

Nashua Youth Soccer League (NYSL)

July Board Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2021, 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Attendees:

Deena Hewson – Chair Nick Symonds – Vice Chair Jessica Gott – Secretary Kristin White – Director of Coaching (joined 7:35 PM) Rick Watts – Director of Fields Nicole Roma – Director of Publicity Jonathan Ulery – Director of Purchasing	Janelle Davis – U8 Director Jon Bozak – Director at Large –Travel Ed White – Director at Large (joined 7:49 PM) Todd Sullivan – Director of Travel Nick Symonds had proxy for: Jason Gendreau and Rachel Symonds Rick Watts had proxy for Jessica Bean
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- **Welcome to the new board members**
 - Executive Board announcement – Stuart Russell is no longer Treasurer. Cynthia Sullivan was voted in as the new Treasurer.
 - Cyndy has 20 years experience in finance.
 - It will take some time to help her transition into this role. If you need to purchase, Deena or Nick can assist with the credit card.
 - Jason Gendreau will be meeting with Nick Symonds, Cynthia Sullivan and Deena at Citizens bank to remove Stuart Russell off our bank account and add Nick Symonds, Cynthia Sullivan and Deena on
- **Financial Report**
 - Nick shared Treasurer report based on the online banking account
 - Quickly looking at the numbers – it doesn't look like there were any areas over budget.
 - Current balance: \$94,980.09 includes a lot of registration funds for the fall season
 - Major expenses
 - Team registrations: \$6,200
 - Soccer Council: \$3,180
 - Referees: \$3,650.50
 - Hudson Trophy: \$2176
 - Travel training: \$1,175 for spring too
 - There are still referee checks that need to clear
 - Missing a potential bill from Tyngsboro Sports Center
 - Jon still has the checks for the 2 - \$1,000 scholarships
 - Jon suggested that the scholarships should be readjusted to \$500 each for this spring.
 - There could be \$5,000 to \$5,500 that still needs to clear from this spring.
- **Registrations**

- Nick said registration numbers look very good but we might be a bit under for our projections.
 - Deena received a bunch of email addresses from Jon. He sifted through many addressed to compile an accurate list. Deena will send out emails in small groups to generate more registrations
 - Nicole will continue to use social media to generate registrations.
 - Nicole will give Janelle a flyer to distribute at the Boys and Girls Club
 - Deena suggested that Nicole post to Nashua Civic Sounding Board
- Todd says 147 kids registered for Travel
 - Teams are registered for the fall
 - Still need to secure coaches for 2014 team
 - Next task is to find out when have fields available so can start scheduling practices.
- **Fall Season**
 - Season begins on 9/11
 - Practices begin 9/6 or 9/7
 - Rosters set by Division Directors by 9/3
 - Skip Labor Day weekend
 - Deena will check with Parks and Rec to see if we can play on Columbus Day weekend. She will send an email that confirms the date for the end of the season.
 - There will be a coaches' meeting on 8/27 in person at Greeley Park at 6:30 weather permitting.
 - Week of 8/30 through 9/3 there will be coaches' training and equipment pick up.
 - Coaches have requested more training in the past – this offering is in response to that request.
 - This training will come out of the part of the budget she oversees .
 - Coaches will receive coaching plans for the rest of the season
 - Coaches will be able to pick up equipment from Division Directors at this training.
 - Kristin will plan with Laura Ray to conduct this training
 - Important to have 1 person do the training for all the coaches to begin to establish a curriculum with differentiated skills taught at each level
 - Kristin will coordinate with Laura Ray to schedule these sessions.
 - Kristin will decide if she will have training with Bruno on Saturday mornings
- **Open Board Positions**
 - **Registrar**
 - Kim will continue to help
 - Nicole will post on social media that this position is open
 - Nick will send a list of the responsibilities for this position to Nicole
 - **U6 Director**
 - Nick has asked someone but this position is still open at this point.
- **COVID Policy**

- We don't have any updates from NHSA, or city or state leaders regarding any changes in recommendations for youth sports.
- The Board agrees to follow NHSA, state, and city guidelines. If the NHSA, state, or city recommendations change, NYSL recommendations will be adjusted accordingly.
- NYSL will continue to recommend no sharing of pinnies.
- **Change in Division U19 Director**
 - Jonathan motions to relieve Adam Parker of his duties as U19 Director. Nick seconds this motion. All in favor.
 - Todd motions to appoint Larry Hawkins as U19 Director. Rick seconds this motion. All in favor.
- **Sponsorships**
 - Nick will set up a committee to investigate the possibility of accepting sponsorships from community partners.
 - Need to consider rules about banners/signs on the fields
 - Need to consider who we should partner with
 - Need to check with Frank about history
 - Need to consult NYSL by-laws
 - Nick will bring a proposal to the next Board meeting
- **Equipment**
 - Nick will pick up a new lock and meet Todd at the storage unit Wed 7/21.
 - They will make new keys to distribute to people who need access to the storage unit.
 - Jonathan will meet Todd at the storage unit on 7/24 to figure out what needs to be ordered
 - Other Division Directors need to return equipment from the spring – Jonathan will coordinate this
 - Jonathan has money to spend from Dick's Sporting Goods
 - Nick suggests: goalie gloves, pinnies, and cones
 - Kristin mentioned that the nets at Main Dunstable are in bad shape
 - Need hooks in the shed to keep the nets off the floor
 - Need to ask Jason to talk to Soccer Council to get new nets.
 - Jon Bozak suggest building NYSL sheds at the fields
 - Jonathan says we would have to donate them to the city but we can put our own locks on it
 - Suggested asking high schools to build the sheds if NYSL supplied the materials
 - Will take a lot of time to plan this and make it happen, so might be good to discuss this now
 - Need to discuss this with Jason
- **New Division Directors**
 - Kristin mentioned that there are a lot of new Division Directors who will need some support about the required responsibilities
 - Deena is going to meet with 3 of the new Directors.
 - Nick and Rick are helping with other Directors.

- Nick and Deena will be available just before the season begins to answer any last minute questions.
- Kristin suggested Nick share his team letter with other Division Directors as a template because it is very thorough and clear.
- **Changes to U6 and U7**
 - Kristin asked if we were going to have U6 and U7 scrimmage against own team or other teams.
 - Discussion about the logistics of number of coaches and difficulty of coordinating the move to different spot on the field with young children
 - The board decided to have U6 and U7 teams scrimmage against themselves
 - Ed asked about changing the goal sizes for the younger age divisions.
 - Nick thought that it wasn't the time to do this right now because there are too many variables.
 - The board decided that we should wait to do a reboot of U6, U7, and U8 for next fall.

Nick motioned to adjourn and Jonathan seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15