

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23rd, 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL & SPRING MEETING OF
THE SHORELINE ADULT SOCCER LEAGUE, INC.**

1. **MEETING TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order by President Aldo at 9:15am after a breakfast buffet for the members. The Meeting Agenda was emailed to members on February 16th, 2025.
2. **ROLL CALL** The roll was called by Andy Aldo with the following member noted as absent:
 - Clinton FC
 - Shebeen FC
 - Pan Zones
3. **READING OF 2024 AGM/SPRING MEETING MINUTES VOTE** – Andy Aldo presented the minutes of the AGM/SPRING MEETING MINUTES (which were emailed to members on February 16th, 2025). The reading was waived given that it was distributed by email before the meeting. Discussion was waived and the minutes were accepted by motion, second and unanimous vote of the membership.
Motion Accepted and seconded.
4. **TREASURERS IRS REPORT** Daniel Bruzzone commented on the financials.
 - Treasurer discussed P&L for 2024 and Balance of Accounts (SASL & Bond Accounts).
 - We've reverted the deficits from the previous couple of years). Thanks to all fines and good cost controls, the league was able to return to positive cashflows in 2024 (two years in a row) to build up our reserves.
 - League is in good standing
 - Team Bonds -Will go up from \$100 to \$200 –but SASL will fund for all current teams (using part of the reserves/positive cashflow).
 1. \$100 has not been updated since the creation of the league
 2. New teams will have to post a regular \$200 Bond and \$200 New Team Bond**Motion was seconded to accept report.**
5. **OFFICER ELECTION VOTE.** Election of Officers was then had for the positions of Vice-President, and Registrar. Andy Aldo was the Nominating Chairman and Nominations from the floor was opened, there was none from the floor. All Officers have declared themselves for re-election. The only nominations made were:
 - Vice-President -Marco Viola
 - Registrar -Chen Szu Hao(* The above officers are incumbents and have accepted nomination to run for their office again.
Nominations from the floor
All officers are incumbents (*) and have accepted nomination to run for their office again. No nominations for the floor.
Motion was made and seconded and all of the above were elected unanimously.

6. **PRESENTATION of 2024 Season Division Champions Trophies** was made by Franco Franceze and Mike Schechter:

CHAMPIONS

- **Over 30-1** – Cheshire SC United
- **Over 30-2** – Milford Amigos
- **Over 40-1** – Fairfield GAC FC
- **Over 40-2** – Danbury United
- **Over 50-1** –Greenwich Pumas
- **Over 50-2** –Cheshire Azurri

RUNNER-UP

- Greenwich FC
- Salty Dogs FC
- Vasco Da Gama
- Guilford Celtic
- Westport FC
- Greenwich PFC

All Teams received their trophies and were congratulated.

7. **DIVISION SET-UP FOR 2025:** Andy Aldo mentioned that 2 new teams applied for membership:
- ECUA-ANDES (over40, Witek Park -Derby).
 - ECUA-ANDES (over30, Witek Park, Derby)

- Motion was presented, seconded and unanimously accepted to accept the new teams as members of SASL. Managers of the 2 new teams gave a short speech of information about themselves and the teams.
- Three teams dropped out North Branford over30-1, Norwalk Sport Colombia -over40 (discipline) and Dynamo -over50-1.

Andy discussed the format for the League. There will be a total of 64 teams

- OVER30 -19 Teams -2 divisions -10 teams in Div 1 & 9 in Div 2 (1 drop, 1 new)
- OVER40 -24 Teams -1x10 teams div; 2x7 2nd division -North and South (1 new team, 1 drop)
- OVER50 - 10 Teams – 1x10 team division (One drop-Dynamo)
- OVER56 -10 Teams

- It was clarified the age progression of the 056 division to eventually a true 060 division. As stated last year, League is over56 in 2025, over57 in 2026 and so forth until it's a full OVER 60 League.

8. **2025 SCHEDULING.** Mike Schechter discussed some scheduling issues. There is a document detailing all scheduling requirements, which is posted on the SASL's Website.

- **TEAMS MUST FOLLOW “2025 LEAGUE SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS” ON THE WEBSITE.**
- All Scheduling issues must go through Scheduling Secretary Mike Schechter.
- Teams using same fields **MUST** play double headers starting 8, 10 or 11 a.m. (see Rule C.2).
- Teams must start game **if they have seven (7) players**. Ref will count minutes against grace period. Teams cannot wait for additional players, **must start with 7 players**.
- Games have to **start on time**, so that the second game can be completed on time
- **Spring Session starts April 13th** – Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial & Columbus Weekends idle dates, will be used as makeup dates.
- See “Scheduling Requirements” for game time, venues and special circumstances game changes.
- **Rule C.18 –Google membership is mandatory for ALL MANAGERS – Teams TAKE NOTE. PLEASE USE THE DESKTOP** application to post

- Mike presented a video from USASA emphasizing the importance of respecting our referees.
- An invited Assignor and Referee -Bruno Mozzo- gave a speech about the importance of respecting referees.

