

## **Lorain County Soccer Association**

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17, 2025

Location: Oberlin Pavilion

Time: 8:00 p.m.

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### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Ben Sanborn at 8:07 p.m.

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### 2. Roll Call / Attendance

Board Members Present:

- Ben Sanborn (President)
- Juliann Arthur (Secretary)
- Rachael Hyster (Sportsmanship Manager)

Board Members Absent:

- Jen Kazmierczak (Vice President)
- Monique Ulrich (Treasurer) – notified
- Paul Grabo (Scheduler) – notified
- Rachel Rush (Registrar)
- Clint Behm (Referee Assignor)

Community Representatives Present:

- Omar Perez (Lorain)
- Alex Kosman (Oberlin)

- Andy Fife (Elyria)
- Ashley Hood (Elyria)

Community Representatives Absent:

- Amherst – no notification
- Columbia – no notification
- Edison – no notification
- Firelands – no notification
- LaGrange – no notification
- Midview – no notification
- North Ridgeville – no notification
- Sheffield Village – no notification
- Vermilion – notified
- Wellington – no notification

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### 3. Reports

#### A. Treasurer's Report (Monique)

Reminder from August: Checks to be sent to 38292 Arbor Court, Grafton, OH 44044.

#### B. Registrar's Report (Rachel Rush)

Shared experience with custody case involving dual community registration.

Roster Change Deadline: September 20, 2025.

OSA bill for roster changes expected by early October.

Reminder: Community registrars are responsible for verifying birth certificates, compliance, and photos. The LCSL Registrar should only verify, not complete this work.

Emphasis: Delays from Fall 2025 cannot repeat. Team commitment forms must be complete and accurate by the deadline to give scheduler and registrar proper time.

Recommendation: Hold a virtual training session with all community registrars to review expectations for team commitments, rostering, and compliance.

### C. Referee Report (Clint)

No formal report submitted.

Discussion points:

- Concerns regarding referee accountability, including profanity directed at a coach.
- Some coaches—particularly new ones—have been ridiculed when asking clarification questions.
- Referees are expected to review rosters directly, not have coaches read them aloud.

### D. Sportsmanship Report (Rachael Hyster)

Reporting timelines must improve: all sportsmanship-related reports should be submitted immediately, and no later than 24 hours after the incident.

This ensures timely escalation, accurate witness accounts, and corrective measures before involved parties return to play.

When possible, resolve issues within the community first; escalate unresolved matters to LCSL, with documentation provided.

Complaints noted:

- Parents yelling at players and other parents.
- Poor end-of-game sportsmanship (refusing handshakes, skipping “good game,” or aggressive hand contact).

Coaches are responsible for reinforcing proper end-of-game behavior.

Action Item: Communities to remind parents and coaches of sideline conduct expectations and sportsmanship standards.

E. Scheduling Report (Paul)

No updates provided.

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4. Classic Update (Jen)

Jen met with Alex (Oberlin host) on 9/10.

Classics Date: Saturday, October 18.

Referee Food: Check requested; LCSL to determine amount. Recommendation: light snacks and beverages only (not multiple full meals).

Volunteers: Each community must provide two volunteers. Community boards and LCSL board members are also expected to assist with parking, cleanup, and table coverage. Juliann will send a signup link. All shifts must be covered prior to the 10/15 meeting.

Trash Management: Additional receptacles will be available.

T-Shirts: Oberlin will not be organizing shirts this year. Board may explore alternate sale options.

Food Trucks: Returning from last season.

Finances: Communities reminded to bring checks to the 10/15 board meeting to avoid day-of transactions.

Awards: Medals (gold, silver, bronze, pewter) confirmed.

Referees: Recommendation that Clint not officiate games that day. Instead, he should roam, monitor game activity, assist referees with concerns, and handle all referee payments. Money should not be left at the PTO tent or bracket table.

Field Marshals: Update requested—pending clarification.

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## 5. Announcements

Last League Game: October 11 (scores must be entered into QuickScores that same evening).

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## 6. Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – 8:00 p.m. – Oberlin Depot

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## 7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.