

**PHILADELPHIA AREA GIRLS SOCCER
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
13 April 2016**

The meeting, held in King of Prussia, PA, was called to order at 7:35 pm pm by President Kevin Rooney. In attendance were President Kevin Rooney, Vice-President Mike Koch, and Board Member/Counsel Greg Gifford. Executive Director Tom Corey and League Registrar Erin Corey also attended. Secretary David Haase and Treasurer Andrew Brenner were absent.

1. **Minutes of Previous Board Meeting:** Greg Gifford moved, seconded by Mike Koch, that the minutes of the 1/28/16 (see attached) be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Report:** Greg Gifford moved, seconded by Kevin Rooney, that the Budget v Actual Report for 1 May 2016 through 31 March 2016 (see attached) be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Old Business:**
 - a. **USSF Birth Year Initiative:** Tom Corey discussed the USSF birth year initiative (see chart attached). Formula to compute age group for the 2016-17 year is subtract birth year from 2017, for example 2017 - 2008 = U9 or 2017 - U9 = 2008. U9 is players for in2008 or later. How clubs/teams choose to form their teams is up to them. They can have all single birth years or a combination of birth years.
 - b. **USSF Small-Sided Initiative:** PAGS will play 7v7 for U9 and U10 and 9v9 for U11 and U12 beginning with the fall 201 season. Roster limits have not been finalized by USYS. It appears that the limit for U9 and U10 will be 14. There is still discussion on whether the limit for U11 and U12 should be 16 or 18. Guidance will be provided as soon as a final determination is made. Field sizes have not been finalized. USSF/USYS has determined that the size originally proposed are too small. The final sizes will be a range.
 - c. **USSF Heading Guidelines:** USSF guidance is still a recommendation. USYS and the state associations will issue a rule effective with the beginning of the 2016-17 soccer year. The rule is no heading for 6 to 11 year olds. This means heading will not be allowed for all small-side age groups, U9 to U11. The penalty will be an indirect kick. There still is discussion how an infraction by the defensive team in the penalty or goal area will be enforced. Final guidance will be provided prior to the start of the soccer year.
 - d. **U13/U14 Teams Skipping PAGS Playoffs:** Tom Corey confirmed that there is an issue with U13 and U14 teams skipping the PAGS playoffs to play in tournaments. This is particularly an issue at U14. Beginning with the 2016-2017 fall season, all U13/U14 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.
 - e. **New PAGS Website:** The development of the new PAGS website is complete. The switch over should occur around 1 May 2016.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Slate of Officers:** Greg Gifford, Nomination Committee Chair, presented the slate of officers submitted by the Committee to Board (see attached). Kevin Rooney moved,

seconded by Mike Koch, that the slate of officers be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. **501c(3) Status:** Tom Corey indicated that PAGS is submitting an application to change its status with the IRS from 501c(7) to 501c(3). It is hoped the application will be approved in the few months. As a result of the change, the Executive Director and Registrar are now employees instead of independent contractors.
- c. **PAGS Tournament:** The number of participating teams for the Columbus Day tournament was low. Erin Corey suggested that PAGS offer a tournament in April when there are fewer tournaments. The tournament would be aimed at the the teams in the Charlotte Moran Conference. Tom Corey will discuss with YSC Sports.
- d. **Referee Coordinator:** At the November meeting the Board decided to post he job of Referee Coordinator for the 2016-17 soccer year. It has been several years since the current Coordinator was selected. Tom Corey presented the position description that will be used to solicit candidates (see attached). The job will be advertised in June 2016.
- e. **GoToMeeting:** Tom Corey that PAGS purchase a subscription to GoToMeeting to allow for video teleconferences for Board meetings. In addition, Delegates would be able attend all but the AGM via teleconference. Greg Gifford moved, seconded by Mike Koch, that PAGS purchase GoToMeeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. **2016 Key Dates:** Tom Corey discussed the key dates for 2016 (see attached).
- g. **2016-17 Fee Schedule:** Tom Corey discussed the fee schedule for 2016-17 (see attached). The fall and spring season fee remain unchanged, this is the 8th year in a row that fees have not been increased. In addition, PAGS will absorb the cost of all player transaction fees (PS-1 actions). This will be the 4th year in a row that PAGS has done so. PAGS is the only league in EPYSA to offer this to clubs.
- h. **Conference Structure for the Fall 2016 Season:** Tom Corey discussed the conference structure for the fall 2016 season. PAGS will offer the Premier Conference at U11 to U19 and the Charlotte Moran Conference for U9 to U14.
- i. **Application Guidelines for the Fall 2016 Season:** The application for the 2016 fall season will show both age group and birth year. Teams must enter the age group of their oldest player.
- j. **Divisional Placement Criteria for the Fall 2016 Season:** The application for the 2016 fall season requires teams to enter the number o returning players. This is to aid PAGS is determining whether the team has enough returning players to assume the 2015-16 record of the team. If the team has less than 60% of the players returning PAGS will not give the team credit for the previous year's record. Teams should use the Comments section of the application to describe the make up of the team. This is important information for divisional placement purposes.
- k. **Proposed FY17 Budget:** Tom Corey presented the proposed FY17 budget. As a result of switching the Executive Director and League Registrar to employees there are new budget categories for payroll processing and payroll taxes.
- l. **Team/Player Registration:** Erin Corey discussed the procedures for team and player registration for the 2016-2017 soccer year. There will a joint PAGS/Delco SL Registrar meeting tentatively on Tuesday, 6/22/16, at United Sports beginning at 6:00 pm.

5. The next meeting date is TBD. Kevin Rooney moved, seconded by Mike Koch, that he meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Kevin Rooney at 9:15 pm.