

OPEN MEETING ATTENDANCE

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Attendance: see submitted sign in sheet

CFC WEST PROGRAM (Girls and Boys)

1. No update

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATE

1. Chris from the Kung-Fu academy is looking to become more involved in the community. They would like to offer a pizza party to coaches at season end, build awareness, come to the school, outreach program, increase connections.
2. Rebecca will coordinate with Chris on setting up parties

RECREATION UPDATE

1. Bullying incident, as described via private board emails.
 - a. Board proposed a bullying specific policy with details, submitted to Board for review and approval
2. We need to incorporate a player ranking system for all players
 - a. The ranking will allow for objective and fair creation of teams
 - b. 5 emails a week from parents come in complaining the teams are “stacked”
 - c. We discussed some simple evaluation approaches, coach opinion based
3. John asked if we have any feedback from U4, 5 and 6’s
 - a. Jon del Pozo - Not much beyond trouble with one trainer not showing up in week 1
 - b. There is some chatter that the U4’s have UKI trainers and the U14’s do not
 - c. John has heard that at U6 the parents are not coaching, the trainers are coaching during the game but this wasn’t the intention. To be worked out for Spring
 - d. It was questioned as to whether our UKI program is competitive with other towns
Example given that the U10 Girls Blue team played a Westport team this past weekend that was clearly more advanced than Newtown
 - e. A question was asked if there is anyone assessing the coaches?
 - f. In general, feedback is more positive than in the past
 - g. U4 coach said that the trainer makes all the difference, even going from “good to great” makes a huge difference
 - h. John proposed meeting with Jason to provide feedback and the importance of quality
4. For U6, Can we do an end of the season game with refs, make it official, the “good” kids are asking to play a game
 - a. Rebecca – we’ll see if we can
 - b. John – Perhaps at the Jamboree
 - c. John – ask your teams and players, get an idea of interest level

TRAVEL LEAGUE – Eric Poupon

1. Still defining when tryouts will be for U16 and U19 teams

2. Winter training, Thursday night (4:30 to 8:30) has been secured at the NYA
3. Looking for additional time or an additional location if no availability at NYA
4. Each team will have 1 practice session with the exception of U14 Girls Premier who will practice 2x per week (they will have increased costs as a result)
5. State Cup, the last 2 Newtown teams lost this past Saturday
6. Playoffs start, weekend of 11/14
7. 2 games Saturday, championship game on Sunday
8. Two weeks left in Travel
9. Amy –
 - a. How do we evaluate the travel coaches
 - i. Eric - Feedback, CAB committee (Miller, Neumeyer, Lyddy, O'Hara)
 - b. How does that work, where are the coaches from?
 - c. How did we find the coach?
 - i. John – Word of mouth, NSC Board, CAB outreach and interview
 1. Looking at license
 2. Experience
 3. Approach to coaching
 - d. How do we evaluate them (asked again)
 - i. We will go watch them in action when possible
 - e. Perhaps it would be better to solicit feedback from team parents instead of the team managers
 - f. How do we double roster players?
 - i. How, when, steps?
 - ii. John - Needs to be done by roster freeze date, this year it's October 23
 - g. Who suggests that we double roster?
 - i. John – The coach should bring it up
 - h. Eric will meet with Amy afterwards with specific feedback regarding U12 Girls
10. John – I heard goalkeeper training was excellent
11. Jon DP – can we open up goal keeper training to rec as well?
 - a. John – yes we are looking, want to provide as many skill development opportunities as possible
12. John - Spring tryouts, we will speak with coaches to get an understanding of how many positions we may need to supplement, bring a few more kids up from recreation
13. Blair is leaving in 1 week, how is it looking about getting a new coach for U11?

Eric – Have identified a few potential coaches (R. Lyddy / B. Neumeyer, Nick Booth) and will make a decision shortly
14. Nick raised a point that their team has missed 3 practices with only 1 make up, Doesn't seem like this should happen and how do we go about making these up?

Board recommended immediate correction, notify team manager and board if necessary right away so it can be addressed
15. Jon - When coaches are assigned two teams how do we handle conflicting schedules?

The team Managers should meet with the coaches at the beginning of each season to identify “black out” dates when they cannot coach and then coordinate as soon as possible on any upcoming conflicts

16. A question was raised as to who schedules the travel games?

John – The home team manager is responsible and coaching conflicts are not a reason to reschedule a game per SWD rules

17. A question was raised as to who determines placement for teams in the A, B or C division

a. Top 2 automatically move up and bottom 2 automatically move down, although a club can petition SWD to remain where they are

18. Fall 2016 we are switching to Birth Year categorization of teams

a. Eric – other local towns have not moved over to this yet

b. Eric – we are going to leave options open about younger kids playing up and so on to help lessen the impact on teams

REFEREE UPDATE

1. No update

ADMINISTRATION AND FIELD MAINTENANCE UPDATE

1. We’re trying to evaluate if we’re going to buy soccer balls for next year and the general feeling was “no”

2. Board will provide recommendations to parents as to where to go to purchase a soccer ball and see if we can pick up a couple stores to offer discounts for NSC players

3. We need to buy nets for Tilson

a. \$250 each to repair

b. \$1300 each for new goals completely

Due to cost for new goals a decision was made to purchase nets for Spring season

4. Patty– can we get some benches at Oakview for the kids to sit on

a. We will look into this for Oakview and Fairfield Hills

5. Rebecca – what about garbage cans too

FIELD SCHEDULER UPDATE

1. Girls team has 19 players, happy that Barry is at practices

2. Girls only have 1 team they’re playing

3. Rec + for the spring, Linda feels like we’ll have two teams

4. SWD confirmed that there’s a high school rec team

5. Linda has sent SWD venues for playoffs

SPECIAL NEEDS SOCCER UPDATE

1. We may possibly move the Saturday clinics to start at 9am instead of 8am moving forward

2. Special needs would then run from 10:15 to 11:30

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. When we change to birth year how does it work?
 - a. It will be January through December
 - b. Eric – it's on the Newtown Soccer Club website
 - c. Whatever kids are younger will play that level again
 - d. John – next big change is roster size
 - i. U12 is 9 v 9
 - ii. U11 is 7 v 7
2. Eric – U12 boys Gold
 - a. Do we want to hold tryouts for the spring?
 - i. John - yes