

PHILADELPHIA AREA GIRLS SOCCER
Annual General Meeting Minutes
18 April 2016

President Kevin Rooney called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm at USTC in Downingtown, PA. A Quorum of the membership, as defined in the constitution, was present. See attached Delegate sign-in sheet.

1. **Minutes of 11/16/15 Delegate Meeting:** Bill Viereck (PA Rush) moved, seconded by Frank Sites (WestMont USA), that the minutes of the 11/16/17 Delegate Meeting (see attached) be approved as written. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Report:** Eric Althouse (Octorara SC) moved, seconded by Frank LaPenta (Ridley United SC), that the May 2015-March 2016 FY2016 Budget v Actual report (see attached) be approved as written. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Election of Officers:** Greg Gifford, Nomination Committee Chair, presented the slate of officers submitted by the Committee and approved by the PAGS Board (see attached). Roman Coia (Aston YSA) moved, seconded by Frank LaPenta (Ridley United SC), that the slate of officers be approved by unanimous consent. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Old Business:**
 1. **USSF Birth Year Initiative:** Tom Corey, PAGS Executive Director, 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 in 2008 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.
 2. **USSF Small-Sided Initiative:**
 1. PAGS will play 7v7 for U9 and U10 and 9v9 for U11 and U12 beginning with the fall 201 season.
 2. 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.
 3. 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.
 3. **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.
 4. **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.
 5. **New PAGS Website:** The development of the new PAGS website is complete. The switch over should occur around 1 May 2016.

5. New Business:

1. **501c(3) Status:** Tom Corey indicated that PAGES 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.
2. **2015 Key Dates:** Tom Corey discussed the key dates for 2016 (see attached).
3. **2016-2017 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, PAGES will absorb the cost of all player transaction fees (PS-1 actions). This will be the 4th year in a row that PAGES has done so. PAGES is the only league in EPYSA to offer this to clubs.
4. **Conference Structure for the Fall 2016 Season:** Tom Corey discussed the conference structure for the fall 2016 season. PAGES will offer the Premier Conference at U11 to U19 and the Charlotte Moran Conference for U9 to U14.
5. **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.
6. **Divisional Placement Criteria for the Fall 2016 Season:** The application for the 2016 fall season requires teams to enter the number of returning players. This is to aid PAGES in 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 PAGES 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.
7. **Proposed FY17 Budget:** Tom Corey presented the proposed FY17 budget. Bill Viereck (PA Rush) moved, seconded by Frank Mirigliano (Springfield FC) that the proposed FY16 budget be accepted as written. Motion passed unanimously.
8. **Team/Player Registration:** Erin Corey, PAGES Registrar, discussed the procedures for team and player registration for the 2016-2017 soccer year. There will be a joint PAGES/Delco SL Registrar meeting tentatively on Tuesday, 6/22/16, at United Sports beginning at 6:00 pm.
9. **Got Soccer Points:** Tom Corey discussed the reason that teams do to receive Got Soccer points for placement in PAGES during the fall seasons.

6. Next Meeting: The next Delegate Meeting will be held on Monday, 9/12/16, at 7:00 pm at USTC.

7. Eric Pine (SCSA) moved, seconded by Doug Kenwood (Methacton United), that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously. Kevin Rooney adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.