

# Northwest District of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

January 13, 2016 Crown Plaza, Southbury, CT

**Attendees:** Corrado Perugini, Nick Meglio (Bunker Hill), Paul Maloney (Wolcott), Amy Famiglietti (Thomaston), Scott Stiffler (Northwest United), Tony Melaragno (Watertown), Andrew Greene (Woodbury-Bethlehem), Harry Allison (New Fairfield), Bryan Sautters (New Hartford), Joe Wunderlich (New Milford), Glen Gleissner (Middlebury), David Shannon (Litchfield), Margherita Luzzi (Litchfield), Dave Brouillette (Wolcott), Kelly Gereski (Watertown)

**Not in Attendance:** Danbury, Shepaug, Southbury, Torrington, Winsted, Sherman, Brookfield

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** The minutes are posted on our website, please review them.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

**Training:** Wolcott is hosting a D license course. The first two sessions are going to be in March and the second two sessions are going to be in July. Woodbury is hosting a G license course in early February. A reminder that the district reimburses coaches for the cost of coaching courses.

**Registration:** No report

**State Report:** The AGM will be at the end of this month. We will be voting on raising the price per player by \$3 with a guarantee that there will be no increases for 5 years (unless US Soccer or insurance raises their rates). This rate increase would be effective for the fall season. The state budget is in the hole about \$140,000. We are now paying salaries for an Executive Director and Director of Coaching. Also, we're now partially self-insured. We will also be voting on a district vice-president. There's an awards banquet on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, there's a speaker from Fox. Please let Dave know if you'd like to attend. There is a proposal to have a U10/U11 Elite League which would be made up of kids who are participating in developmental premier programs. US Club has this program now so if we don't allow this at the state level, they will go play there instead. CJSA voted down adding U9 and U10 and allowed the Elite League to expand from 4 teams to 8 teams.

**Classic Travel:** Small sided games changes with smaller field sizes and smaller goals are coming. We will determine at the next meeting when to implement this – Fall 2016 or Fall 2017. The biggest concern is having to buy new goals to get to the right size. Dave said that the state is working on negotiating better prices for purchasing goals. Scott from Northwest United said they were concerned about the game durations. He said that it was hard to travel for a game that has 25 minute halves. Dave stated that we can modify the game duration and keep them at the longer time frames for our own district, but any state play will need to follow the US Soccer rules. We would also have to think about referee training if we were to change the rules. There will be an all-star game in June for U14 boys and girls in New Fairfield. This game should be for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Premier:** No report

**Website/Publicity:** No report

**Referees:** No report

**New Business:** We need to determine what our concussion protocol will be. Every coach will need to take the concussion online training with the CDC. Once the coach identifies a potential concussion, what is the protocol for the player to return to play? Dave stated that each club is going to need to determine what their protocol will be. There's an app for coaches called Par Concussion that will bring you through some questions to determine whether the player should continue playing or not. Kid Safe program – CJSA has an opportunity to implement this program. It allows the club to promote their safety to the parents. CJSA will get more information. Thomaston Soccer is starting a TOPS Soccer Program starting this Spring.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be March 16th at 7:30pm.