

# Northwest District of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

September 21, 2016 Crown Plaza, Southbury, CT

**Attendees:** Corrado Perguini, Rich Zimmerman, Karen Puskas, Nick Meglio (Bunker Hill), Tony Melaragno (Watertown), Deb Krayske (Watertown), Jason Geise (Watertown), Cindy Langer (New Hartford), Cari Boucher (New Hartford), Laura Anderson (New Fairfield), Tom Fitzpatrick (Sherman), Nicole Minard (Torrington), Karen Puskas (Shepaug), Jamie Girgesky (Woodbury-Bethlehem), Andie Greene (Woodbury-Bethlehem), Cari Brandt (Woodbury-Bethlehem), Chris Barstrom (Southbury), Glenn Gleissner (Middlebury), Suzanne Grant (New Milford), Steve Sauva (Thomaston), Paul Maloney (Wolcott), Kim Hotchkiss (Terryville), Terry Bilodean (Terryville), Tina Freimuth (Terryville), KK Kozik (Northwest United), Steve Vetter (Brookfield), Kevin Crowley (Winchester United) Sam Olmsted (Litchfield), Dave Slavin (Litchfield).

**Not in Attendance:** None

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Treasurer's Report:** We are showing a deficit of \$13,874. There is money in reserve to cover overage.

All banquet fees have been collected as of tonight.

Spring registration fees are currently coming in.

Clubs still have the \$1000 allowance to use prior to Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 fiscal year if they so choose.

Dave Brouillette brought up a potential fundraiser for all of the clubs if interested. He came across a company that custom prints on soccer balls. At the cost of \$10-14 per ball, a club could sell spots on the panels of the ball (up to 32) to sponsors for a flat fee (i.e. \$100 each) and give out the balls to their club players. It could bring in a large amount of \$ for a club. If clubs would like to participate, he needs to know for next meeting to get the order process going so that they could be made for the fall season.

**Registration:** As of right now only Bunker Hill has submitted their rosters for approval. Rosters should be submitted in a timely fashion as Scott Sharkley will be on vacation the week of 3/13/17 as well as away for business the week of 3/20/17 and may be unavailable to approve rosters immediately.

Please remember that coaches and volunteers all need to be registered to fall under the insurance.

**State Report:** We have a new executive director John Krusewski.

The state is in the process of putting together minimum sizes for goals and fields so that all clubs will have a range to go by. NDW asks that clubs measure their current goals and bring those measurements to the next meeting so that the board has them to try and accommodate range in goal size to avoid having all clubs being required to purchase all new goals.

**Classic Travel:** No report. Scheduling being done tonight.

**Premier:** Premier teams on the incline again as teams are coming back to the district.

**Training:** No report.

**Website/Publicity:** All pictures from the banquet are up on the website for viewing.

There was a question as to why NWD is advertising CT Rush Futsol tournaments on the website. There is concern that the pop-up premier clubs are taking away from the NWD soccer teams as they are right in our backyard. Cory said he'd look into if the futsol tournament is CJSA sanctioned. If not, it will be removed from our website.

**Referees:** There are introductory referee classes and testing ongoing.

**Disciplinary:** No report.

**New Business:** The equipment reimbursement per club will still be \$1000 for this fiscal year and is ongoing. A receipt is required for the work or equipment bought to get reimbursed. If it is a town field that work is being done on and the town does the work, the NWD will NOT reimburse the town.

For Fall 2017, there will be no exceptions on age cutoffs going forward.

A discussion will have to happen regarding the possibility of length of game time changes for Fall 2017 and how it may impact a team traveling a distance for a game.

The heading protocol seems to have taken without too much of a problem beyond some initial high kicks/dangerous kicks. Teams seem to have adjusted.

Thomaston thanked the district for all the publicity for the TOPS program. They are now up to 8-9 players participating and it has been very successful this year.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.