





SOUTH JERSEY SOCCER LEAGUE

General Membership Meeting

June 18, 2020

ZOOM PROTOCOL



- This meeting is being run through Zoom.
- Thank you very much to Matt Palladinetti (Logan) for providing access and technical assistance to make this happen.
- If you are on a computer or the Zoom App, you can click on the “Raise Hand” in order to vote. If you are on a phone, dial *9.
- If you have any questions, you can use the Chat function. Mark and Scott will be monitoring the comments, and we will try to get to all of them.
- We will have a Q&A period at the end to make sure we get to everyone’s questions.
- A reminder – this session is being recorded.

ZOOM/TELEPHONE



- If you have not already, please let us know who you are:
 - If you are participating by telephone/cellphone, please send an email to Larry Young at lyoung218@comcast.net listing your name, your club, your position and the telephone number that you are using.
 - If you are logged in on a computer, please make sure that your screen name is your actual name. If it is not, please email Larry Young as above.
- We need to make sure that all clubs are properly represented and that the proper individuals are available to vote.
- Thank you!

MAIN AGENDA TOPICS

- Officer Reports
- Return to Play Update
- US Club/GotSoccer
- Fall Registration/Commissioner
- SJ Cup
- Elections/New Positions
- Constitution Changes – 2nd Reading
- Coaching Classes



MAY 2020 GM MINUTES

- Posted on website under Admin
- Included first reading of proposed Constitution changes
- Need motion to accept
- Second



REPORTS

- Registrar
- Treasurer



Treasurer

RETURN TO PLAY UPDATE

AS OF 6/15/2020

- 6/22 – Begin practicing team non-contact drills
- 7/6 – Return to games
- All activities must include temperature screening and health questionnaires
- Down time social distancing
- All staff and attendees wear cloth masks
- Players must wear masks during downtime
- See https://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID_GuidanceForSportsActivities.pdf





US CLUB/GOTSOCCER

- All US Club player and coach ID #'s remain the same as last season
- Player numbers must appear in space for “US Club” or in both slots
- Team names must be what was used last season
- Accepting teams in US Club/GotSoccer
- Fall event rosters

FALL REGISTRATION

- Opened on June 1, 2020
- Closes on July 15, 2020 (flexibility)
- \$80 per team
- Registration fees due on August 1, 2020
- All clubs will be receiving a credit of \$80 for each of their teams that registered in the spring that can be used for the fall
- Season starts on Sunday, September 13, 2020



FALL COMMISSIONER REPORT

- Reschedule policy
- Rainout policy
- Score corrections
- Voluntary ref evals



2015 FALL SOCCER

CLUB PASSES

- Club passes – Pilot Program
- Effective Fall 2020
- Guidelines to come out in next couple of weeks
- Replaces Guest Player Program



SOUTH JERSEY STRONG



- 392 teams requested shirts (all clubs had at least one team)
- An additional 174 shirts were ordered
- Shirts were dropped off at the club provided address

SJ CUP



- August 1, 2020 – Semi-final games
- August 2, 2020 – Finals
- 2020-2021 SJ Cup Info

CONSTITUTION 2ND READING

- Article II – expands age level for play to U21
- Article IV, Sec. 5 – provide for voting during virtual meetings
- Article V, Sec. 2 – allows for proxy votes during EBoard meetings and President has one vote
- Article V, Sec. 4 – allows for actions during emergencies
- Article VI, Sec. 1 – allows EBoard to expand beyond 13 members
- Article VI, Sec. 14 – assigns subsequent trustee positions to election years; clarifies you cannot vote electronically
- Article VII, Sec. 4 – new section – allows for electronic or virtual meetings
- Article VIII – changes GM quorum from 15% (~10 clubs) to 50% (~35 clubs)
- Article IX – clarifies that vote must be 2/3 of all authorized votes to be cast
- Article XVII – removes reference to Robert's Orders

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the League is to develop in those associated with this organization the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, and loyalty through competition in the game of soccer among players under ~~nineteen~~ twenty-one (~~1921~~) years of age, or as set by US Soccer, and at all levels of competition, from Member Clubs located primarily within southern New Jersey. The League does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or disability. This League is established as a non-profit educational organization.

*Explanation – our agreement with US Club allows for U19 and adult play.
This allows a place for older players to continue play.*

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP
SECTION 5 (VOTING)

Each Member Club will hold one (1) vote for each currently carded team, currently playing in or that played during that seasonal year, to cast in all matters before the General Membership; however, a simple one (1) vote per club vote rule may be used on a case by case basis, provided it is agreed upon by the General Membership. Votes may only be cast by the officially recognized Club Representative, Alternate Club Representative or Club President as identified by the Club and disclosed to the League at least fourteen (14) days before the vote in question. Rules governing the suspension and reinstatement of voting privileges shall be as promulgated by the Executive Board. No Member Club is authorized to vote by proxy on the behalf of another Member Club.

