## Opening

The regular meeting of Prospect Youth Soccer was called to order at 7:05 on January 5, 2015 in Prospect, Connecticut by David Cambra, President.

## Present

Board Members: David Cambra, President, Jeff Varesio, Vice President, James Barbarito, Treasurer, Anne Byrnes Vescera, Secretary, Aaron Semrow, Rec. Coordinator, Anthony Messina, Rec. Coordinator, Ryan Smith, District Liaison, David Bell, Training, Coordinator, Melissa O’Neil, Uniform Coordinator, Shannon Kotsaftis, Merchandise Coordinator, Karima Jackson, Dinomites Coordinator, and Daniel Barrows, Travel, Field and Premier Coordinator. Coaches: William Kotsaftis, Joseph Magalhas Joseph Iannone, Don Maxwell, Jason Christopher, and Joe Sousa. Guest: Chris Sargent

## Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were not available. They will be obtained from Mike Sirowich by Anne Vescera and approved at the February meeting.

**President’s Opening Remarks**

David Cambra’s opening remarks started with a New Year’s greeting. He outlined his goal for a “One United Soccer Club”. To achieve this goal he encouraged the Recreational, Travel and Premier Divisions work closely together to create a “united” program. He also discussed creating more communication channels to inform the public about PYS soccer programs, rules, and registration. He felt the general public knew very little about how PYS operates. Facebook, Twitter, PYS website broadcasts, newspaper ads/articles and better signage where options discussed and will be discussed further at the next meeting. Karima Jackson, Dinomites Coordinator, suggested that we hire a high school intern to assist with increasing marketing our program with electronic media. Karima is working on creating this position.

**Treasurer Report**

James Barbarito presented the 6 month Profit and Loss report. He was very concerned that PYS had only $5589.57. The board reviewed at length the profit and loss statement. Areas of concern were equipment, training, discounts, and uniforms. Several changes to these expenses where suggested and discussed. Increasing fees was also discussed. No decisions were made at this meeting. The board will discuss changes to the budget at the next meeting. William Kotsaftis, coach, suggested that PYS start fundraising as they did in the past. More discussion about fundraising will take place at the next meeting. The Treasure’s Report was approved by Tony Messina and Aaron Semrow.

**Recreational, Travel, and Premier Programs**

Anthony Messina and Aaron Semrow indicated no changes to the Recreation Division. They anticipated the Recreational start date to be April 25th.

Daniel Barrows indicated no changes to the travel program. Registration for the travel program was very low and said he said he would send out a reminder.

President Cambra asked if any changes to the constitution should be made in regard to the requirement for U9 travel players being required to play U9 recreational too. Anthony and Aaron, as well as several attendees, felt that this requirement was necessary to maintain the integrity and player counts of the U9 Recreational program. It was decided not change this rule at this time.

President Cambra asked Vice President Jeff Varesio, Daniel Barrows, Jason Christopher, Joe Sousa and Anne Vescera if they felt a Premier Coordinator should be added as a board position. The premier coaches and managers did not feel that a separate Premier Coordinator was necessary at this time. They all indicated that the programs where running smoothly and that Jeff Varesio would continue handling the premier finances and continue as premier liaison and Dan Barrow would take on the role of premier coordinator. The removal of the restriction of allowing younger players access to Premier will be voted on at next meeting.

Karima Jackson, Dinomites Coordinator, indicated that there are no changes to the Dinomites program.

**Training**

David Bell, Training Coordinator, reviewed the Everson training program. Suggestions to reduce the number of trainers and hours discussed at length. It was decided to not reduce the current trainers and hours but to utilize some of the time better by creating paid clinics focusing on specific areas (goalie, foot skills, striker) each week. David and Ryan Smith agreed to work on the clinics and will present their suggestions at the next meeting.

President Cambra suggested that all travel coaches be encouraged to obtain their G or E license and that PYS would pay for licensing.

**Merchandise**

Shannon Kotsaftis requested more sweatshirts for the opening of the spring season. An inventory of keys to the soccer shed and snack shack was taken (4).

**Uniforms**

Melissa O’Neil updated the broad on cost of recreational uniforms (18.00 each). No changes to the current uniform was indicated.

**Equipment**

Anthony Messina and Aaron Semrow indicated that equipment turn in was at 90% and they would need very little equipment in the spring. Don Mulligan ask if we all can sign out and sign in any equipment/material taken from the Soccer shed. Don will create an inventory list.

**District Liaison**

Ryan Smith reported that there was no date or time for CJSA scheduling meetings.

**Next Meeting Discussion Topics**

High school intern to assist with increasing marketing our program with electronic media - Karima Jackson

Soccer clinics - David Bell and Ryan Smith

Ways to save and make money; fundraising - William Kotsaftis

Soccer Shed Inventory – Don Mulligan

Restriction of allowing younger players access to PSC Premier – David Cambra

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 by David Cambra. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 p.m on February 2, 2015, in Prospect, CT.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Vescera

Approved by: [Name]