9. **2025 REGISTRATION** – *Andy read and explain all registration rules and dates on Behalf of Chen.*

- TEAMS MUST FOLLOW “**2025 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**” ON THE WEBSITE.
- 2024 Registration Forms on our website MUST BE USED. Information Page has detailed instructions on how to fill out the forms.
- Player ID Numbers on game rosters **MUST ONLY USE LAST 4 DIGITS** of the number for security. But **must use full ID Number** on the Registration Form to the Registrar.
- Online Registration will be evaluated to be implemented
- Also, changes to roster above 10 will pay a fee of \$30/change
- Registration forms CANNOT BE USED as game rosters.
- *Liability Forms have to be signed by all players each and every season. CSSA Requirement.*

I.E. From the Registration Requirements – THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT

- *Managers are responsible for comparing the photo copy of the license sent to the SASL Registrar, to the players Original State Issued License or Pass Port to ensure that the player’s date of birth is ACCURATE. This must be done for ALL players, new and previously registered player’s licenses on file with the SASL Registrar. Teams must check their players License D.O.B. that they list on their game roster. Failure to do this, in the event of a players D.O.B. being wrong, the team will be held accountable and not the League for submitting a wrong D.O.B., if it makes the player ineligible.*

Registration Requirements and Scheduling Requirements separate on the SASL Website are **Official SASL Rules.**

10. **DISCIPLINE** Andy commented on discipline issues on behalf of Chen (Discipline Point Charts (D.P.C’s) emailed to all teams in December 2024). D.P.C.’s records were mailed to teams, especially those with poor discipline records.

- Teams MUST identify CAPTAIN with a “**captains arm band**”.
- 2024 red card suspensions carry over to 2025 – Teams/ holds passes and will notify teams.
- Yellow cards wrongly given by referee, can be changed to red, i.e. violent conduct or language to Game Officials. This is State (CSSA) Policy.
- **ALL Team’s** must meet the 1.5 point game average or face posting discipline bonds for next season.
 Yellows Cards = One point
 Red Cards = 1 to 5 points –
 Players suspension is usually the points team gets, i.e.4 games = 4 points.
 NOTE - If SASL adds games onto the players suspension that also will add to the teams points.
 Referee Assault = Ten (10) points to Team.
 State Cup games yellow discipline cards will not be counted, but red cards will be counted.
- Team MUST pay the game officials if opponent’s team is a no show and game is not played. Failure to pay the game officials, team will be fined.

- **2025 Discipline Bonds posted** by teams for 2025:
 - Norwalk FC (over30): +8.5 points: \$600 Bond to be posted. This is 2 years in a row. Another year of discipline issues will be grounds for expulsion
 - Derby (over40): +7.5 points: \$200 Bond to be posted.
 - Norwalk Sport Colombia (over 50): +5: \$200 Bond to be posted
- Fouls language dissent to match officials is still a problem, we lose officials because of this.
- The discipline point's chart for bonds that has been used since the League instituted the point system is below. **For 2025, bonds will be increased by \$100:**

<u>Points</u>	<u>Bond to be Posted</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Bond to be Posted</u>
1 to 3	- \$200 – Borderline	12 to 15	- \$500 – Bad, Not Acceptable
4 to 7	- \$300 – Poor, Not Acceptable	16 to 19	- \$600 – Exceedingly Poor, Not Acceptable
8 to 11	- 400 – Very Poor, Not acceptable	20 to 23	- \$700 – Terrible, Not acceptable

- Teams with three consecutive seasons in the plus discipline points may not be allowed back into the League. Team's, who have had a poor discipline point record every other year, may face Ex Bd. discipline and or suspension. EG, In 2024 Norwalk Sport Colombia (over40) was EXPELLED from the league and need to sit out at least 2 seasons due to discipline problems.
- Improper conduct by players or managers towards the game officials, will be severely disciplined per CSSA/SASL Rules. This misconduct results in officials not wanting to do SASL games.
- FINES AND BONDS MUST BE PAID ON TIME
- **Registration Requirements and Scheduling Requirements separate on the SASL Website are Official SASL Rules.**

SECOND ROLL CALL - Teams NOT present – Will be fined - Andy

- Clinton FC
- Shebeen FC
- Pan Zones
- Polonia Falcons. (Left before the second roll Call)

11. WEBSITE / STANDINGS STATUS UPDATE -Franco -Communications Director- covered latest news on website and google groups communications.

