

LYSA Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
February 1, 2017
7 pm, Sunnycrest Conference Room

Attendees: Jessica Anastasi, Mike Bartlett (arrived at 8:31pm), Paul D'Errico, Alli Flaherty, Eric Goedde (arrived at 7:30 but had to leave at 7:39pm), Kerri Stanley. Non-board members: Rich Lamoury and Barry McLarnon of Challenger Sports/Teamwear.

The meeting was opened at 7:14 pm, seconded by Alli. We started with Challenger and opted to review the Meeting Minutes after their presentation.

Challenger Sports: Rich Lamoury, along with his associate Barry McLarnon, from Challenger presented a proposal and discussed how they can benefit LYSA players for the spring season. The overview summarized how in soccer, you want to start with "passion", moved on with "grow the game". It was about passion, smiles, and us - which is why they do what they do every day. Challenger's initiative for 2017 is to grow the game. Apparel - coach - equipment.

Barry presented various uniform options. Challenger offers their own brand. They offer incentives for purchasing their uniforms - a free coach shirt, a free soccer ball, etc. Turn around time is 2 weeks plus a day. They will sit with our purchasing coordinator to place an order. We could offer option for parents to order their child's uniform online on their own. They sell reversible shirts which sell for about \$15 - which parents keep and can use another season. As they outgrow, they go online to purchase a new shirt. All team shirts are blue/white.

They also offer an online Spirit store - items with our club color and logo. We can set a price for an item and we get the difference over the wholesale cost. They offer a Spirit Wear Day where they come and offer spirit wear - much like you see at tournaments. It is no cost to us, but we get the difference of whatever the wholesale price is. It is a small fundraising effort.

They finished their presentation at 8pm.

Meeting Minutes from 11/10/16 were reviewed. Kerri made a motion to accept them as is, seconded by Paul, unanimously approved.

Londonderry Soccer update - Kerri updated the board, stating that she met with Todd Ellis, Art Psaledas and Kevin Smith with the soft merger proposal for 2017. No contract was signed, but all parties received a copy which stated that LUSC and LYSA would operate independently for this year and assuming everything goes well with the seven individuals who were appointed to the Londonderry Soccer executive board who will meet periodically this year in preparation and planning for an official merger, it would be the hope that we would move to officially merge in 2018 and start paperwork for updated by-laws, sanctioning guidelines, etc.

New Board Members -MaryJo could not attend tonight's meeting but expressed interest in taking over as the U10 Coordinator. She will shadow Kerri for the spring season to learn the process. The board voted to assign her this position. Cathy Heinrich, a parent of a player, has expressed interest in taking over as U4 Coordinator. Cathy also couldn't attend so the board was unable to vote her in as a new board member. Tabled until next month.

Futsal update - Tom Bellen had emailed Kerri last week with an update on their progress. They had about 30 total LYSA players sign up, the majority in the U6/U7 division. A few U8/U9 players were relocated to a similar program being offered due to the shortage of numbers and they seemed happy with that.

Tax update - Kerri confirmed with Eric Palmer that the 2015 taxes were complete and that the 2016 taxes are being completed. Eric had met with Kerri and Ryan Fragala last month and provided a financial statement based on the available resources he had been given, but this report needed adjustments after Kerri could provide additional documents. A complete financial statement will be provided for our March meeting.

Scholarship registration - LYSA was asked to again participate in the high school scholarship at LHS. Kerri sent in the paperwork which stipulated that LYSA will again provide two \$1,000 scholarships (\$2,000 total) to a LHS 2017 graduate. Kerri had asked Todd if LUSC would be interested in a joint effort and after he checked with his board, he informed her they would not be interested at this time since they don't have any seniors playing for LUSC.

Spring season - Total number of registrations as of today are 135: U4 - 16, U6 - 48, U8 - 28, U10 - 28, U10 - 20, U12 - 15, U15 - 6, U18 - 0 . Coaches: 7. Kerri stated that she had asked Joe via email on Saturday, 1/28, to update GotSoccer so we could close the Early Bird registration which ends today (February 1). She followed up on January 31 via text since she hadn't heard from him, and he replied that he was out of town until Friday, February 3. Kerri stated she would not go in and do his job so if there are any other registrations between February 2 and the time he goes and updates GotSoccer, then they are fortunate to get to take advantage of the discount.

Concession - Paul plans to have concession hours in the spring season, but with a lighter menu. We need to push the volunteers and ensure whoever works the grill is a board member or adult. If we had a big event, such as a tournament, we can offer more. We will not hire a chef for spring.

Division game times - Kerri asked Bob to provide an estimate of the number of teams we could accommodate for the spring if we allocated standing times to each division. So U4 would always play at 8am. U6 would play at 9am or 10am. U8 would play at a specified time, etc. We would like to implement this for the U4 through U8 divisions. Bob would need to consult with Sid about whether we can even use field 1A after the beating it took last fall, but stated we could probably accommodate U4 and U6 on fields 2A, 2B, 2C and perhaps overlay a different color paint for U8 up on field 3 but would need to confirm.

NHSA and Annual General Meeting - Kerri updated the board on the situation with NHSA. There is an internal battle with the current president, Candia Campbell, and former director, Cory Halvorsen, who alleges that he was forced out last November and who is now battling to run for President. NHSA held an informational meeting last Thursday, January 26 where questions and answers were answered. Despite the questions, no information was provided about Cory on the advice of legal counsel.

Cory has had one rogue meeting earlier this month with competitive club members and is planning a similar meeting with recreational club members for tomorrow evening (2/2/17) where he intends to answer questions. It was implied by Candia that he would be banned from their AGM scheduled for March 11, but his name could potentially be written in as a candidate. Kerri and Jessica plan to attend tomorrow's meeting to gather more information.

Other business - Kerri would like to have our Meeting Minutes posted on our website where they are accessible to members at their convenience. She will email Sang about getting this done.

Kerri had drafted up a revised copy of our current By-Laws that would show the changes the board voted on at our June, 2016 meeting. Essentially, Joe had suggested that the executive board be dissolved, along with titles, and the board had voted and agreed. Upon further research, it was found that according to the Londonderry sanctioning rules, there needs to be an executive board with a President in place. Assuming the merger with LUSC goes forward next year and they become Londonderry Soccer, this would hold no merit, however since we are operating independently this year, Kerri said that we should still hold our AGM.

