



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2019

State Office, Monroeville, PA

Present: Keith Renner [KR], Tom Beecher [TBe], Kerry Solomon [KS], Michael Hill [MH], Cheryl Bejgrowicz [CB], Walter Clapton [WC]

Attended by phone: Peggy Neason [PN], Armando Marcantonio [AM],

Absent: Eric Kowalski [EK], Derek Zona [DZ], Thilo Boensch [TBo]

Guests: Tim McCoy [TM], Terry Eguaoje [TE], Matt Burnett [MB], Jeff Coomer [JC]

1. Call to Order:

- Mr. Renner called the meeting to order at 6:41 PM.

2. Roll Call and Identify Guests:

- Mr. Renner made note that Matt Burnett & Jeff Coomer were attending to discuss SportsGait.

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes:

- Motion made by MH, seconded by WC. CB abstained. Minutes were approved.

4. Items for Action:

- SportsGait presented their concussion awareness system and it can be used to record/report results that can be used by parents and Clubs. Use of the system by parents/players/Clubs is totally optional. It could benefit PAW at no cost, the app can be made available to members for their use.
- It was suggested that SportsGait could attend/present at the AGM.
- MH does not feel that inviting Legacy Medical to the AGM was appropriate because it suggest that PAW backs/supports their facility.

5. President's Report: [no written report submitted]

- Referee Discussion: Participation numbers are not good.
- KR requested a list of Clubs with no referees
- +/-1700 referees have been lost over the last 3 years.
- +/- 200 referees are over 30 years old
- Can't get enough adult referees in the 30-60 year old range
- KR suggested that this issue be addressed with the Youth Board
- It was suggested that PAW collect a list of referees who have left, find out why they left and see how many would be willing to return.
- This information would be sent to Club Presidents
- A new policy was discussed that all Clubs must provide referees be a member.

6. VP Youth Report: [written report submitted]

- CB made motion to accept, T Be seconded. Motion passed.
- The Adult group is staying as of now but wants the option to leave the option to stay open.
- MH expressed displeasure that individual[s] from the Youth Board that the Ft. Pitt Regiment loss should be absorbed by the Adults because FPR are not youth.
- MH tabled Adult fines issue.

8. State Director of Coaching Report: [written report to be submitted]

- 60 coaching courses have occurred recently and have been attended by 500-600 coaches

9. Executive Director Report: [Report attached]

10. Treasurer Report

- Cost Report is to be issued when completed. Accept Audit Report by T Be.
- T Be stated that 'Books are sound but not perfect'
- Motion made by WC to accept Report, CB seconded the motion. Motion passed.

11. Committee Reports

- Hearing/Referee Abuse Committee – no issues.
- Office - no issues.
- Budget – no issues.
- Field Committee - no issues.
- Norm Hasbrouck Scholarship – form & application are located on PAW website. CB suggested that 4-\$1000 scholarships be awarded.
- AGM/Workshop – no issues.
- Nominations – no issues.
- Hall of Fame - no issues.
- Referees – Report attached.
- Amendments – no issues.
- Finance – no issues.
- Community Resource – three policies were presented for review. [attached].
- Club relations - no issues.

Please Note:

As previously requested, all committee heads and officers should submit reports to Tim or me before the meeting for discussion and for distribution with the meeting minutes. These reports will be very important to properly record PAW activities.

12. Unfinished Business

- No issues.

13. New Business

- There is interest in a Walking Soccer League being investigated.

- WC presented a brief report on the PA West Operational Workshops for member clubs. Clubs will be instructed on 'best practices' operations for their Clubs. It is proposed that 3 workshops be conducted – early summer, mid-summer and late summer. WC issued a draft document for review/discussion.
- Upcoming meeting schedule is as follows:

March 25, 2019	April 29, 2019
June 24, 2019	July 14, 2019

14. For The Good Of The Game

- no issues

Adjournment: 9:24 PM

Next Meeting is February 25, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the State Offices.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Board Secretary