

**Newtown Soccer Club  
Open Meeting Minutes  
April 6, 2015**

**Present:** Tony Filiato, John Premus, Josh Drew, Maureen Trivers, Eric Poupon, Michelle Greenspan, Carolyn Mandarano, Amy Grasso, Alfred Tomaj, Vinny Alvarez, Peter D’Amico, Patty Powers, Brian Matzke, Kadin Graffeo, Kevin O’Hara, Denise Sullivan, Dean Fattibene, Tricia Ruddy, Reginald Heard, Derek Bobowick, Tony Leuci

**Apologies for Absence:** Rebecca Mortis  
**Meeting called to order 7:05pm**

**1. CFC**

- Boys and Girls developmental teams were both scheduled to practice at the same time, Girls stayed at 5:15, Boys were moved to 6:45.
- Referees for Regional games & ECNL games need at least an Adult as the Center referee with High School grade AR’s. If these cannot assign one then let Brian M. know.
- Referees for CJSA Elite games are assigned by the State.

**2. Rec League**

- We need one more coach, believe that Ron Frable will step up and handle. Alex Ortner also volunteered to coach a U4 team.
- Added one Southbury team to the Girls U8 program. Games will be evenly spread across Newtown and Southbury when playing the Southbury team.
- We also need one more UKI trainer for U4 due to Spring registration
- John listed off the number of players for each age group as below

U4 – 21  
U5 - 28

Boys  
U6 – 13  
U8 – 15  
U10 – 13  
U14 – 28

Girls  
U6 – 7  
U8 - 8  
U 10 – 6  
U14 - 11

- Rec and Travel both start on the weekend of 4/18 -4/19.
- Girls U19, we need to collect the registration fees. Currently have 12 players signed up.

**3. Travel**

- Winter training went well and feedback from the parents was positive.
- 2015 registration is up and running. Slight problem with numbers for the Girls 16/19 Travel team. We only have 12 players
- All the previous coaches stayed with us although we did replace the U9 Blue Travel coach. The new coach will be Andre Lindsay. Situation will be monitored by the CAB to be sure things are progressing in the right direction.

- Tryouts will most likely be the 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June. Planning is underway.
  - o 4 days, on the turf, assessors will have more time with players than before
  - o Format will be some warm up drills then 4v4 small sided games
- Question asked “Can the Travel soccer cost come down?”
  - John P. responded:
    - o Fee’s came down \$35 last year for U9 – U11 given the roster size – this brought the cost in-line with what other teams pay for trainer fees
    - o The registration fee covers many costs including the following although the Club is continually looking at ways to reduce the registration fee.
      - Referee fees
      - Park and Rec Fees – Club pays \$20 / in-town player and \$40 / out-of-town player
      - CJSA Registration -- \$26 / player
      - State Cup fees
      - Tournament fees
      - Lights, medical supplies, etc.
- Question asked “Can we get sponsors?”
  - Someone would need to volunteer to look into that
- U11 girls are moving up to the “A” division, supported/approved by coach
- All teams will have 8 or 9 games by June 21 (coach and team managers decision)

#### 4. Memorial Day Tournament

- About 20 teams are currently signed up, 8 from Newtown
- We had about 130 teams in 2014, would like to be around 90 - 94 in 2015
- Format changes
  - o Guaranteed 3 games (last year was 4)
  - o Championship Games to be at 4:00 on second day at HS
  - o Spirit Wear – Josh coordinating with Gary at Soccer Post
- Wilton is requesting a refund
- All Newtown Travel teams must register

#### 5. Memorial Day Tournament Volunteers

- **A. Leuci:** Tournament T-Shirt supplier – Contract has been signed
- **R. Morits:** 2 Food Vendors currently ready. Rebecca has this info but wasn’t present. Goal is to have food from local, non-profits first
- Need to look into ice cream truck, but not from the “random” ice cream trucks, local vendors preferred
- Games are 9-2 please ensure we communicate that to anyone who wants to sell food, BBQ sandwiches for breakfast may not be best ☺
- We do need more than 2 food vendors, let’s keep looking
- **J. Premus:** Raffles
  - o New England Revolution has provided tickets to 6 games (4-tickets per game in Stadium Club seating)
  - o Still looking to secure either an autographed shirt or ball

- Adidas can supply a Professional player but the Club would be responsible for transportation, which could be costly. Instead looking to get College teams and PDL team
- **J. Premus: College Appearances**
  - Looking to secure College players from Quinnipiac and Sacred Heart
  - We should consider some sort of entertainment for siblings, ideas?
  - Team managers will be responsible for the field they play on (should only be one)
  - We do need adult volunteers to help manage the raffle (fairness)

## 6. Referee

- Saturday 4/4, ref training went really well
- Feedback was great from refs
- +40 total refs in attendance
- CT referee offered to attend the Memorial Day Tourney to mentor and observe

## 7. Admin and Field Maintenance

- Fields are "OK" we do need sandbags. Nets are in OK shape as well

## 8. Field Scheduler

- Schedules should be posted in next few days; although U4, U5, and U6 are posted
- 3rd night practice open to both rec & travel. All sessions will be at St. Rose and run 1hr 15 min each and will be run by Travel Coaches (Ryan Lyddy and Kevin O'Hara)
- Cost for U8 Pre-Travel Skills Program is \$35 for 7 sessions.
- Cost for U12+ third night practice will be \$65 for 7 sessions
- Individual skills is the focus

## 9. Special Needs

- Players are trickling in
- John P. is getting T-shirts
- Brian Neumeyer is volunteering 10-15 of the boys and girls High School varsity teams

## 10. Coach Advisory Board

- Rec program changes for U4 – U14. Update to Board will be presented by K. Miller
- Travel tryout format is revised and set

## 11. Other Business

- Preseason Training, it's up to the individual coaches to decide but parents asked if CAB could look into making it more consistent from a cost point of view (some were free and some coaches charged)

## 9. Minutes

The Minutes of the March meeting were accepted without objection.

Adjourned: 7:55 p.m.