- TIS's – Teams must have their information on the April 1 Manager's List completed and accurate on SASL Website for the start of the season on April 13th.
- Score reporting same as last year -Teams after 3 failures to report score, will have one point deducted for each late score occurrence.
- Franco will archive 2024 and will update all documents (waivers, registration and scheduling, etc.)
- Improvements/Changes for 2025
 - Franco has improve document modification security.
 - Exploring Online waivers
 - To Include SASL history
- We will explore:

- Advertising and sponsorship opportunity – Franco explained that we still offer some advertising opportunities in our website. Should any manager be interested, please contact Franco Franceze.
- Golf tournament in the summer to raise some money for the league
- SASL gala at the end of the year for Trophies presentation

12. RULE CHANGES -Covered by Andy Aldo

- Some admin clean-up of Rules --Communication Directors (ex Website Administrator)
- As of 2025, we will be fining the player as well as the team for a REFEREE ASSAULT -\$300
 - We had too many referee assaults (4 last year)
 - No need to vote, this is resolved by SASL Ex Bd.
 - There were no comments all accepted

● PROPOSED RULE CHANGES TO VOTE ON:

- A. Move to expand the rosters to 30 players league-wide. Any team who wishes to roster 30 players has to pay \$125.00 extra AND would have only ONE opportunity, 30 days in advance of the first league game of the season. After that date, the window would be closed. Commonsense dictates more injuries which last longer and when a team is short-handed, they tend to over-play older players.
- This would mean that team fees would increase \$125 (CSSA) for all the teams in the league.
 - Unnecessary –most leagues have the 25 cap
 - SASL EX Bd recommends voting against

VOTED AGAINST BY THE AGM . (6 votes in favor and the vast majority voted against)

Rosters remain at 25 players cap.

- Mike S. proposes to eliminate tie breaker of greatest goal difference for standings (J.1.i.b.) (it will be points first and least goals allowed next). It will be presented to teams to vote.

VOTED IN FAVOR BY THE AGM - Only 7 votes against, vast majority voted in favor. The tie-breaker during the league will be points and then least goals conceded .

13. Injury Claim Insurance Process

USASA has announced that they have implemented a new online insurance claim form process to enhance your experience and simplify the claims submission process when injuries occur. Key Benefits of the New Online Insurance Claim Form Process:

1. **User-Friendly Interface:** The new form is designed to be intuitive and user-friendly, making it easier for you to submit insurance claims online.
2. **Faster Processing:** Our upgraded system allows for quicker processing of claims, ensuring that you promptly receive the assistance you need.
3. **Accessibility:** You can now access the online claim form from anywhere with an internet connection, allowing you to submit claims at your convenience.

To get started with the new online claim form, follow these steps:

1. [Visit the USASA website.](#)
2. Look for the "**Click Here to File a Claim**" button.
3. Complete the online form by providing the required information.
4. Upload any necessary supporting documents.
5. Review your submission and submit the claim.

You can view detailed instructions regarding this new process [here](#). I've also attached a one-sheet outlining the new system/process. When completing the claim, please make sure your contact information is correct.

You will receive a couple of emails and an acknowledgment letter by mail with further instructions after your claim is approved.

The email addresses you will receive communication from are:

cdxnotify@agadministrators.com and affinity@agadm.com

Please check your spam/junk files before contacting your member association.

14. REFEREE FEES FOR 2025 Andy Aldo covered referee issues and that match officials **MUST BE PAID** before start of game or at half-time at the latest. The fees will be the same:

- **Three or two Man Crew** - \$90, \$60 & \$60, (Half fees \$45, \$30 & \$30).
- **Single Referee, No AR's** - \$100 (Half fee \$50).

Teams should count passes at the end of a game to make sure all passes are returned to manager. SASL still looking for players to become referees. Referee courses are now done online.

SASL continues to pay the Referee Assigning Fees - Last minute changes, team will be billed for the second assignment of referee crew, see Rule C.4, para 7.

15. 2025 DEADLINE DATES: (L.17 Fines Apply For Each 15 Days Late). **Deadline dates on the agenda were reviewed & emphasized by Andy.**

- **Registration Passes/Material to Chen for First Game -3/14**
- **June 1 - \$600 Registration Fee for CSSA MADE OUT TO SASL, INC, and MUST *BE RECEIVED NO LATER than June 1. Late payments will be assessed Rule H.6.* Checks should be mailed to Treasurer.**
- **\$500 League Dues for 2026 MUST BE RECEIVED before or by December 1, 2025**
- **\$550 if RECEIVED by DECEMBER 15, 2025**
- **\$600 if RECEIVED by DECEMBER 30, 2025**

Teams should read Rule H.6

If dues are not received by December 30th, 2025, team will lose their place in the league schedule and will be removed. If teams attempt to rejoin in January, financial arrangements will have to be made.

Executive Board is tired of chasing delinquent teams who are not meeting their financial obligations. The Ex Bd. shall ENFORCE ALL DEADLINES for 2025 to the letter, teams will be assessed Late Fee (Rule H.6).

15 GOOD of SOCCER - Covered by Andy

There was a question from Westport FC 50 : When will the 2025 schedule be out?

ANSWER: Mike will circulate it on or before March 17th .

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 am

Daniel Bruzzone, Treasurer SASL, Inc.