



## PA Soccer Coaches Association Annual Business Meeting –

January 25, 2019 Radisson Hotel Harrisburg PA

### Meeting Minutes

Tom Rowan	President	Mike Barr	EPYSA
Bob Black	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Chris Branscome	EPYSA
Keith Nagley	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President/All-State Girls	Bob Hartman	League Rep
Mike Lorback	Recording Secretary/Boys Poll	Mike Sotak	League Rep
Anthony Cavallaro	Executive Secretary	Kate Schkolenko	League Rep
Randy Behney	Treasurer	Alicia Soldano	League Rep
Brandon Ramsey	All-State Boys Chair	Trevor Brown	League Rep
Scott Bonagura	COY Chairman	Paul Sotak	League Rep
Dave Hartlaub	Past President/League Rep		
Chris Zalasky	Berks Co. Rep/ ACOY		
Patrick Birns	Statistics		
Tim Fick	PIAA Liaison		
Liz Critchfield	VAIAA Girls Rep		
Abe Stauffer	Retired		
Gerry Lynch	League Rep		
Rob Burcik	Retired		

#### 1. **Welcome and Introductions**-Tom Rowan

a. Tom Rowan read a brief tribute to Walter Barr

#### 2. **Minutes**- Mike Lorback motioned that upon review, the minutes from both the 2018 Business Meeting and the USC 2019 Convention Meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Randy Behney and the motion carried unanimously.

#### 3. **Committee Reports**

- a) **Presidents Report**-Tom Rowan reviewed a discussion relative to a subpoena to produce documents in the case of Jonathan Hites vs. PIAA. The subject of the suit is unknown, however, the PSCA complied with the information request to the best of our understanding and ability. Tom briefly reviewed a rules questionnaire that was presented at the USC convention by the NFHS. The EPYSA was represented at the meeting by Chris Branscome and Mike Barr. Chris spoke about the two organizations (PSCA and EPYSA) working together to grow the game of high school soccer. Chris specifically mentioned future events such as the possibility of Philadelphia hosting World Cup contests and encouraged the membership to turn out for this and other national events. Mike Barr talked about the availability of coaching education through their organization as well as inviting members to hear guest speakers on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mike also talked about our organizations working together to address some the issues

facing high school soccer. Issues mentioned were the length of the season, the training to contest ratio and number of contests in a week as they relate to the possibility of injury.

- b) Treasurers Report-Randy Behney provided a brief explanation of how funds were spent over the past year. Randy also asked the group about our CD investment. Mike Lorback made a motion that we stay with our present amount of \$ 10,000, the motion was seconded by Brandon Ramsey and it was carried unanimously. Bob Black made a motion to approve the treasurers report, Dave Hartlaub seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Budget- Randy Behney went over budget differences between the last two years as well as the projected budget for 2019. Randy also mentioned the purchasing of a banking deposit machine to make the check deposit process easier. This was approved last year but the purchase of the machine will probably occur this year. Randy also discussed our tax-exempt status. We will seek the appropriate level for our organization; this may require legal advice. Tony Cavallaro made a motion to approve the budget report, Rob Burcik seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. Banquet- Randy announces that we will have 550 plus attendees, this is the largest number ever. Banquet duties will be discussed at tomorrow's breakfast and a walk through will follow. Randy asked that all awards committee chairs check awards for accuracy and follow up with winners about attendance. The group decided that we will continue with presenting each all-state player with a ball and scarf.

- c) Membership-Tony Cavallaro reports that we currently have approximately 800 paid members of the PSCA. Tony reports that we still have an issue maintaining membership when there is a turnover with the league reps.
- d) Sponsorship- Tony reports that our sponsors will remain the same. Select, Angelo's and T3 are under contract and are expected to sign on for 5 more at the end of the current contract. We will also continue with Encks Trophy. There is a possibility of a Kwik Goal sponsorship, this will continue to be discussed between the PSCA and Kwik Goal.
- e) Website- Tony stated that the issues related to technical glitches and all-state information has been resolved.
- f) Statistics-Patrick Birns stated we will continue with Blue Jeans as our provider. Athletic Directors now get notification for approval of school record submissions. Patrick also suggested we look at the possibility of a statewide system for reporting scores. \*
- g) All State/All American- Brandon Ramsey stated that we have 67 all state boys and that 53 will attend the banquet. Keith Nagley stated that we have 66 all state girls and that 51 will be attending the banquet. Brandon mentioned that we made a mistake with the naming of the Player of the Year. The issue was resolved. Keith mentioned that the USC is looking to expand the number of regional awards. \* Also, that Blue Jeans will be adding Private/Parochial to the all-state form.
- h) Coach of the Year- Scott Bonagura stated that it was necessary to address the issue of our AAAA COY because of wins being vacated as a result of the team using an ineligible player. The PSCA's decision to select another COY was dictated by the PIAA vacating the wins. Scott also mentioned that he is looking to expand his voting committee. The PSCA has decided that we will stay with the same number of COY submissions despite the fact that the USC is increasing the number of COY awards. \*

