

Central Illinois Youth Soccer League Board of Directors Meeting – Business Meeting

Central Illinois Youth Soccer League	
Date: <u>January 30, 2025</u>	Location: <u>The Gin Mill, Decatur, IL & ZOOM</u>
Time: <u>6:43 PM – 7:21 PM</u>	

Members and Guests in Attendance (EX – Excused):

<u>Members</u>	<u>Attended</u>		<u>Members</u>	<u>Attended</u>	
Jan Berlin - Secretary.....	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Chad Jones, 2 nd VP	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Dirk Bennet, Board Member	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No - EX</u>	Tom Kulavic, 1 st VP	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Bill Bruno, Board Member..	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No - EX</u>	Jay Ray, President.....	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Via Phone</u>
David Hicks, Registrar.....	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Gary Stephens, Referee Coor	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Via Phone</u>

Topic	Call to Order
Discussion	The Business Meeting of the Central Illinois Youth Soccer League was called to order at 6:43 PM. Attendance was recorded.
Action to be taken	Tom Kulavic, 1 st Vice President, Central Illinois Youth Soccer League called the meeting to order.

Topic	March 2024 Minutes – Annual & Business
Discussion	Minutes for the March 27, 2024, Annual meeting were distributed prior to Central Illinois Youth Soccer League Board of Directors January meeting for review. Minutes for the March 27, 2024, Business meeting were distributed prior to Central Illinois Youth Soccer League Board of Directors January meeting for review.
Action to be taken	Chad Jones made a motion to approve the March 27, 2024, Annual Meeting Minutes as presented, and Jay Ray seconded the motion. Approved via vote by Board Members. Chad Jones made a motion to approve the March 27, 2024, Business Meeting Minutes as presented, and Jay Ray seconded the motion. Approved via Board Members vote. Both sets of March 27, 2024, meeting minutes were approved and will be placed on the CIYSL webpage.

Topic	Treasurer Report
Discussion	Year-End 2024 Mr. Dave Hicks presented the year-end financials. He reviewed all accounts ending balances as of December 31, 2024. Bank Statement Account Totals - Mr. Dave Hicks presented the bank statement account totals to the Board of Directors. Proposed 2025 Budget - Mr. Hicks distributed the proposed 2025 budget for Board Members to review.

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Action to be taken	<p>Year-End 2024 Gary Stephens contacted Dave Hicks regarding information on the June Financial Report. There was an error noted. The error was corrected and the corrected information was distributed to CIYSL Board Members.</p> <p>Bank Statement Totals – The bank account statement totals were reviewed by Board Members. A motion for approval was made by Jan Berlin and seconded by Chad Jones. Approved via board vote.</p> <p>Proposed 2025 Budget – The CIYSL Board Members are to review the proposed 2025 budget. At the AGM meeting in late March, the CIYSL Board will discuss the 2025 budget and seek a motion for approval and/or take suggestions to revise the 2025 budget information that was distributed.</p>						
Topic	CIYSL Update						
Discussion	<p>Bill Bruno & Dave Hicks Report</p> <p><u>Number of Teams</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Fall 2023 – 71</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Fall 2024 – 61</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Fall 2025 - ???</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spring 2023 – 18</td> <td>Spring 2024 – 31</td> <td>Spring 2025 - ???</td> </tr> </table> <p>For the fall of 2024 we added Bloomingdale Lightning as a new club and more Chicago Fire Juniors teams. Spring of 2025, we added Chicago Edge as a new club.</p> <p>Rockford Raptors have taken their girl teams over to the ECNL group, so currently the girls are not registered with us. They do continue to put their boy's teams (e64 League) with us along with placing them in ECNL.</p> <p>Teams playing in the USYS e64 League are still allowed to register their players/teams directly with US Youth Soccer. This has had an impact on CIYSL as we lost three major clubs (Galaxy, GLSA, Chicago Inter) because of this.</p> <p><u>Age Change</u> IYSA has not heard officially what US Youth Soccer is going to do in reference to the age change. We do know that they have been talking with other associations to make sure they are all aligned together.</p>	Fall 2023 – 71	Fall 2024 – 61	Fall 2025 - ???	Spring 2023 – 18	Spring 2024 – 31	Spring 2025 - ???
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Topic	<p>CIYSL Update</p> <p><u>Championships - State Cup and Presidents Cup</u> US Youth is going to make changes to both of these competitions starting at the regional level. Nothing is confirmed yet, but following has been heard:</p> <p>US Youth is considering doing away with the Regional Event for State Cup winners and having the winners of the State Cup competitions go directly to the National event. The National event would be divided into two tiers based on the State's historical performance. IYSA, in the beginning, would be in the top tier as IYSA has done well in the National event.</p> <p>The boys and girls would be in separate tiers, so at one point the IYSA girls could be in tier 1 and the IYSA boys could be in tier 2 or reversed or both in the same tier. In addition, they are considering having boys in one location and girls in another, and both could be conducted at the same time.</p> <p>Because they have eliminated the regional event, they would be starting the National competition earlier, possibly the end of June and going thru the 4th of July.</p> <p>The Presidents Cup, would no longer have a regional event, but break the Region into small groups within the Midwest Region. This would mean we could have two events within our Region based on location.</p> <p>Mr. Hicks has not heard about the National event for the Presidents Cup, but changes will be made.</p> <p>The competition changes are slated to take place in the summer of 2026 and the age change could start in Fall of 2025.</p> <p>IYSA has spoken to coaches that have attended these events and they have voiced their concerns, along with ours, to US Youth Soccer about changes to the competitions, as well as the age change for player registration.</p>
Action to be taken	<p>Bill Bruno & Dave Hicks Report Information only.</p>

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Topic	IYSA UPDATE
Discussion	US Soccer Age Change Addressed in the CIYSL update.
Action to be taken	US Soccer Age Change It was noted that US Youth is undecided on this. An assessment will be done during the 2025-2026 season.

Topic	New Business
Discussion	Executive Session The CIYSL met in executive session at 6:51 PM.
Action to be taken	Executive Session Executive session adjourned.

Topic	Next Meeting Date – Bloomington
Discussion	The CIYSL AGM and Board of Directors meeting will be held at the end of March in Bloomington/Normal.
Action to be taken	Jan Berlin and Chad Jones will secure a meeting location. Jan Berlin will send out request for dates and contact possible locations.

Topic	Adjournment
Discussion	Chad Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jay Ray seconded it. Motion passed.
Action to be taken	The Central Illinois Youth Soccer League Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.