

**Newtown Soccer Club
Open Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2015**

Present: Josh Drew, Tony Filiato, Tony Leuci, John Premus, Maureen Trivers
Apologies for Absence: Rebecca Morits

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

1. CFC

No report.

2. Rec Update

Spring REC Program Update

Mr. Miller is trying to coordinate a meeting with UKI trainers before or shortly after season begins to explain the approach the Club is taking and the expectation we have of them as they train the players.

Spring Rec registration is open. Mr. Filiato would place an ad on the Edmond Town Hall screen and a flyer has been provided to the school system to distribute electronically to all families.

A skills clinic/evaluation is being planned for the very end of the season.

The Club is also looking into the possibility of changing the U6 program to gender based teams if enough players register.

REC Program Changes: 2015 – 2016 Season

Mr. Miller noted that he, Ms. Morits and others are working on a final proposal for next year's REC program, which should be available by the next Board Meeting.

3. Travel Update

Winter Training

Mr. Drew reported that winter training was going well with 160 players registered. Mr. Premus noted that 27 winter training participants still have not paid the fee and e-mails will be going out to the parents requesting payment.

U16/U19 Spring Travel Teams

Additional teams for the spring season will be Girls U19, Boys U16 & Boys U19; coaches have been assigned (GU16 – James Kelly & Danielle Norris / BU16 – Daviod Lavery / BU19 – Steve Solaski). Will do uniform rental fee again and Boys will use existing XARA uniforms (we will not purchase Adidas uniforms).

U9 – U14 Spring Travel Update

There were some premier players who wish to drop back into the Travel program. Mr. Drew will review placement for the Travel teams based on the results from the Fall season and petition the SWD if any changes need to be made.

Still evaluating a replacement for the U9 Boys Yellow team although a short-list of candidates have been identified.

Goalie training

Mr. Drew will speak with Mike Brennan to determine days / times for Spring goalie training. These will be held again at Tier 1.

Pre-Travel Clinic (optional)

A 7 to 8 week program will be offered to all U8 players interested in trying out for Travel. The pre-travel clinic will cost \$40 / player and will be 1hr 15min long and focus on improving individual skills to prepare the player for the Travel tryout. One of the Travel coaches will run the clinic and the day / time is being determined.

U12+ 3rd Night Practice

The Club will also be offering a 3rd night practice for all players U12 and up. This will also be a 7 to 8 week program and will cost ~ \$75 / player. The focus will be on individual skill development and will also be led by one of the Travel coaches.

Memorial Day Tournament

Mr. Drew noted that the Memorial Day Tournament is being planned with the applicable town field usage filings underway. The dates for the tournament are Sat. May 23rd for the Girls and Sun. May 24th for the Boys, with Monday May 25th as the rain date. A new program is being developed with each day broken into an 8am to 2pm time frame where three games will be played, with championship games scheduled for 4pm. Therefore looking to limit the total number of teams to about 90 – 96 and all Championship games will be played at the High School (including Blue & Gold stadium). Changes to the Referee format will also be implemented with U9 having only a center Ref (all other age groups will use 3 referees)

Coach Advisory Board Update

The Coaches Advisory Board suffered several snow days; but is going well with only discussion to be held on Travel tryouts and evaluations. The next meeting is scheduled on February 17th.

4. Referee Update

35 new referees were certified and 105 are registered overall. A new recertification in-service is also being instituted. Kick-off party will hopefully be March 24th with a mini tournament on March 28-29.

Changes are being made to the re-certification program.

A kickoff meeting for all referees is being planned and is tentatively scheduled for March 24th.

Referee Jamboree

A jamboree is being planned for all referees on the weekend of March 28th / 29th. The focus will be on helping new referees get comfortable in game situations and for experienced referees to improve their skills by refereeing higher level Travel or premier games. Waiting on confirmation from the State Referee on their availability to attend and Field space from Linda Hess.

5. Administration

Mr. Leuci reported that all balls and other equipment had been ordered for the spring season.

6. Fields

Mr. Premus reported that the field meeting with P&R had been held at 4pm that day. P&R had not come down yet with a final guideline on out of town players playing on Newtown based Club teams.

Waivers will need to be filled out by any team that does not have more than 80% Newtown players.

7. Special Needs

Ms. Trivers reported that nothing definite had been decided to date. However, the Sports United program at the high school would not allow joint activities with the Club's program.

Adjourned: 8:00 p.m.