

Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
March 27, 2023
Virtual via Webex

Present: Chris Grine, Michael Hill, TJ Suchevidh, Mark Hopkins, Eric Kowalski,

Absent: none

Guests: Tim McCoy, Scot Jennings

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Grine called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Declared there was a quorum.

2. **Minutes of February 2023 Meeting**

- Upon duly made motion by Mr. Hopkins and Second by Mr. Suchevidh, the Board approved the following resolution, *RESOLVED that the minutes of the February 2023 Executive Board meeting be approved.*

3. **Updates**

- Dave Reitz was elected the Lake District Director necessitating his resignation from the Executive Board because he becomes a member of the Youth Board.
- Candidates For Board Positions – candidates have applied to run for office at the upcoming AGM. It was agreed to give them consideration for appointment to current openings at the March meeting.

4. **Referee Report**

- Mr. Jennings reported 5 years ago there were 1700 referees and in 2022 the number had slid to 1200. In 2023 there are currently 1551 being certified with 181 new candidates that will bring the total to 1700.
- He shared that the SRC has conducted 22 in-person courses for new referees with 9 remaining on the calendar. He is looking to add to the number to make sure all the new candidates can complete the in-person work.
- He also shared that Mr. Heilman is working on a Fitness Course. Tentatively May 7 in Grove City.

5. **VP Adult**

- Written Report distributed
- USASA recognized PA West Soccer for growing since emerging from Covid.
- The Adult Division will be adding an Over-60 League this spring.
- 2 Teams will be competing in USASA competition. Appalachian Steel and Tartan Devils Over-30 have entered separate national competitions.
- At the US Soccer AGM the adult fee was reduced to 1.00.

6. **VP Youth**

- Presidents Cup had wrapped up.
- Most youth leagues won't start until April 16.
- Anecdotal evidence - numbers should be up.
- We will be focused on pulling in the in-house registration

7. Coaching

- Written report submitted.
- In process of getting two C courses set up for this year.
- There are three more grassroots courses not listed in his report.

8. Executive Director

- Mr. McCoy shared that US Soccer has shared updated info on SafeSport/Background checking and he is chasing down that information. The aim is to create a hub for all states to use.
- In the midst of interviewing for the Digital Communications position. Has 22 candidates to sort through.

9. Treasurer

- Written report distributed
- Mr. Kowalski asked about the spending on Coach4Community as an unbudgeted item. Mr. McCoy reported Mr. Eguaaje will dig out the numbers when he returns from NC.
- Discussion about the transition from the prior approach to the current approach to accounting and budgeting.

10. New Business

- Car – Discussed the Sonata value but recommended a new vehicle. Mr. McCoy will be in touch with Mark Smail about vehicles and financing.

11. Unfinished Business

- Grievance Discussion

12. Adjournment – 8:11 PM