

2011 AGM Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 11, 2011
10:49 AM

Meeting was scheduled and held on 29-January, 2011 3:00pm at the CNY Family Sports Center, Syracuse, NY

Meeting was called to order at 3:12pm by President David Hesch.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by sign in and summarized below;

Club	Representative	Phone	Email
BC United Soccer Association	Michael Purtell	(607)760-6822	mpurtell@stny.rr.com
Blackwatch Buffalo Soccer Club	Jim Hesch	(716)818-1661	heschj2@gmail.com
Cobras FC	David Pender	(585)225-1350	dwp@rochester.rr.com
Doug Miller Soccer Academy	Steve Christianson	(585)317-7484	stevec@dougmillersoccer.com
Empire United Soccer Academy	Joe Plummer	(585)330-7797	stephjo@frontiernet.net
FC Dutchman Premier	Mike Kinnally	(518)852-6993	kinnallymr@msn.com
Northtown's Soccer Club			
NY Elite Soccer Club			
Rochester FC	George Sivi	(585)615-7271	gsivi@rochester.rr.com
Soaring Capital Soccer Club			
TC United Soccer Club			
Webster Soccer Association	Debbie Rieger	(585)576-7739	rieger@frontiernet.net

The Secretary, George Sivi, affirmed presence of a quorum present at the meeting with eight of twelve member clubs represented.

Also attending were members of NYSW Staff, Amy Gush, Tim Mellander, and Dean Foti as well as additional attendees from member and non-member clubs.

Approval of minutes of previous meeting

This being the first AGM of the Thruway League, there were none to approve

Reports of officers

President

David Hesch welcomed all attendees to the meeting. He outlined the establishment of the League Board as well as the transition of League Administration to NYSW Staff. As part of that transition, three vacant Board seats were filled with nominations from the NYSW Board of Directors. Governance of the League shall be by it's Board with NYSW Staff being the administrators.

Vice-President

no report

Secretary

As part of the roll call, George Siviyy outlined the criteria for League membership that was adopted by the League Board. The intent is that league members are clubs which sustain participation at a minimum level of three teams in good standing in the league. As such, the initial twelve member clubs are those who participated in the 2010 season with 3 or more teams and have registered 3 or more teams for 2011. Four clubs who plan to participate in the 2011 season with 3 or more teams will be considered for membership following completion of the 2011 season pending review and acceptance by the board. It was also clarified that non-member clubs shall be permitted to play in the league upon review and acceptance of individual teams by the Competition committee.

Treasurer

Matt Quinlan reported that the League will be run as a separate (from NYSW) financial entity with it's own budget and accounts. The financial objective will be that the league is self sustaining with the buildup of a small reserve to accomplish league development. All accounts and balances from the previous administration of the league have been transferred to the new accounts.

Reports of the Committees

Rules Committee

George Siviyy, chair of rules committee, reported that the committee had finalized drafting of Thruway League Policies and Procedures (aka rules) which were adopted by the board at the January meeting. Those Policies and Procedures are posted to the League web site for reference by league participants. Committee members, Kevin Arnold, Mike Kinnally, and Tim Mellander were thanked for their work on the committee.

Competition Committee

David Hesch, chair of rules committee, reported that the competition committee spent several evenings reviewing applications and that 200 teams had applied to participate in the 2011 league competition. 168 teams were selected and those selections as well as division placement have been posted on the league website. Discussion around selection criteria is summarized as; Teams from member clubs were generally accepted, Teams from non-member clubs were accepted or rejected based on previous league record, previous record in district league play, state cup experience and team resume. Division placement was based on previous league record with new teams generally joining the Blue Division, winners of Blue Division being promoted to Yellow Division, and last place Yellow Division teams being relegated to Blue Division. Team numbers were obviously also a consideration.

Committee members Tim Mellander and Mike Purtell were thanked for their work on the committee.

Scheduling Committee

Tim Mellander reported that the scheduling process was just beginning. Blackout dates provided by teams as well as those required by State Cup and ODP will be considered. All games will be scheduled for weekends (Saturday / Sunday), but weeknight play will be permitted if agreed by the teams. Once the initial schedule has been posted, a reschedule window will be allowed, after which, the schedule will be frozen.

Old and Unfinished Business

None to report

New Business

Amy Gush and Tim Mellander reported that the league had not been previously incorporated as a 501(c)3 not for profit and that the process to do such was now underway with the assistance of NYSW Staff. The legal title will be: The Thruway Soccer League, Inc.

Bylaw Amendment Proposals

None were proposed. Tim Mellander reported that the Bylaws were being redrafted as necessary to reflect the league's incorporation.

Budget resolution

Matt Quinlan presented the proposed 2011 Thruway League Budget. Matt clarified that team registration had been changed to \$250 (vs. \$270) and therefore revenues would be \$42,500 based on 170 teams.

Motion to adopt the budget was made by Al Swanson (Cobras FC) and seconded by Mike Kinnally (FC Dutchman Premier). Motion was approved by acclimation.

Election of Officers

Amy Gush presided over election of the officers:

President (two year term)

David Hesch nominated. No nominations from the floor. David Hesch elected by acclimation.

Vice-President (one year term)

Jeff Knittel nominated. No nominations from the floor. Jeff Knittel elected by acclimation.

Secretary (two year term)

George Sivi nominated. No nominations from the floor. George Sivi elected by acclimation.

Treasurer (one year term)

Matt Quinlan nominated. No nominations from the floor. Matt Quinlan elected by acclimation.

Other as needed

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Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made by George Siviy at 4:08pm. Meeting adjourned by David Hesch.