

**FAIRFIELD UNITED SOCCER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 23, 2017**

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:

FUSA Registrars: Anne Chapman (AC), Melissa Johnson (MJ)

Meeting called to order at 8:15 PM.

Agenda Items:

Spring 2017 Rosters

- Registrars reviewed current team registration status Reviewed #'s; will reevaluate after 2/1
 - Potential to collapse teams if roster minimums are not met
- Registrars to update BOD after 2/1 payment deadline. BOD to discuss option if necessary. Current areas of concern:
 - U9 Boys
 - U14 Boys
 - U13 Girls

HS Updates

- Parent coach assignments are needed by 2/1
 - Boys U17 and U15 team parent coaches are confirmed
 - Girls U17 and U16 team parent coaches are TBD
- Agreed to add third boys team to pay SWD travel based on interest

BOD Elections

- MV to form nominating committee for open seats
- Nomination window to open in late February
- Election to occur in early March

Club Referee Assignor search

- LN reviewed candidates for position; recommended to offer position to Matthew Carty
 - Board approved recommendation
- Current assignor to help with transition

Club/Team Financial Updates (LN)

- 1099s for all independent contractors have been filed
- Analysis CY 2016 P&L shows net positive
 - CY 2017 will have increased expenses due to roster, field, and goal size changes.

Premier Team Spring Tournament Plans

- Most FUSA premier teams to attend Needham, MA Memorial Day Tournament.
- BOD to provide approved options for 2nd tournament.

Ole Meeting Updates (SZ)

- Agreement to include tournament travel expenses within overall FUSA/Ole coaching fee contract
 - Ole request for next contract to run through 2020
- Ole to provide recommendation on player evaluation/feedback process
- Winter training for 2017-18 schedule to be developed earlier (July) in order to secure indoor space
- Agreement from Ole for clearer and more consistent communications (aligned with FUSA):
 - Tryout procedures/decision-making
 - Tech coach assignment process
 - Mid-year coaching changes

Survey Results

- SC provided highlights of fall survey. Key takeaways:
 - Greater background/explanation in communications would be helpful, especially for families new to FUSA/travel soccer.
 - Too many text/email schedule reminders (coaches will be instructed not to enter full practice schedule into FUSA website)
 - There is a need for better education on league/division placement for teams
 - Greater awareness of goalie clinics is needed
 - Isolated issues with some tech coaches
 - Concerns have been communicated to Ole

Other Business:

- BOD considering open house event in spring to update club on various topics
 - Fall roster/field size changes
 - Team placement
 - More topics to be developed
 - Idea to be revisited once spring season is set up and underway

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM.