

**FAIRFIELD UNITED SOCCER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 22, 2017**

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Mauricio Trabuco

Others Present:

None

Meeting called to order at 8:50 PM.

Agenda Items:

February minutes

- BOD approved minutes

BOD Elections

- Board reviewed recent election results
 - Board seats won by Darren Walsh, Jason Shaughnessy, Seth Cutler, and Doug Hall
- Board approved results and swore in Doug Hall as newest member of BOD
- Board voted to appoint Mike Vinci to position of Treasurer, replacing outgoing board member Liz Neugebauer
- Board voted Stephen Zhawred to continue role as Club President

Southwest District/CJSA updates

- District voted to move start of season to 4/9 due to weather impact on fields
 - 4/1-2 weekend is an option if both teams agree and fields are available
- Small-sided play to be in effect beginning Fall 2017
 - New field sizes will require purchase of additional goals. SZ receiving estimates for 6 goals from vendors

Spring 2017 League placement recommendations

- JS and TC finalized Spring division placement recommendation with Ole and submitted to SWD

Metropolitan League

- FUSA has been invited to join Metropolitan league, run by NYCL/CCSL, in Fall 2017. 1-2 board members to attend introductory meeting on 4/4.

Fall 2017 and beyond tiering and league placement recommendations

- BOD voted in favor of following changes to club tiering strategy (pending review of above Metropolitan League opportunity).
 - U9 teams remain balanced, with potential to create a supplemental CCSL team for top tier of players in Spring
 - U10 moves to partial balancing
 - 2 equal A/B teams; 2 equal B/C teams; 1 C team
 - Potential for supplemental CCSL league open roster composed of top two teams
 - U11 takes on current U12 method (full tiering across all teams)
 - Top team will play SWD in Fall (for CT Cup eligibility) and move to CCSL in Spring
 - U12 and up remains as currently planned (full tiering across all teams)
 - Top team will be premier, playing in CCSL/NYCSL
 - U14/15 top team roster and league will vary based on number of U15 8th grade players
 - All tiering and league placement strategies subject to vary based on overall number of players, evaluation of talent in a given year, and changes to CJSА/CCSL/NYCSL competitive landscape

Upcoming Club Communication Needs

- SWD season scheduling changes and modified practice schedules for first two weeks
- Key volunteer roles to be filled
 - Tryout committee
 - FAST committee

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM.