## Opening

The regular meeting of Prospect Youth Soccer was called to order by David Cambra, President and a motion to second by David Bell at 8:06 on May 4, 2015.

## Present

Board Members: David Cambra, President, James Barbarito, Treasurer, Anne Byrnes Vescera, Secretary, Anthony Messina and Aaron Semrow, Rec. Coordinators, Shannon Kotsaftis, Merchandise Coordinator, Melissa O’Neil, Uniform Coordinator, David Bell, Training Coordinator, Ryan Smith, District Liaison, and Daniel Barrows, Travel, Field and Premier Coordinator. Coaches: Dennis Szantry, William Kotsafits, Mark Hopkinson, Joseph Iannone, Don Maxwell, and Joe Sousa.

## Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by David Cambra and seconded by David Bell.

**President’s Opening**

David Cambra’s opening remarks welcomed everyone present and reminded everyone that every coach, assistant coach and trainer had to have a background check. He encouraged all present to share positive results and stories as well as pictures so he could put them on the web site. He reviewed the agenda and opened the floor to comments or concerns. There were no comments or concerns.

**Treasurer Report**

James Barbarito presented the 6 month Profit and Loss statement. James recommended that the board continue to be conservative with spending

**Recreational, Travel, and Premier Programs**

Recreational: Anthony Messina & Aaron Semrow reported that the recreational spring season got off to a good start. Everson training started off smoothly and the goalie clinic was well received. Anthony expressed his concerns about the poor condition of the recreation fields at Hotchkiss Park. A lengthy discussion continued on the length of time it would require for the Town of Prospect to re-surface the fields and other field sites were discussed. No decision was made at this time and David Cambra requested that any suggestions or ideas be emailed to him.

Dinomites: Karima Jackson, Dinomites Coordinator, was not present at the meeting. Melissa O’Neil reported that Karima was doing an excellent job running the program.

Travel: Daniel Barrows reminded the coaches to stay off of high traffic areas on the fields. He told the board that he submitted a request to the Town of Prospect, Parks and Recreation, for goal wheels for the Hotchkiss lighted and back fields. He expected an answer from the Town in a few weeks. He also stated that collection of fees from families that hadn’t paid was going well.

Premier: No changes and nothing to update from Dynamo or The Cobra’s.

**Training Coordinator**

David Bell stated that the Everson program start off smoothly. David and the recreational coordinators will work together on a long term schedule for clinics and training to send out in advance.

**Referee Coordinator**

Joseph Iannone updated the board on concerns about teams canceling games or making changes and not updating the web site properly.

**Merchandise & Uniforms**

Shannon Kotsaftis and Melissa O’Neil had nothing new to report. Anne Vescera acknowledged and thanked Shannon for her dedication to the Welcome Tent, enduring cold and windy weather throughout the first week of spring soccer.

**Equipment**

Don Mulligan was not present at this month’s meeting

**District Liaison**

Ryan Smith attended the SDC meeting and shared what was said at that meeting. He learned that CJSA was pushing to have rosters at all age levels. He updated the board that inner city players should be half the fee and it is the clubs responsibility to notify CJSA that a player is from an inner city.

**Travel Coach Concern**

Ryan Smith requested that someone clarify why there was a limit on bringing a player up more than 2 levels. A short discussion started about the necessity of teams with low roster counts bringing up younger players in an effort to have enough to play. It was suggested that coaches coordinate the games better and communicate better. It was suggested that the issue be tabled for today’s meeting and discussed at a future meeting.

**Next Meeting Discussion Topics**

Price increase for next season

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 by David Cambra. The next general meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. on June 1, 2015, in Prospect, CT.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Vescera

Approved by: [Name]