

**FAIRFIELD UNITED SOCCER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 3, 2016**

Board Members Present:

Tom Connor (TC), Seth Cutler (SC), Premal Shah (PS), Mike Vinci (MV), Darren Walsh (DW), Stephen Zhawred (SZ)

Absent:

Liz Neugebauer (LN), Jason Shaughnessy (JS), Mauricio Trabuco (MT)

Others Present:

Registrars: Anne Chapman, Melissa Johnson
Ole: Danilo Martins

Meeting called to order at 8:25 PM.

Agenda Items:

Premier team league choices:

Discussion and confirmation of FUSA team league affiliations (CJSA vs. CCSL). Expected league affiliations:

- U12 2005 Girls Premier: CCSL
- U13 2004 Girls Premier: CCSL
- U14/15 2002-03 Girls Premier: CJSA
- U12 2005 Boys Premier: CCSL
- U13 2004 Boys Premier: CCSL or CJSA (TBD)
- U14/15 2002-03 Boys Premier
 - U14 2003 Boys Premier: NYSL (NY affiliate of CCSL)
 - U14/15 2002-03 Boys Premier: CJSA
- Pilot program: U11 Girls Red 1 and Red 2 will enter a combined team in CCSL as a supplemental schedule to SWD travel league
 - Plan proposed by Red team head coaches
 - Optional for players and to be funded fully by participating players.

Registrars given go-ahead to register teams and coaches with CCSL

Premier team tournament registration:

Recommendation that all FUSA premier teams will play the following tournaments in Fall 2016:

- Labor Day: Bernie Ward Shootout; Farmington, CT
- Columbus Day: Parsippany Pride Invitational; Parsippany, NJ

U14/15 Boys White update:

Additional players have been recruited and head/assistant coaches have been secured. Board voted to run team with either 16 or 17 players (pending status of one player).

Pre-Season Camp:

Save The Date announcement went out 8/3. Field space and times are confirmed. Expect to provide schedule and open registration by 8/8.

Coaching updates:

- Parent coach status: All head coaches are approved (one still TBD)
- Parent coaches meeting: Planning on 8/29 at Ole
- Tech coach assignments: Expect assignments to be completed by 8/8

Fall calendar update to website:

SZ to draft and will be posted to site within one week

Town Field/practice schedule update:

- Waiting for insurance policy from CJSA in order to confirm fields for FAST
- Expecting fall season field confirmations from Town Parks & Rec within two weeks

FAST updates:

- Team recruitment/sponsorship sales in progress
- T-shirts designed and ordered through Soccer & Rugby
- Moving HQ from RLMS to Warde HS
 - More open space to potentially allow for vendors and more foot traffic
- UB Women's soccer team to host activities at Warde HQ on Saturday; possibly Sacred Heart Men's team on Sunday

Finance updates:

- Chase Quickpay: Chase will be discontinuing Quickpay service for non-Chase customers
 - Affects how FUSA compensates referees
 - Board to investigate a new payment service (Venmo, Paypal, etc.)
- Scholarships: Scholarship chair resigning
 - Board to search for replacement candidates prior to Spring season

SWD Playoff hosting:

Fairfield to host 2002-03 SWD Girls playoffs Nov. 12-13

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM.