

**Newtown Soccer Club**  
**November 15, 2016**  
**General Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance: John Premus, Linda Hess, Melissa Singlak, Emily Snayd, Jon Del Pozo, Jen Del Pozo, Jennifer Newsom**

**General Meeting (60 minutes)**

**1. Recreation (In-House League) Update**

**R. Hall (absent)**

- Fall season – end of season recap
  - Feedback from a few parents in the Rec+ 5/6 and 7/8 teams was that they didn't like traveling too far for games i.e. New Canaan, etc.
- Update on player evaluations (Rebecca / David Troy)
  - Follow up with David Troy on his thoughts for evaluations and possibility of adding additional games for kids who don't want to travel
  - Does REC want the 1-hour at NYA for training? There is a plan to use this for some Parent Coach education / training to help them feel more comfortable when running sessions / games in the Spring. We will need someone to step up and coordinate registration links, coaches, etc. if we do want to offer training to the REC age groups.

**2. Travel League Update**

**E. Poupon**

- Fall Season – end of season update
  - No issues to report. A few teams made it to the quarter-finals of the CT Cup but didn't proceed
- U16 / 19 Travel Tryouts
  - Tryouts are scheduled for Wed Nov 16<sup>th</sup> which is the same time as Ski club meeting. Chris Hoagland, Donald, Nick Booth, and Barry O'Reilly will be there as assessors for the tryout.
    - Currently have (24) Boys U16, (9) Boys U19, and (11) Girls U16/19 registered but expect numbers to be higher as some folks haven't registered
- Winter Training
  - ~71 people are registered for winter training which is way below the goal of 200. Eric will continue to send e-mails to Travel players reminding them to register
  - Need to figure out what slot to put goalie training
- Travel Uniforms
  - Want to make the change to the new uniforms for U10 through U13 in Spring 2017. Expect about 130 kids to be effected by the uniform change but the Club will pick up the cost for a portion of the uniform fee.

**3. Referee Update (Travel & Recreation)**

**M. Greenspan / J. Huzina**

- Fall season – end of season update
  - Season went reasonably well and not having to assign referees for the premier leagues continues to help us out.
  - We would still like to stress that scheduling needs to be done by Wednesdays, no changes after that. If there are changes, do not expect referee coverage. (it may be possible, but no guarantees) This request made a huge difference in making referee assignments
  - There still needs to be work done with the managers entering the games/schedules properly. Linda Hess is the one who usually realizes that there are errors or omissions and she has to do extra work correcting the schedule and notifying Jody and myself
  - We will be recruiting for referees during the winter months. In January, the certification programs start up. We will be sending out info to the middle and high schools. The website to register to certify is [ctreferee.net](http://ctreferee.net). Will ask team managers/coaches pass the info on about becoming a referee to their soccer players that will be 13 years of age by June 30th 2017. (ie. U12 an up)

#### 4. Administration and Field Maintenance Update

J. Newsom

- No update. Jennifer will connect with Anthony to understand what she needs to work on during the off-season

#### 5. Memorial Day Tournament – overview of plans

E. Snayd

- Created an e-mail alias for the tournament – [newtowntourney@gmail.com](mailto:newtowntourney@gmail.com)
- Will be using League Athletics for scheduling instead of e7 since there is no cost for using League Athletics
- Application to host tournament was submitted to CJSA
- Will be looking to create logo for MMD
- Some ideas we are kicking around
  - o Rent tents to teams / families as part of tournament registration process
  - o Pre-sell tournament T-shirts
  - o Purchase spirit wear to sell at tournament

#### 6. Field Scheduler Update

L. Hess (absent)

- Condition of Reed field is still bad and will continue to use it for practices only
- NMS field is coming along but won't be ready until at least Fall 2017. Idea is to make it a full size field, even if it is minimum size
- Tilson goals now have locked sand bags on them and one goal has a wheel missing on it. Informed Park & Rec but not sure if it has been fixed yet.
- One of the goals at FFH is broken and has tape holding it together. Maybe this is something Jennifer along with Anthony can look into
- Full size field space on Saturday's before 2pm has been extremely limited due to only have use of on turf field and having 3 HS REC+ teams. Have been able to use back field at NHS from ~11am onward but expect a similar situation in the Spring (and possibly worse due to Cup play and addition of HS Travel teams)
- CFC only has a U13 team and U11 teams playing in Newtown. Not sure what they are forecasting for the Spring
- Need to evaluate new field dimensions for Fall 2017 and compare this against town fields we can use.
- Couple of issues at Treadwell where P&R person looked to lock the gates at 9pm. Brought this to P&R staff and person spoken to so don't expect it to be an issue moving forward.
- Rec practice times on grass have been adjusted so later practice is shortened to end at dark (~6:15 now and then 6p the first week of Nov). Trainer time is reduced from 50 per team to 45 per team in Nov for U8 and U10 teams. Coaches and UKI e-mailed about this.
- All regular practices will end Sat. Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. REC+ teams last games are Nov 12<sup>th</sup> so they will continue to practice through Nov 11<sup>th</sup> (travel teams will also end by Nov 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Only had 1 game cancelled due to rain (BU8 game) and it will be made up on Monday.
- We had on Travel game cancelled the day before by the opponent. Will request from CJSA SWD that the team pay for the referee fee.
- Website schedule for U4 / U5 was adjusted to reflect Field #s in addition to Field A and Field B. U6 was adjusted to reflect 40-minute practice and 30-minute scrimmage with rotation of team scrimmages.

#### 7. Special Needs

- Program is running on Saturday's from 9 – 10:15 on the back NHS grass fields. Chris Hoagland is helping coordinate from a HS point of view
- The Club ordered jersey's that were given out to the players

## **8. Any Other Business**

- In consideration of feedback from U14 regarding lack of UKI trainers, the Club has added two soccer skill sessions with 2 UKI trainers. This is open to all boys and girls in the U14 age group. The skill sessions are optional with the first one scheduled for Monday 5:30 – 7 on Tilson and the second one on Friday from 4:15 – 5:15 at FFH. These sessions will continue through Friday Nov. 4th

## **9. Review Upcoming Key dates**

- Nov 6          Travel season ends
- Nov 12        Rec Plus season ends
- Nov 12-13    SWD playoffs

**J. Premus**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm**