

Northwest District of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

April 20, 2016 Crown Plaza, Southbury, CT

Attendees: Corrado Perguini, Karen Puskas, Nick Meglio (Bunker Hill), Tony Melaragno (Watertown), Bryan Sautters (New Hartford), Aileen Hestes (New Hartford), Greg Manning (New Fairfield), Craig Richardson (Sherman), Ian Apruzzere (Torrington), Karen Puskas (Shepaug), Andrew Greene (Woodbury-Bethlehem), Paul Nee (Southbury), Krista Milburn (Middlebury), Joe Wundelier (New Milford), Steve Sauve (Thomaston).

Not in Attendance: Danbury, Litchfield, Brookfield, Wolcott, Northwest, Terryville, Winsted.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: The minutes are posted on our website, please review them.

Treasurer's Report: All clubs are paid up. New player bills are due May 15th.

Registration: Rosters freeze this Sunday April 24th. The Cup rosters froze either this past weekend or this coming weekend for all teams. The Cup draw is tonight April 20th.

State Report: Kathy Zolan has resigned with CJSA.

Classic Travel: No report.

Premier: No report.

Training: No report.

Website/Publicity: All games have been entered onto the website. The dates for the remainder of the meetings for the season have been posted. The next district meeting is on June 15th. All reps need to attend for fall commitments and to go over any additional questions regarding the birth year changes.

Referees: The Cup draw is tonight (April 20th). Referee assigners should assign first round for State and CT games. The State games must be assigned off of the central site. If you do not have access to the website contact John Hester for assistance.

Cory Perugini asked if a referee is required to write a report after every game played. The answer was no, only if there was an injury or an incident during the game – i.e. ejection, etc.

Disciplinary: Cory had a conversation recently regarding rough play during games. There are acceptable responses to this concern: 1.) The coach can ask for a neutral referee if it is known that the teams have history. 2.) Pull your team off the field if you feel that the game has gotten so out of hand and you have concern for player safety. 3.) If you feel that the referee is not doing his job, you can write a report to your club president and have it sent up to the district level to be handled.

New Business: There is still a push to adjust the heading ruling on the national level. The district at this time now has no heading for U11 and below as per standard set on April 1st. We are still reimbursing clubs for equipment purchases up to \$1000, don't forget to submit this to the district before August. This is for capital costs. A reminder that there will be an all-star game on June 11th in New Fairfield for 8th graders. The boys game will be at 6pm and the girls game will be at 8pm. Each club should submit 2-3 players. Please submit your names to Harry Allison. It was mentioned that the Waterbury Boys Club had started soccer training last month and Cory would like to approach them as a district and possibly offer some financial assistance (\$500 was suggested) for capital expenses. He will follow up with them and bring more information to the next meeting.

Clarification was asked on the birthdate and field size/small sided game start dates. Birthdate change is to be implemented for Fall 2016. Play time and fields size and small-sided games are not to be implemented until Fall 2017. A new size chart with minimum and maximum sizes should be available soon to view.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be June 15th at 7:30pm.