Voting during electronic or virtual meetings, held in compliance with Article VII, Section 4, shall follow the guidelines promulgated by the Executive Board.

Explanation – allows electronic voting following very specific guidelines to be developed in the future.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 2 (EXECUTIVE BOARD)

The Executive Board shall be comprised of all of the Officers duly elected or appointed pursuant to this Constitution. The Executive Board shall have the power to set up the Schedule of Games at the beginning of each season. It shall have the power to formulate League Rules and Regulations, to fine and/or suspend those who shall violate the provisions of the Constitution, the League Rules and Regulations, and adjudicate all protests and differences among the Member Clubs. At all meetings of the Executive Board, a simple majority shall constitute a quorum for transacting business. Each member of the Executive Board, including the President, shall have one (1) vote. Executive Board members may participate electronically or vote by written proxy at any meeting of the Executive Board. A board member may not present more than one proxy vote per voting topic. The President shall always vote last, and this vote may create or break a tie.

Explanation – clarifies that the President has a vote in EBoard decisions. Also allows board members to vote electronically or by proxy (both allowed under NJ nonprofit laws). Limits proxy votes to one per person. The President vote last and that vote can break an already existing tie, or create a tie. The President does not get an additional tie breaking vote.

SECTION 4 (EMERGENCY BYLAWS)

In the event of any emergency resulting from a military attack, weather related catastrophe, widespread pandemic, or similar disaster resulting in the declaration of a state of emergency, or similar declaration, by Federal or state agencies where the League's principal offices are located at such time, and during the continuance of such emergency, the following Bylaws provisions shall be in effect:

- a. A meeting of the Executive Board may be called by any officer upon twenty-four (24) hours' notice to all persons entitled to notice who, in the sole judgment of the notifier, it is feasible to notify;
- b. The officers in attendance at the meeting of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum;
- c. All provisions of the regular bylaws consistent with the emergency bylaws remain effective during the emergency;
- d. The Constitution may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, by a majority vote of the officers attending any meeting of the Executive Board, provided such amendment or repeal shall only be effective for the duration of such emergency.
- e. Action taken in good faith in accordance with the emergency bylaws may not be used to impose liability on a corporate director, officer, employee, or agent; and
- f. After the emergency is terminated, the actions taken pursuant to these Emergency Bylaws shall be reviewed by the Executive Board following the regular Constitutional provisions and either repealed or presented to the General Membership for ratification at the next regularly scheduled meeting, or if not held within thirty (30) days at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Explanation – new section - allows action to be taken during times of emergency when normal procedures are insufficient to protect the interests of the League.

ARTICLE VI
OFFICERS
SECTION 1 (NUMBER)

The Officers of SJSL shall include a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a League Registrar, a Treasurer, a General Secretary, a Rules Compliance Officer, an Information Officer, a Games Commissioner for each season in which the League will participate and a sufficient number of Trustees so that there will be a **total minimum** of thirteen (13) Officers. This group of Officers shall include the state and/or regional youth soccer association representative and alternate representative appointed pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of this Constitution, if applicable. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of president and secretary as long there is still a **total minimum** of thirteen (13) Officers.

Explanation – allows the EBoard to be increased in size while maintaining a minimum of 13 positions. Intended to increase participation on the board and allow for positional training.

SECTION 14 (ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS)

The Officers of this organization shall be elected on an alternating basis by ballot at the SJSL Annual Meeting to serve a term of two (2) years or until their successors shall be elected. The President, the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, the Rules Compliance Officer, the Fall Games Commissioner, the First Trustee, and the Third Trustee shall be elected on odd numbered years. The Vice-President, the League Registrar, the General Secretary, the Information Officer, the Spring Games Commissioner, and the Second Trustee shall be elected on even numbered years. Additional trustees will be added to the election slate with odd numbered trustees elected on odd years and even numbered trustees elected on even numbered years. The nominees for offices of the organization shall normally be made known to the General Membership at the meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting. However, this clause shall not prevent a nominee to be first named at the Annual Meeting. Voting for election purposes may not be by electronic or proxy voting, except as provided in Article VII, Section 4.

Explanation – even numbered trustees (ie. Fourth Trustee) would be elected on even numbered years and odd numbered trustees (ie. Fifth Trustee) would be elected on odd numbered years. Clarifies that you cannot vote electronically during elections unless it is a virtual meeting governed by Article VII, Section 4.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

SECTION 4 (ELECTRONIC OR VIRTUAL MEETINGS)

Electronic or virtual meetings may be authorized by the Executive Board in place of any League meeting described in Sections 1-3. Attendance at the meetings may be audio only, or include a video component. For voting and election purposes at electronic or virtual meetings, attendance must be by video and audio, unless otherwise specified by the Executive Board. The format and mechanism of the meeting shall be established by the Executive Board.

Explanation – allows for virtual online GM meetings by phone or video. Voting and election participation must be by video and audio (to be seen and heard), unless a different procedure is set up by the Executive Board. The specific procedures and guidelines for the virtual meetings will be published by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII

QUORUM

The presence of a representative or alternate representative of the Member Clubs comprising **fifteen fifty** percent (~~1550%~~) of the vote as set forth in Article IV, Section 7, shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting of the League.

Explanation – a 15% quorum means that approximately 10 clubs could meet and do business as the league. Raising it to 50% would require approximately 35 clubs (or the representative number of votes) to do business.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

In order to amend this Constitution, a Proposed Amendment to this Constitution shall be submitted to the Executive Board at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the next scheduled Executive Board meeting. The Executive Board shall then evaluate the Proposed Amendment and report on it at the next League meeting, then at least fourteen (14) days prior to the following meeting, a written copy of the Proposed Amendment shall be sent to the President and Representative for each Member Club. The Proposed Amendment shall be voted upon at that meeting. Two-thirds (2/3) of the **authorized votes to be regularly cast** as set forth in Article IV, Section 5 shall be required for the proposed Amendment to succeed.

Explanation – clarifying that amendments require a 2/3 vote of all votes (clubs if using a voice vote) authorized to be cast, and not just 2/3 of those in attendance at that meeting.

ARTICLE XVII

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Order of Business at all Meetings shall be as follows:

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Minutes of Previous Meetings
- 3) Financial Reports
- 4) Report of the League Registrar
- 5) Report of the Information Officer
- 6) Reports of the General Secretary
- 7) Reports of Other Officers
- 8) Reports of Committees
- 9) Unfinished Business
- 10) New Business
- 11) Miscellaneous Items
- 12) Good and Welfare

~~The latest Edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern all Meetings.~~

Explanation – Actions taken by a corporation are generally governed by state or federal law first, the constitution or bylaws second, and Robert's Rules of Order last. Robert's Rules conflict in several areas with the NJ Nonprofit Corporation Act. To avoid confusion, it is usually recommended that references to Robert's Rules not be included in the bylaws.

COACHING CLASSES

LEVEL 1

Classroom Sessions				Classroom Location
Wednesday	Aug 5 th	6:30-9:30pm		Audubon SC, 247 Oakland Ave., Audubon 08106
Friday	Aug 14 th	6:30-9:30pm		Millville SC, 1400 McCafferty Blvd, Millville
Thursday	Aug 20 th	6:30-9:30pm		Haddon Hts SC, 1600 Hazel Ave, Haddon Heights NJ 08035
Friday	Aug 28 th	6:30-9:30pm		SWSA, Woolwich Twp Municipal Bldg, 120 Village Green Drive, Woolwich Twp, NJ 08085
Field Sessions			Outdoor Location	
Saturday	Aug 8 th	8:00am-2:00pm	Audubon SC, 38 Hampshire Ave, Audubon 08106	
Sunday	Aug 16 th	8:00am-2:00pm	Millville SC, 1400 McCafferty Blvd, Millville	
Saturday	Aug 22 nd	8:00am-2:00pm	Haddon Hts SC, 1600 Hazel Ave, Haddon Heights NJ 08035	
Sunday	Aug 30 th	8:00am-2:00pm	TBDSWSA, Locke Avenue Park Field, 121-217 High Hill Rd, Woolwich Twp, NJ 08085	

ELECTION POSITIONS

- The following positions are for election, along with the names of those who (as of this date) are seeking those offices.
- Election Chair Mickey Foltiny – mfoltiny@comcast.net.
- Vice President – Bob Cooper
- Registrar – Chuck Snyder
- General Secretary – Jim Miller
- Information Officer – Mark Roxberry
- Spring Games Commissioner – Helmut Lackermayer
- Second Trustee – Heather Talarico

ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

- If you are interested in new positions that are anticipated to be created, please contact Bob Cooper at vp@sjsl.org
- Additional trustee slots (potential responsibilities – sponsorship, recording secretary, scholarship, assistant registrar, social media)



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

NEXT MEETING

- September 8 & 9, 2020 Mandatory Coaches' Meeting
- In person or Zoom (TBD)
- Fall Updates



A large, stylized graphic composed of three interlocking blue shapes. On the left is a circle containing a white question mark. In the center is a large letter 'A' containing a white exclamation mark. To the right is a large letter 'Q' containing a white ampersand symbol. The shapes are rendered with soft shadows and highlights, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

Q&A