

Northwest District

of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

September 16, 2015 Crown Plaza, Southbury, CT

Attendees: Corrado Perugini, Nick Meglio (Bunker Hill), Paul Maloney (Wolcott), Erin Drislane (Northwest United), Tony Melaragno (Watertown), Andrew Greene (Woodbury-Bethlehem), Harry Allison (New Fairfield), Joe Wunderlich (New Milford), Glen Gleissner (Middlebury), Tim Holland (Southbury), Steve Sauve (Thomaston), Tom Fitzpatrick (Sherman), Craig Richardson (Sherman), Steve Vetter (Brookfield), Scott Shakley (Litchfield), Dave Brouillette (Wolcott), Kelly Gereski (Watertown), Karen Puskas (Shepaug)

Not in Attendance: Danbury, New Hartford, Terryville, Torrington, and Winchester United

Public Comment: None

Minutes: The minutes from the August meeting are posted on our website, please review them.

Treasurer's Report: We are in good financial standing. This is the end of our fiscal year. There are a few outstanding bills. We are at about \$8,000 in the plus side. Paul Maloney (Wolcott) made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Steve Sauve (Thomaston) seconded the motion. All approved. Dave suggested that we use our money in a positive manner to get our coaches educated. The district will reimburse the clubs for the coaching training. Each club can ask for up to \$1000 for capital improvements from the district for the new fiscal year.

Training: Cory suggested that we add a Director of Coaching (DOC) for the district to help the clubs with their coaches and coaching training. Other districts have this position within their districts. Dave suggested that we think about whether or not this would be of value to the district. Many towns voiced having difficulty finding coaches, perhaps a DOC could help with this problem. Also, a DOC could establish best practices for coaches across the district. Cory will write up a description of what a DOC would do for the district and bring it to the next meeting.

Registration: Rosters freeze on 9/26, for the fall we've got 19 clubs with 2300 players registered. We have one adult registered for every 7 players. Several clubs have uploaded their rec teams. There are a few clubs who still need to upload their rec teams.

State Report: The changes in the birth year for registration will take effect in 2016-2017. Also, the field sizes and goal sizes will be changed, as well as number of players on the field for U9-U12. We need to start planning for these changes as some towns may need to plan to purchase new goals. We need to be sure to attend the AGM this year. The state needs to find ways to raise money to cover their budget. Dave recommended that we use the resources that are available to us at the state level. Also, all clubs need to have concussion information as part of the registration process by January 1, 2016. Also, all coaches need to complete concussion training. This can be done online. There are resources at the Northwest District site and also at cdc.gov. CJSA is working on materials for the clubs hopefully by November.

Classic Travel: No report

Premier: Six clubs have premier teams with a total of 143 players.

Website/Publicity: Karen has posted a new Concussion Awareness page on the website. Everything is all up to date. Clubs should email Karen if they have additional coaches or managers to add to the site. Karen will add an exchange/forum to the website.

Referees: None

New Business: Wolcott ran a successful Labor Day Tournament. Watertown will be offering a G license course soon.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be November 18th at 6:30pm. This will be our holiday dinner meeting and each club should bring a volunteer. Dave will send out a reminder on November 1st. We will make a decision about a DOC and also discuss when to implement field changes, 2016-2017 or 2017-2018.

2016 Meeting Dates: January 20th, March 16th, March 30th (coaches meeting), April 20th, June 15th, August 17th, August 31st (coaches meeting), and September 21st