

CSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
2/1/19

Hand Written Attendance Sheet scanned by Chris DeVerna. All board members in attendance.  
(See Appendix I a and b)

- A. Call to order
  - Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm by Chris DeVerna, President
  
- B. Reading of Meeting Minutes of previous AGM
  
- C. Acceptance of Minutes of previous AGM
  - Motion to approve previous AGM Meeting Minutes by Steve Marmas***
  - Second By Jen Miller***
  - All ayes***
  
- D. Reports: Reports for the AGM shall be submitted to the CSA President ten (10) days prior to the AGM date.
  - 1. President- Chris DeVerna reviewed accomplishment over the last calendar year:  
He discussed the tax exempt status and the huge effort to correct the previous issues. We are now a tax exempt organization again and we are current in standing. We added checks and balances to the bylaws including a standing finance committee to help with this. The Bailey's were nominated last year for volunteers of the year. He recognized each team that won championships from CSA last year. We had 60-70 participants at the She Believes Cup last year in NJ. We did car washes and a fox woods trip to raise money. We had an overgrown memorial and Scott's group cleaned it up. We fixed up the club house with paint and we organized and cleaned up the interior. Owen helped fix some lighting issues. Chris thanks everyone for that help. We got a new grill, pretzel machine and hot dog machine. We are working on a ramp. He reviewed State Champions from different organizations that involved CSA players. The Developmental Program was expanded this year in the spring by adding pickup games over the weekends. Jade from Challengers was very helpful. Coach Andre and Nigrelli's team experienced beach soccer on the Cape this year. CSA coaches helped volunteer at Parks and Rec clinic in the spring and summer. CSA donated a tent to parks and rec. We had good participation in the foot golf tournament hosted by SRI. This will be held again next year. We hosted our first annual golf tournament which was successful and we will continue that. Chris thanks facilities, Scott and Shane, for what they have done with the sprinklers and field maintenance. We had new gravel delivered for the parking lot since we are not allowed to pave it. The Clubhouse was finished with the new Joe Strauss fieldhouse sign. We had a Rev's player visit the field to sign autographs and take pictures with the kids. Super Liga Night at the Revs was a success and a lot of fun for coaches and kids. CSA hosted tailgates at the Revs nights. Mike Mansour handled record breaking walk-in fall registration numbers this year. We did the bj's fundraiser for the second year in a row. Lee recruited many new refs this year and we were able to give new refs a starter kit, training and support. Our CSA movie night was a fun way to kick off the fall season. We attended URI night and the kids were able to walk out on the field and play games. The kids got to see CSA's own Stavros! Jade Jones of Challengers will go back to England this year but parents were so thankful to have her. She got involved in rec teams as

well as the Mini-Kicker program. We continued to go to Coventry High School games; kids got to go through the tunnel with players and had a lot of fun. Ethan Dugas got 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Super Liga skills challenge. We hosted the elks shoot out again and had a bunch of CSA players who got to advance to the state championship, two of which narrowly got second place. Jadis Murphy got 1<sup>st</sup> place and moved on to regionals and got first place there as well. We continue to do the cleat donations- we got more donations than we need so a gym teacher in Providence got to donate those to children in Columbia. There were over 60 coaches this year who went through the fall training. We had some coaches from CSA participate in the grassroots courses held in Coventry. We had a Coventry Day at PC Women's Soccer this year. Chris stresses that PC and URI host amazing events with really nice fields and we should all check it out. We hosted the second annual Target Cup. We had teams from other towns this year which is an expansion from last year. We had Paul appreciation day this year for all the hard work he does for CSA as a volunteer. We had the knights of Columbus challenge and three CSA players went on to win state championships. CSA hosted a Christmas tree at Parks and rec again this year. Comedy night was a success again this year. Futsal is growing and CSA continues to attempt to be at the forefront of this movement. We have had many coaches participate in trainings for licenses and experience. Chris asked Bill Sampaio to speak. Bill stresses that futsal is very beneficial for many reasons. It helps kids refine and develop skills very quickly so they become strong players and play soccer for a longer period of time because they do not get frustrated or bored and quit. He shares that many professional players played futsal and many young players who played went on to get scholarships and play for schools. With small fields and goals the child gets many contacts with the ball and they have more fun. Chris is the first coach to get a regional license. Steve Marmas announced that futsal is getting bigger all over the country and thanks Bill for his efforts. Chris reviewed winners of the winter season indoor sessions. Chris talked about Brynn Tobin, a CSA player with a brother who plays for U8. He shared that she was diagnosed with a brain tumor and that the family was informed that it is terminal. The family is hopeful that there will be a breakthrough and that something will change. To help the family, we have been sharing the family's go fund me page and we have been trying to find ways to be helpful during this very difficult time. We are looking into a Revs experience night we can give to the family. There will be a princess day in March and Chris has a flyer available for anyone interested. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers. Please consider using amazonsmile so a fraction of your total will go to CSA. Corinne Ciummo was selected for the U14 ODP national training camp in Tampa which is a very high honor.

2. Vice President- James Nigrelli thanks everyone for coming out this evening. He thanks the board members and highlights how it has grown over the years. He asks people to think about getting involved even if they cannot commit time to being on the board in a position; breaking down the field, set up, refereeing, coaching, etc. He thanks Chris for allowing him to shadow him for the past two years. James's term is up this year and he hopes to be re-elected so he can continue on with the board. Squadlocker is a site (link on csa site and on facebook) where you can purchase CSA gear on name brand items (under armor, nike, etc.). 10% of what is spent on this site is donated to CSA. He states that the quality is great, originally shipping was lengthy but they have improved on this tremendously. James shared about the beach tournament on the Cape and what a great time it was playing on the beach and playing teams from different states. Any coaches interested in doing this next year, let James know so we can get more teams there from CSA.

3. Secretary- Erin Ursillo, no report to offer. It has been a great year.
4. Treasurer- James Kenney- Fundraising raised \$52k this year!! He reviewed total income for competitive and recreational. He reviewed expenses and highlighted the major expenses we had this year. Justin Dugas asked where the futsal registration money is allocated and James clarifies that this money is in with competitive and recreational registration money. James thanks everyone for the time he has spent and he announces that he will be stepping down this year.
5. Competitive Director- Brent DaBrosca thanks everyone for supporting our competitive program. He also thanks everyone for embracing many changes this year- new uniforms/tryout style/same team for all sessions/single age at younger age groups. In the fall superliga session there were 103 matches- we only received 4 cautions which shows we have respectful teams. We have some imperfections with Wide World but he continues to work closely with them on all of our concerns in hopes to resolve each of them. Please email him with any concerns. Spring will start March 30<sup>th</sup> and they are actively working on finishing up rosters. He reviewed the player participation numbers for each session. We will attend a Revs night again... more info to follow. GotSoccer is supposed to go away in the spring and we will be using a new online platform, Stack Sports, which is much more user friendly than GotSoccer. 2019/20 tryouts are TBD but expect emails mid to late May. We are going to discuss how to proceed with tryouts this year and announce this prior to any dates being advertised. We introduced new uniforms. The first round of uniforms were subpar and although the new uniforms are much improved, they are still not to our satisfaction. He continues to work on rectifying this. For his first year as competitive director, he ENJOYED it. He knows there are things to improve and he plans to continue to work on this.
6. Developmental Director- David Andre thanks everyone for coming this evening. He announces that he plans to step down this year as director because he wants to help coach and help newer coaches which is hard to do during the peak busy season of rec as a director. While we do offer coaches help and training, he believes this is an area that can be improved upon even more. He reviewed last year's numbers and reports that they were similar to 2017's numbers. These numbers fluctuate over the years but not by much as the years pass. He reviewed the commitment that it takes to take on the rec position even though it only lasts for months at a time. Drafts, game days, and managing issues that arise take up a considerable amount of time. We passed out an end of year survey to get feedback on the season. David hopes that the coach's document he handed out was helpful to all coaches this year. Some teams were too small this year, partly due to coach shortage but they will take a closer look at this for next season. Field layout feedback was overall good. Parking is always a struggle and especially this year due to the overflow lot permit issues. Team balance will continue to be a challenge and there are many complaints every year so he cautions whoever takes the position to have an open mind but also thick skin. We did some training this year for rec coaches which seemed beneficial. David hopes to remain on the board so he can contribute meaningful feedback while focusing more on coaching.

7. Referee Director- Lee Baldwin was not able to attend today. Jeremy Marcott announced that they had a webinar about the spring session and they reported that they are missing many refs that they need for the season. If you know any interested kids, please let them know.
  8. Coaches Director- Steve Marmas reiterates that we had the highest number of volunteer coaches for the training we held this year. Steve thanks everyone who helped at clinics or who worked with younger coaches throughout the season as he feels this was a huge commitment for everyone. Steve does coaches education throughout the state, not just for CSA. He will be stepping down this year. He discusses how CSA runs with kids, parents, board members but also sponsors. He asks that we thank sponsors and if we know anyone who is interested in sponsoring, to share this info with Patrick Bailey.
  9. Registrar- Mike Mansour reviewed walk in registrations. We held a total of 3 sessions and there was a huge turnout unlike any other years. He reviewed a very complicated bar graph showing increase in walk in registrations over the past two years.
  10. President Emeritus- Lou Ciummo states that when he took over 7 years ago, things were not going well. He thanks particular board members, Steve, James, Chris and David for the hard work they did alongside him over the years.
  11. Fundraising Director- Patrick Bailey shared an overview of the year's fundraising events. They have enjoyed raising money but also building a sense of community in our soccer world. They thank all volunteers who have assisted over the year. They ask that you email if you wish to volunteer for anything. 4/13 is Super Liga night at the Revs. He thanks those who sponsored and those who got us sponsors for the year. He asks that you share with potential sponsors that we not only advertise the name but we as a community use the services of our sponsors. We "roll deep" to these organizations; Woods Tavern and Fuzzy Buttz as examples. They will launch Parents Night Out this year, unsure if it will be comedy or not this year but we need raffle prizes for this. Tickets for Brynness the Brave are only \$10. They have magnets and stickers for our cars for a minimal price. Sunset signs made them for us.
  12. Director of Facilities- Scott McDermott discusses that most of the field issues are worked out this year aside from one area of our sprinkler system. He asks if you see a hole, grab a can of spray paint from the clubhouse and have the coaches highlight it for them.
  13. Committees- We established a finance committee this year.
- E. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business this evening.
- F. Proposals for amendments/changes to the Constitution, Bylaws, and/or Rules and Regulations of CSA- Chris reviewed bylaw changes
1. ***Motion to approve bylaw Update/Change #1, Part II: BYLAWS, Rule 2- Officers and MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SECTION A ELECTED OFFICERS AND SECTION B APPOINTED OFFICERS by James Kenney,  
Second by Steve Marmas,  
All ayes.***

2. ***Motion to approve bylaw update/change #2, Part IV GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS- COMPETITIVE SOCCER PROGRAM, SECTION TEAM FORMATION, PARAGRAPH SINGLE AGE GROUP PARAGRAPH THIRD PARAGRAPH by Brent DaBrosca,  
Second by James Kenney***

Discussion: Owen Osage asks when this will take place. Chris explained that we are rolling it forward for new groups as they come in. This was started last year with as many teams as we could. Single age group is now defined as birth year, calendar year. There was no other discussion points on this topic.

***All ayes***

- G. New Business- Steve Marmas provided an update on GotSoccer. SRI has been doing a lot of testing on the StackSports and the testing has proven problematic. They began to ask questions about some of the issues and have another webinar next week to continue to ask questions. Some examples of things not working properly are; if a parent unsubscribes to an email, they actually unsubscribe from the whole database, pricings are not working properly, etc.

- H. Election of Officers

1. Vice President- James Nigrelli indicates he is willing to stay on for another two years.

***Motion to approve James Nigrelli as Vice President by Jen Miller,***

***Second by Scott Mcdermott,***

***All ayes.***

2. Treasurer-

James Kenney nominates Merelise Hitte for Treasurer.

***Motion to nominate Merelise Hitte as Treasurer by James Nigrelli,***

***Second by Patrick Bailey.***

Discussion:

Merlise shares some of her experience with the group.

***All ayes.***

3. Developmental Director- Geoff St. Sauveur is interested in this position. Patrick Bailey nominates Geoff St. Sauveur for Developmental Director

***Motion to approve Geoff St. Sauveur as Developmental Director by Lou Ciummo,***

***Second by David Andre,***

***All ayes.***

There is a link to a form if you are interested in appointed positions and Chris asks that those people submit soon so they can be reviewed.

- I. Good of the Game- Lou Ciummo shared that his daughter started her career with CSA at age 4. She trained with Steve and other great coaches. She worked her way up and is quite successful at a young age. Lou thanks everyone who helped her along the way and offers help to anyone who is interested in advancing their child in this way. Steve Marmas shares that 3 people from Coventry will be getting awards from a state level.

- J. Adjournment-

***Motion to adjourn this AGM at 8:19 pm by James Kenney,***

***Second by Steve Marmas,***

***All ayes.***

Appendix I a

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Brent DeBrosse		
Cindy McLennan	parent	
Kristen St. Sauveur	parent	
Cathy Hopkins	parent/board members	
Justin Dugas	board member	
Jason Bred	PARENT	
Jon Rollins	coach/parent	
Own Osagie	coach/parent	
Hugo Santos	parent coach	
Kathryn Thomas	parent	
Steven Thomas	parent	
Melissa Mansour	parent	
Michael Manson		
MICHAEL M'GRODY	COACH	
STEVE MORAN	PARENT	
Brian Smith	parent	
Matt Ursilla	parent	
Kimberly Shackley	parent	

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James Kenney		[Signature]
Geoff St. Sauveur		[Signature]
Jennifer Miller		[Signature]
Ross Masdon		[Signature]
David Andre		[Signature]
Tiffany Dabrosca		[Signature]
Ernest Larisa		[Signature]
Tina Digu		[Signature]
Leu Ciommo		[Signature]
Scott McSwatt (Board member)		[Signature]
John Coen (Parent)		[Signature]
Jeremy Marotte (Board Member)		[Signature]
Deek Hitt (coach)		[Signature]
Muel Schitt (Parent)		[Signature]
Chris DeVerina (El Prez)		[Signature]
Bill SAMPAIO		[Signature]
Dana DeVerina		[Signature]
STEVE MARMAS		[Signature]
Erin Ursillo	secretary	[Signature]
Kathy Bailey		[Signature]
Patrick Bailey		[Signature]
Karyn Dilone		[Signature]