

**FAIRFIELD UNITED SOCCER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 29, 2016**

Board Members Present:

Tom Connor (TC), Seth Cutler (SC), Liz Neugebauer (LN), Premal Shah (PS),
Jason Shaughnessy (JS), Mauricio Trabuco (MT), Mike Vinci (MV), Darren Walsh (DW), Stephen Zhawred (SZ)

Absent:

None

Others Present:

None

Meeting called to order at 8:30 PM.

Agenda Items:

Financial Update

- LN provided update on movement of funds to MMA
- Reviewed photo fundraiser proceeds

Spring High School team updates:

- Discussed number of teams and age level placement
 - Boys: U17 Premier and U16 Premier
 - Girls: U17 Premier and U16 Travel
 - U17 results in 3 1999 players ineligible (Ole recommendation to keep at U17 rather than push to U18)
- Discussed league placement (CCSL/NYCSL/CJSA/SWD)
 - To be discussed with Ole recommendation once rosters are confirmed
- Players to be notified by end of week
 - Premier teams notified first (48 hours for commitment)
 - Travel teams to be notified once premier commitments confirmed
- Winter training reservations:
 - To be confirmed with Ole once teams are confirmed

NYCSL Center of Excellence Winter Tryouts:

- High level academy training opportunity for elite players
- NYCSL has offered FUSA opportunity to invite 1-2 players per age group to attend tryout
 - Eligibility only for players on CCSL/NYCSL teams
 - Ole to provide player recommendations
- TC to draft letter for invitations to be communicated through parent coaches

Fall Survey updates:

- 98 responses so far; will keep survey open through 12/10
- SC to compile survey results and lead discussion in next meeting

Tomlinson Turf Field Lighting proposal:

- Fairfield Wildcats Football has offered to work with FUSA on a joint proposal to install lights at Tomlinson Middle School turf field.
- Board agreed to explore opportunity further
- SZ and MT to meet with Fairfield Parks & Recreation to discuss possibilities.
 - Update to be provided in next meeting

Social Media Strategy:

- Further refined guidelines for club Facebook account postings
 - SC, PS, JS, SZ established as account administrators
 - Discussed need to ensure postings are representative of multiple age groups and teams
 - Will require more timely information sharing from club/coaches about results/news to administrators
 - Future meeting will address how to implement sharing process prior to spring season

2017 Board Elections:

- Current board member terms expiring in 2017: SC, LN, JS, DW
 - LN and DW not expecting to run for reelection
- Discussed recruitment for open positions; current members to reach out to possible candidates
- DW to take over Board election coordination from Brian O'Day

Other Business:

- Ludlowe-Warde FUSA Cup Trophy update (PS)
 - PS proposed initial concept to Ludlowe HC Peter Nikac; was met with interest
 - JS to discuss with Warde HC Tom Cunningham
 - Agreed to have both coaches join future board meeting in Jan/Feb to discuss in further detail

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM.