

**PHILADELPHIA AREA GIRLS SOCCER
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
12 January 2017**

The meeting, held telephonically, was called to order at 4:00 pm pm by President Kevin Rooney. In attendance were President Kevin Rooney, Vice-President Mike Koch, Secretary Diana Urbanski, Treasurer Andrew Brenner, and Board Member/Counsel David Haase. Executive Director Tom Corey also attended.

1. **Minutes of Previous Board Meeting:** David Haase moved, seconded by Mike Koch, that the minutes of the 4/13/16 Board Meeting (see attached) be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Report:** Mike Koch moved, seconded by Kevin Rooney, that the Budget v Actual Report for 1 May 2016 through 31 December 2016 (see attached) be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Old Business:**
 - **USSF Small-Sided Initiative:** Kevin Rooney reported that he attended an EPYSA meeting for all travel leagues. During this meeting there was much discussion about the lessons learned from implementation of the new USSF small-sided initiatives. Kevin brought up concerns our membership expressed about there being no offsides between the midfield line and the build out line. Many teams use this as an opportunity to station a player at the build out line and to look for continuous breakaways. PAGS, and other leagues, indicated they are considering changing the offside rule for 7v7 games. EPYSA told the attendees that USSF will not allow any modification to their rules. At this time there is no expectation that USSF will modify any of their new rules for the 2017-2018 soccer year. That means there will be no scores recorded or standings kept for 9U to 12U. Also for 9U to 12U there will be no tournaments, only festivals where teams will play a limited amount of games, no scores will be kept, and no champions determined.
 - **PAGS Playoffs:** Tom Corey indicated that there is significant sentiment among the clubs to include the 15U age group in the playoffs. He also indicated there is an ongoing issue with teams skipping the PAGS playoffs to play in tournaments. This issue is mainly with teams in Divisions 1 and 2. Therefore, PAGS will offer two options to the membership for the fall 2017 season.
 - **Option 1** - PAGS will hold playoffs for 13U to 15U age groups in all divisions except Divisions 1 and 2. The regular season will consist of 8 games with the top 4 teams qualifying for the playoffs. Awards will be given to the division finalists. As in the fall 2016 season, teams who are selected for participation in a tournament to be held the same weekend as the PAGS playoffs have 7 days from the date the acceptances are announced to notify PAGS that they will not participate in the PAGS playoffs. Teams who fail to notify PAGS in a timely manner will be fine \$500 and placed in bad standing.
 - **Option 2** - PAGS will not hold playoffs at any age group. 13U to 15U will have a 9 game schedule like all the other age groups. The division winner will be determined by points earned over the 9 games. Awards will be given to the division winner.

4. **New Business:**

- **Referee Coordinator:** Tom Corey suggested that the Board review the need to keep the position of Referee Coordinator. He suggested that, in actuality, the position was more administrative in nature than originally thought and as such did not need to be a separate position. The Executive Director can handle the administrative tasks of the position as part of his/her duties. Andrew Brenner moved, seconded by Mike Koch, that the position of Referee Coordinator be eliminated effective with the 2017-2018 soccer year. The motion passed unanimously.
- **PAGS AGM Date:** The PAGS AGM was originally scheduled for Monday, 4/17/17. This is the Monday of Easter weekend. Kevin Rooney moved, seconded by Mike Koch, the the meeting date be moved to Monday, 4/24/17. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Slate of Officers:** David Haase, Nomination Committee Chair, presented the slate of officers submitted by the Committee to Board (see attached). Diana Urbanski moved, seconded by Mike Koch, that the slate of officers be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
- **2017 Key Dates:** Tom Corey discussed the key dates for 2017 (see attached).
- **2017-18 Fee Schedule:** Tom Corey discussed the fee schedule for 2017-18 (see attached). The fall and spring season fee remain unchanged for the 9th year in a row. In addition, PAGS will continue absorb the cost of all player transaction fees (PS-1 actions) for the 4th year in a row. PAGS continues to be the only league in EPYSA to offer this to clubs.
- **Conference Structure for the Fall 2017 Season:** Tom Corey discussed the conference structure for the fall 2017 season. PAGS will offer the Premier Conference at 13U to 19U and the Charlotte Moran Conference for 9U to 14U.
- **Team/Player Registration:** There will a joint PAGS/Delco SL Registrar meeting tentatively on Tuesday, 6/21/17, at United Sports beginning at 6:00 pm.

5. The next meeting date is 4/20/17. Kevin Rooney moved, seconded by Mike Koch, that he meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Kevin Rooney at 5:00 pm.