

Attendance: see submitted sign in sheet

CFC WEST PROGRAM (Girls and Boys)

1. No update

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATE

RECREATION UPDATE

1. Things went relatively well
2. Meeting scheduled next week with UKI
3. Developing player evaluation
4. We have continuing concerns over coaches missing practices/games
5. Rec+ there were only 2 teams – Newtown and a Wilton/Ridgefield Team
6. Successful program, some kids are

TRAVEL LEAGUE – Eric Poupon

1. No state cup entry's
2. U11 girls gold tied in the championship game
3. 5 girls teams into playoffs
4. 1 boys team
5. Feedback from parents is coming in
6. Almost all is positive
7. Coaching adjustments are to be made moving into spring
8. Winter training
 - a. Thursday nights
 - b. Working with Danbury Sports Dome for goalie training (2 more hours)
 - c. 4:30 to 8:30, 4 slots, combined age groups
 - d. Looking to see if we can include Rec
 - e. 1 hour sessions
 - f. Ensuring we have coaches/trainers
 - g. Older kids going first (goal)
 - h. Coaches do 2 sessions, back to back preferably
 - i. Goal is to have the scheduling done by Thanksgiving
 - j. \$175 per session
 - k. January 18th to March 21st
9. Spring tryouts are happening tonight and Wednesday
 - a. Dates were put together last minute due to scheduling conflicts
 - b. A third tryout is happening in February, indoors for other teams that need players
10. Lisa Stobly spoke up, son is on U12 boys blue, Mike Dyer, very happy
 - a. U14 Girls Premier Team
 - b. Can we do something to not be cannibalized by Premier?

- c. Can we have them play together, it will keep them together and help our high school team
 - d. Eric – it's the coaches decision
 - e. Lisa, it would have been nice to make the whole team Premier and it would keep them all in Newtown Travel
 - f. Patti – there are different levels of Premier also, there are a lot of levels and it can cause frustration to the parents, we do want to ensure that we don't frustrate players by putting them into a division that's too competitive
 - g. Eric – I'll find out more
11. Coaching concerns
- a. Coaches share teams, seems like 3 games a year we have no coach due to scheduling conflicts
 - b. Eric – there is a coaches meeting this Thursday where we'll address it
 - c. Our coach signed our team up for a tournament U10 Blue and then couldn't make any of the games
 - d. There seems to be a lot of trouble with other teams in other towns not moving their schedules to accommodate.
 - e. Linda – maybe we can open up Sunday before noon game times to help
 - f. Eric – coaches are paid and they need to deliver
 - g. Can coaches stay with a team?
 - i. We had Mike Dyer, then Andre, the kids don't have any consistency
 - ii. Issue with tryouts, the A team coach was at the tryouts so they "knew all the kids"
 - iii. Eric – at tryouts we try to keep everything neutral and objective
 - iv. Feedback was "that didn't happen at all"
 - h. Jon – Any feedback from other towns on how they're handling the birth year age classification
 - i. Eric – there is another change in the matrix
 - j. Jon – what's our take on players playing up to keep teams together?
 - k. Patti – only top 3 can play up right?
 - l. Eric – you cannot have more than half the team playing up

REFEREE UPDATE – J. Huzina

1. Good feedback from referees
2. Most refs are freshmen, sophomore and juniors
3. 7 attended a ref camp in RI
4. Helped mentor and train other refs
5. We had to use extra support and mentoring from adult refs due to the young age of our refs
6. We do need to hash out how we handle scrimmage vs game
7. Scrimmage does not need a registered ref
8. A "friendly" game where you want a ref will be considered the same as a game (3 refs)
9. We can still use friendly games to train and mentor
10. We feel strongly about continuing this practice for training
11. Team managers will not pick the refs, the ref assignors will

12. In the spring we will establish rules/regulations for how refs and assignments are handled, these will be written as rules
13. There were multiple “ugly ref incidents”, none at Newtown though!

ADMINISTRATION AND FIELD MAINTENANCE UPDATE

1. New nets were ordered for Tilson field

FIELD SCHEDULER UPDATE

1. We have a couple tryouts and games this weekend then we’re done
2. Looking for another field for U8 girls
3. We have some old goals that Linda and Tony will review this week, keep or trash

SPECIAL NEEDS SOCCER UPDATE

1. Linda – It went well, not everyone shows up all the time
2. Registration should be on Newtown Soccer Club website
3. Survey, few questions will go out just after Thanksgiving, will go out to parents about coaches.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Lorraine Stenzel will be our club Registrar effective Fall 2016