



## Board Meeting:

February 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes

### MEETING DETAILS

<b>Date:</b> February 12, 2025	<b>Time:</b> 7PM-8:30PM
<b>Location:</b> Virtual Meeting on Zoom	<b>Purpose:</b> February Board Meeting

### Mission Statement:

Statement: Our mission is to be a community based program that will positively impact the youth in our area by providing experiences through soccer to young players of all ages and abilities; to develop character, encourage physical fitness and foster personal growth for all participants.

### ATTENDANCE:

- **Present Directors:**
  - **President:** Tyler Papaz
  - **Vice President/Coaching Director:** Nicole Spirk
  - **Secretary:** Joe Kerr
  - **Registrar:** Robin Kelchner
  - **Finance Director:** Paul Stewart
  - **Director of Fundraising & Events:** Denise O'Connell
- **Present Staff:** N/A
- **Present Guests:** N/A
- **Absent:** N/A

### CALL TO ORDER:

- Tyler Papaz at 7:00PM

### Officer and Director Reports :

- **Philadelphia Soccer 2026 Initiative**
  - The 501(c)(3) organization serves as the governing body for the World Cup in Philadelphia.

- 26 for 26 Challenge: Encourage 26 donors to contribute \$26 for a chance to win Union tickets.
- **US Soccer Registration (Calendar Year vs. School Year)**
  - Push to increase registrations.
  - SVSL will adopt the registration format mandated by the state.
  - High likelihood of shifting to a school-year registration model.
- **Growing Demand for U8 Travel**
  - EPYSA is considering adopting a U8 travel program.
  - Discussion on forming an SVSL U8 travel team to play a year up if there is sufficient demand.
- **Policy 531-9: Misconduct Toward Officials**
  - Notable reduction in referee incidents.
  - Stricter penalties now in place, including suspensions ranging from a three-game ban to lifetime suspension if a referee is physically touched.
- **Grant Applications**
  - EPYSA grants available.
  - SVSL needs to demonstrate club growth to qualify.

**Registrar Report (Robin Kelchner):**

- **Spring Registration Numbers:**
  - 10 Little Panthers registered (10 incomplete).
  - 31 Intramural players (3 incomplete).
  - 24 Recreational players (10 incomplete).
  - Age Group Breakdown:
    - 5 players (2014)
    - 10 players (2015)
    - 2 players (2016)

- 6 players (2017)
- **Key Registration Notes:**
  - Some Rec coaches were unaware that players must register separately for each season.
  - Rec rosters due soon. There will be coach follow up. (See action items)
  - **Registration Closing Date:** February 20, 2025.
- **Team Commitments (Due March 6, 2025):**
  - U12 & U13 Girls:
    - 14 players on U13 roster not fully committed.
    - U13 wants to merge with U12, but this would create a 26-player roster (max roster size: 22, with 18 able to suit up). Potentially will move to Blue Mountain. (See Action Items)

#### **Fundraising & Events Report (Denise O'Connell):**

- Discussions with McDonald's for an end-of-August or early September event.
- New logo in progress for Spring Spirit Wear Sale (Board will vote on final design).
- Planning fall sponsorship outreach.
- Possible Spring/Summer event ideas: Soccer Golf, Dine-to-Donate, large-scale community event.
- Gambling license renewal due August 23 (\$125 renewal fee).
- Exploring EPYSA grant programs.

#### **Finance Report (Paul Stewart):**

- **TeamSnap Usage and Budget Overview:**
  - Reviewing discretionary budget.
  - No significant financial concerns at present.
  - Will reassess budget for Little Panthers, Intramural, and Rec programs to identify gaps or funding needs.
- **Treasurer Vacancy & Succession Planning:**

- The board needs to recruit a new Treasurer and establish a succession plan.

### **Coaching Director Report (Nicole Spirk):**

- Communicating with coaches regarding practice schedules starting in March.
- Reinhardt confirmed for Little Panthers and Intramural games.
- **Boys Coaching Concern:**
  - Community concerns raised about a former coach.
- **Field Maintenance:**
  - Over 20 trees removed; borough to be notified if additional trees need removal.
  - **Seeding and Aeration at Grist Mill:**
    - Motion to seed Grist Mill with 5-6 bags of seed at \$85 per bag.
    - Motion passes 6-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Evaluations: Communication and Planning**
- **Player Retention:** Discussion on coaches requesting to add players for spring who were not on fall rosters.
- **Teams in Focus:** Ensuring teams with poor fall experiences receive adequate support in spring (2013 Girls Travel, 2015 Boys Travel, 2017 Boys).
- **September 2025 Kickoff Event:** Planning to begin soon.
- **Open Support Positions:** Equipment Director & Treasurer.

### **ACTION ITEMS for October Meeting:**

- **Nicole:** Contact last year's Rec coaches to source players.
- **Tyler:** Draft an email to Andrea and Sarah regarding evaluations (Blue Mountain possibility).
- **Nicole:** Send save-the-dates for evaluations.
- **Robin:** Post fall tryout save-the-dates on the website and Facebook.

### **Next Meeting/Important Dates:**

- **March 12, 2025:** Board-Only Meeting (In-Person)
- **March 26, 2025:** Coaches Meeting (Open to Public, In-Person)
- **Player Evaluations:**
  - Girls: April 28 & April 29
  - Boys: April 30 & May 1

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- **Time:** 8:33 PM

Meeting adjourned by Tyler Papaz.