

**Newtown Soccer Club
Open Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2014**

Present: Josh Drew, Tony Filiato, John Premus, Cindy Stierle, Maureen Trivers, Keith Miller, Brian Matzke, Brian Neumeyer, Patty Powers

Apologies for Absence: Rebecca Morits, Linda Hess, Brian Gioiele, Anthony Leuci

Meeting called to order 7:00pm

1. CFC

Mr. Matzke noted that supplemental practice participation was not as high as the preceding years and suggested that an open house might be necessary. A suggestion was made to have the CFC trainer attend U9/U10 Travel practices to speak with parents and then spend 30-minutes working with the kids. In addition, there was a question from Mrs. Powers asking about the possibility of a third night training session for U12 & up.

There was general support for this and is something that the Coach Advisory Board will meet to discuss for possible introduction in the Spring.

2. Recreation League Update

Mr. Miller noted that due to some of the recent changes introduced at the U6/U8/U10 age groups that there would be no skills competition in Rec this Fall as had been previously discussed. Plans are being made to make this a part of the end-of year Spring Rec session.

There was also a discussion and agreement to consider a Rec program for HS aged players. Mr. Filiato will work with Ms. Morits and Ms. Hess on this.

3. Travel Update

Mr. Drew reported that goalkeeping training was going well and there was a lot of positive feedback.

Winter training will be Monday and Wednesday for 8 weeks. The Club is looking to keep costs below \$200 to make it affordable and is working on a few different options with turf time and number of sessions. The club had to commit to 10-weeks of turf time and is looking at alternatives such as 3v3 tourney or other events for the remaining 2 weeks. The club is also looking to open this up to Recreation players, something that hasn't been done in the past. An update will be provided at the next Board meeting.

4. Referees

Recertification flyers have been sent out. Must be completed online by 12/26 with field session scheduled for 12/27. There have been no issues with cancellations by out of town teams. A discussion was held regarding the number of referees to be assigned to friendly games—the thought was that the coach should make the decision given the relationship between the teams (some games are called friendly but don't turn out that way)

5. Administration

Mr. Leuci had volunteered to replace Ms. Stierle as VP of Administration and a vote will be taken by the Board of Directors.

The storage unit is currently being charged to Ms. Stierle's credit card and there are considerations to secure a NSC Credit Card to pay for these types of recurring charges.

6. Fields

Black out days were noted of October 14, 17, 18, & 20.

7. Special Needs

An update was provided regarding the Special Needs program, which unfortunately had suffered one rainout which needs to be rescheduled.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.