



**Annual General Meeting of
DANVERS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 2017
Polish Club, Danvers, MA**

Title	Name	Present
President	Brendan Piscitello	YES
Vice President	Sharon Clement	YES
Treasurer	Janet Gargan	YES
Registrar	Desiree Wynott	YES
Secretary	Megan Chambers	YES
Director of Safety and Compliance		
Director- Coaches Education and Player Development	Mike Blanch	YES
Director of Travel	Loren Rocker	YES
Assistant Director of Travel	Dawn Price	NO
Director of Intramurals	Nate Lamar	YES
Director of Fields and Equipment	Tim Gray	YES
Director- At Large	Sean Dunn	YES
Director- At Large	Andrew Godfried	YES
Director- At Large	Steven Gargan	YES
Director- At Large	Lindsay Demsey	NO
Director- At Large	Michael Randall	YES
Director- At Large	Anthony Ferullo	NO
Associate Director	Frank Rositto	NO
Associate Director	Elvir Celikovic	NO
Associate Director	Jeff Chambers	YES
Associate Director	Kerry Eon	NO
Associate Director	Rob Licata	NO
Associate Director	Mike Graves	NO
Associate Director	Jason Navarro	NO
Associate Director	Greg Conklin	NO
Associate Director		
Associate Director		
Director Of Coaching	Edgar de Leon	NO

Other members present: Ellen Chambers, Bill Jackson, Amy Cangiano, Matt O'Keefe
Guests:

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 8:46 PM by President, Brendan Piscitello.

II. Year in Review

- Brendan presented the 2017 year in review. He highlighted some positive achievements and discussed areas for improvement. This year the Little Falcon program was created for 3 year olds to begin playing soccer. The program had over 30 players who were kept interested and engaged throughout practices with Nate Lamar and Sharon Clement's creative games. The 2017 DIT had 139 teams and raised \$20,000. Sharon has been working with local environmental groups to expand Gates Field and improve the playing surface while still preserving the environment. In the spring DYS had 6 travel teams in the ECYSA playoffs and 2 playing at MTOC. 80 players were registered in the summer program, which ended with a well attended coaches education event and pizza party. Fall registration had over 625 players, making DYS the largest single recreational program in town. Over 75 coaches and the board of directors, as well as volunteers, spent countless hours working for DYS. Our referee program started by Jeff and Janet has 38 kids, who are all recognized at the state level. We had successful U8 nights at DHS and would like to continue to foster the DYS-DHS relationship. The DSSSF has raised over \$100,000 for Operation Troop Support over the past 12 years. Janet received a well deserved Advisor/Mentor of the Year award from MSRC for her work with referees. Thank you to the 2017 Board of Directors.

III. ECYSA AGM Update

- Jeff Chambers and Janet Gargan attended the ECYSA AGM last night. Spring registration is now towards the end of January instead of the beginning to allow older teams more time to get together. The new registration system is making it easier for registrars to upload with "manage your league." There is no extra charge for the tournament component. Janet will be trained in the program for the spring.
- Referee fees have increased, registrar and referee assignor have had pay raises. The playoff criteria may be changed to allow more than just the two top teams from each group to compete. Extra playoffs may be added and the extra week for makeups could be lost. Mass Youth and town referee programs are coming together to troubleshoot the insufficient number of adult referees. In all of MA there are only 105 female referees over the age of 25, and we would like to see that number increase.
- Essex County is a residence based program, and as such, if a player wants to play for a different town, their own town has to release them. Discussion on what the protocol is for parents to follow when their town isn't willing to release their players. A few situations have come up to challenge the current protocol.

IV. Thank You

- Sharon Clement presented Brendan Piscitello with an engraved clock as a Thank You for his service as DYS President.

V. Nomination Committee

- Mike Randall, Chair of Nomination Committee made a motion to direct the board to have the secretary cast a single vote on the nomination slate. 2nd by Tim Gray, all in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried. Secretary voted in the new 2018 Board of Directors.
- Motion made by Andrew Godfried to nominate Lou Delefino to Associate Director. 2nd by Jeff Chambers, all in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

VI. Meeting Adjourned at 9:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Megan Chambers
Secretary
Danvers Youth Soccer*