unanimously approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board adopt the proposed Investment Policy Statement as presented.

6. President

- Mr. Renner outlined issues with golf carts rented by the association for authorized users at the Eastern Regional Championships. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Zona and second by Mr. Beecher the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that as Cristine Henderson and her children were not authorized users of golf carts rented for use at the Eastern Regional Championships Ms. Henderson shall be billed for the usage of the golf carts.
- Mr. Renner noted he had attended the various district meetings and discussed the need for each club to improve its referee program.

7. VP-Youth

- No Report

8. VP-Adult

- Mr. Hill shared the fall season is coming together.
- Mr. Hill reported they have discovered some issues with compliance of providing proper player info.

9. Director of Coaching

- Mr. Eguaoje shared that coaching education is going well
- He will be traveling to Erie to look at possible sites to create an ODP program in the Lake District.
- He reported that ODP is doing well and that we have placed more players on regional teams than any other state our size.
- He noted that nominations are coming in for Awards.
- He requested replacing his vehicle.

10. Executive Director

- Written report distributed.
- Mr. McCoy reviewed the information on proposals for youth insurance. Upon duly made motion by Ms. Bejgrowicz and second by Mr. Kowalski the Board unanimously approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board accept the quote from Pullen Insurance at an annual cost of 45,080.00.
- Mr. McCoy presented the list of youth clubs and adult league who have not paid the fine incurred for missing the AGM and those that have appealed the fine.
 - i. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Beecher and second by Mr. Kowalski the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board deny the appeal from Penns Forest.
 - ii. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Clapton and second by Mr. Beecher the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board deny the appeals of North United and Foothills.
 - iii. Upon duly made motion by Ms. Bejgrowicz and second by Mr. Clapton the Board unanimously approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that PA West Soccer place the following clubs Bald Eagle, Bedford Cty., Chartiers Houston, Indiana, Meadville, Millcreek Soccer Academy, Montour, Ringgold, Twin Boro, and White Oak Athletic in Bad Standing until their outstanding AGM fine has been paid.
 - iv. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Hill and second by Mr. Clapton the Board unanimously approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board

waive the AGM fines of the PHL Open, PSMSL, SVSC, AND WGPSL O23 Adult leagues.

11. Treasurer

- Mr. Beecher reviewed the renewal letter from Maher-Duessel for annual auditing services. Upon duly made motion by Mr. Hill and second by Mr. Kowalski the Board approved the following resolution, RESOLVED that the Board agree to contract Maher-Duessel for auditing services for a three-year term from 2018-2020.
- Mr. Beecher also discussed getting his replacement in place. John Humenik has expressed an interest but was unable to make this meeting.

12. Committee Reports

- **Hearing/Referee Abuse** – No Report
- **Office** – Mr. McCoy discussed transitioning Dean Ferraro from temp to employee at the conclusion of his temp contract.
- **Budget** – Proposed budgets by May 1
- **Field Committee** – No Report
- **Norm Hasbrouck Scholarship** – Ms. Bejgrowicz reported the scholarships were given as evidenced by the Thank You note circling the table. She also noted adjustments to the application for the next round. There was also discussion about adjusting the amount given based on receipts from fines.
- **AGM/Workshop** – July 14, 2:00 PM, Doubletree, Monroeville
- **Nominations** – Nothing to report
- **Hall of Fame** – Nothing to report
- **Referees** – Nothing to report
- **Amendments** – Nothing to report
- **Finance** – Docs will be signed with Cookson-Pierce tomorrow.
- **Community Resource** – No report
- **Club Relations** – Mr. Zona reported he had worked with Brigid Polliard to survey coaches about the Open Tournament. Notable concern from the attendees was balance of competition.

13. Unfinished Business

- Nothing

14. New Business

- Mr. McCoy shared that Mike Spagnoletti has officially retired from the County Police and received his Master's Degree from Point Park University. He has invited everyone to a celebration on September 1. Details will be forthcoming.

15. For The Good of the Game

- Mr. Renner discussed working with the US Soccer Foundation to develop some mini-fields in Pittsburgh

Adjournment – 9:18 PM

Next meeting will be September 24, 2018