- i) Assistant Coach of the Year- Chris Zalasky stated that this year's number of nominations was the most ever and that he expects the number of nominations to continue to grow.
- j) PIAA Liaison- Tim Fick stated that he received more membership responses to questionnaires related to PIAA issues than ever. Tim also stated that he would like to change the approach we take to PIAA issues. He would like to get input from coaches before the season starts. \* The PIAA is concerned because the number of red cards has increased. Most are a result of language or dissent. Once again there was a discussion of the current system being used by officials. The group was unanimous in wanting to continue fighting for a referee in the middle with two linesmen on the side. \* Dave Hartlaub suggested that the organization put a video presentation together using HUDL to illustrate the issues with the two-man system as it relates to offside. \* The PIAA has adopted a six-goal differential as criteria for the "Mercy Rule". There was also discussion by the PIAA as it relates to field size for district playoffs. There is some limitation in what can be done based on what schools offer their sites. Patrick Birns brought up the issue of seeding at the state tournament. The committee feels that there should be a consistent use of the power rankings in both the seeding of the district and state tournaments. The PIAA states that two ten-minute overtime is mandatory in the cases of a tie at the end of regulation. This applies to league and non- league contests. There was also discussion at the PIAA meetings about the following: referee evaluations, use of headsets, NFHS looking at the issue "subbing out the clock"
- k) Hall of Fame/Honor Award - Glen Hibshman (absent, in writing) proposed that the PSCA honor award be named in honor of Ken Fogleman, one of the founding fathers of the organization. \* There was some discussion as it relates to the possible opening of the chair positions for the hall of fame and honor award committees. There was also discussion on increasing the size of the voting committee for these awards. \*
- l) Soccer Polls- Mike Lorback stated that we could use more contacts from smaller districts, particularly with the small school division. Dan Hogan submitted a report that stated the same points discussed with the boy's poll, applied to the girl's poll.

#### **4. Old Business**

Tom Rowan asked for volunteers to attend a meeting with representatives from the western part of the state. The PSCA would like to increase the participation from the west. Email exchanges with reps from the WPIAL about participation has started.

Glen Hibshman (absent, in writing) reintroduced the idea of a "Cabin Society" to recognize long standing contributors to the PSCA. Tony will talk to Stephanie about a "Cabin Society" landmark of some kind to put at Ken Fogelman's cabin (where initials PSCA meetings took place). Randy Behney made a motion to approve the "Cabin Society", it was seconded by Mike Lorback and carried unanimously.

#### **5. New Business**

Tom Rowan and Randy Behney suggested that we begin to review the current PSCA Charter. This should include each board member and committee chair reviewing their job description and length of term. The charter was last updated in 2002. \*Updates and modifications should allow for a smoother transition when positions change.

The following are changes in our elected officers and committee chairs as a result of terms ending or vacancies.

**President- Robert Black**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Keith Nagley** (will vacate his position as chair of girls all state committee)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Gerry Lynch** (nominated by Randy Behney, seconded by Mike Lorback, carried unanimously)

**Girls All State Committee Chairs-** Katie Schkolenko, Alicia Sodano (nominated by Keith Nagley, seconded by Tony Cavallaro, carried unanimously).

Randy Behney asked if there was interest in having a board meeting/social at his house during the summer. There was significant interest and a tentative date of June 29<sup>th</sup> was set.

Arrive at 11:30, meal at 12:00, meeting to follow.

Tom Rowan mentioned the following:

General membership meeting January 18, 2020 Baltimore MD. Business meeting.

Business meeting Friday January 24, 2020 Radisson Harrisburg.

Future Conventions- 2020 January 15-19 Baltimore MD

2021 January Anaheim CA

Future discussion about a Public Relations Director\*

**6. Open Discussion**

**7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.

Submitted by

Mike Lorback

Recording Secretary

\*- indicate items to be discussed and or addressed at the summer meeting.