

Newtown Soccer Club
January 17, 2017
General Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: John Premus, Linda Hess, Eric Poupon, Carolyn Mandarano, Jennifer Newsom, Amy McLeod, Melissa Ansman, Jody Huzina

General Meeting (60 minutes)

1. Recreation (In-House League) Update

R. Hall (absent)

- Update on player evaluations (Rebecca / David Troy)
 - No update.
- Dates for Spring schedule (practices & games) Linda Hess
 - Expecting to open registration for Spring within the next 2 weeks. Confirm Spring fees have been updated on the NSC website.
 - Spring schedule will be funky due to the timing of Spring break (4/8 -4/16), Easter (4/16), and currently planned last day of school which is 6/8
 - With that, the tentative dates for the Spring season (to be confirmed)
 - **U4/U5:** Practices to begin week of 4/22 and run through 6/10
 - **U6 / U8 / U10 / U14:** Practices to begin week of 4/17 and run through 6/10 with games starting the weekend of 4/22.
 - **Jamboree:** Current planned for June 10th (to be confirmed)
 - Tentative schedule will be posted on NSC website
- Spring Changes -- Planning meeting (John / Charley)
 - Meeting with Charley Amblo to discuss proposed curriculum and training plans for REC (in-house) program. Plans to be finalized with goal of running pilot program at the U5 age group in the spring. Will get feedback from Parent Coaches and parents to decide if we will expand to other age groups. Will use Winter training sessions on Monday to begin training the Parent Coaches on the proposed curriculum changes and with specific drills to run for the 8-weeks of spring sessions. More details to come

2. Travel League Update

E. Poupon

- Winter Training
 - Winter training started week of 9th with 186 players registered. Players can still register for winter training
 - There are low numbers for U11 Girls and U12 boys and Eric is unsure why this is
 - Due to coach conflicts, we combined the U9 and U10 Girls under Gil Hokayma
 - Opened some spots for REC players at different age groups and got several players at the older age group than the younger age group
 - Goalie training has about 20 kids registered
 - Still have 2 open turf areas for the time on Monday evening – one will be used to train / educate the REC Parent Coaches and the other may be used for additional training for Travel teams
 - Eric will provide Carolyn a list of coaches and the training hours for the prior month so she can send payment
- Dates for Spring schedule (practices & games) Linda Hess
 - Dates for the Spring have not been confirmed yet and there are no dates posted at the SWD website as of the meeting. Current thinking is to start practices the last 2-weeks of March with an expectation that games may start the weekend of 4/1.
- uniform transition update
 - A total of 131 players need the new uniforms. This number does not include U9 or U15 teams
 - Still waiting for a few more families to submit their uniform information but Eric will plan to send what he has

to Gary so he can begin ordering the uniforms.

- Per Adidas, these new uniforms will be good through 2022 so we don't have to worry about another uniform change until then
- Current U9 team (future U10's) uniforms are good through 2018 but they may decide to purchase new uniforms for the Fall 2017 season

3. Referee Update (Travel & Recreation)

M. Greenspan / J. Huzina

- Spring forecast
 - There are fewer referees going into the Spring than we normally have -- there are a total of 80 referees vs. the 100 we typically go into the Spring with. This is mainly due to HS kids re-certifying but we do expect to get an additional 20 new referees and get back to the 100+ level
- New referees & Certifications
 - Details for new certifications is on NSC website
 - Information for certifications sent out via the school system (Kathy June)
 - Jody and Michelle would like to propose a referral program for referees – possibly @ certification, refereeing @ least one season and refereeing @ least 2 seasons. Jody and Michelle will put proposal together
 - Jody & Michelle also plan on having a kick-off meeting and mini-clinic. Dates to be confirmed
- Referee Uniforms
 - Referee uniforms are changing (shirts and socks) but current uniforms are grandfathered through 2018. New referees will purchase the new uniform

4. Administration and Field Maintenance Update

J. Newsom

- No update
- Eric asked if we can invest in additional nets to block balls from going into the woods at Oakview

5. Memorial Day Tournament – overview of plans

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- P&R application to reserve fields was submitted. Payment will not be made until a final field list is given to P&R
- Application to host tournament was submitted to CJSA
- Registration for the tournament has been set up
- Broadcast e-mails are being sent to surrounding clubs inviting them to the tournament
- Adidas has committed to providing N.E. Revs tickets, hats, etc. to raffle off at the tournament
- Volunteers have been identified to take tournament T-shirt orders from fields and bring them to the main area to get T-shirts printed
- A site will be set up allowing teams to pre-order tournament t-shirts

6. Field Scheduler Update

L. Hess

- Travel practices to start 2-weeks prior to 1st game
- Field space will be tight in the beginning of the season due to sunlight
- No times yet for Rec+ programs

7. Any Other Business

- None

8. Review Upcoming Key dates

J. Premus

- Nothing to report. SWD still hasn't posted any calendar info on their website

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm