

Northwest District of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

August 17, 2016 Crown Plaza, Southbury, CT

Attendees: Corrado Perugini, Dave Brouillette, Rich Zimmerman, John Hester, Karen Puskas (Shepaug), Scott Shakely (Litchfield), Tony Melaragno (Watertown), Kelly Gereski (Watertown), Mindi Davidson (Watertown), Nick Meglio (Bunker Hill), Beatrice Polo (New Milford), Kevin Crowley (Winchester United), Dave Hendy (Shepaug), Steve Vetter (Brookfield), Glen Gleissner (Middlebury), Paul Maloney (Wolcott), John Belles (Brookfield), KK Kizik (Northwest United), Mark Crowe (Torrington), Tim Holland (Southbury), Paul Nee (Southbury), Than Southard (Litchfield) Sam Olmstead (Litchfield), Greg Manning (New Fairfield), Todd Fitzpatrick (Sherman), Cari Boucher (New Hartford), Cari Brandt (Woodbury-Bethlehem), James Bishop (New Milford), Todd Berkun (New Milford)

Not in Attendance: Danbury, Terryville

Public Comment: None

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

Treasurer's Report: In the next couple of weeks, we're closing out the budget year. If any clubs want to submit for their \$1,000 reimbursement, you have until August 31st. Our revenues fell short this year, mostly due to lower player registration than anticipated. There has been a steady decline since 2012 in player registration. Dave said if there's something the district can do to help your Rec programs, please let us know. Make sure you are uploading all of your Rec players so that they are covered by insurance. We finished within our budget this year despite the shortfall in revenue. KK (Northwest United) asked if the decline was due to more players playing Premier. Dave stated that they are seeing a decline in Premier numbers as well at the state level.

Registration: Try to make sure you have all of your rosters uploaded by the 27th. Scott has some additional pass paper if you need it.

State Report: We hired an Executive Director, Josh Krusewski. He has a coaching background. CJSA is looking for an accountant right now. Don't forget to use Mario Prada, our Coaching Director for licensing; the emphasis is on G and E licenses. Torrington and Northwest United said they would be interesting in sending coaches to an E license course. The E license is 16 hours. The G license is 4 hours.

Classic Travel: The divisions and teams were reviewed for all 150 classic travel teams. The season will begin September 10th. The last game must be played by November 20th. Silent Sidelines will be October 15th & 16th. The coaches meeting will be on August 31st, Girls' coaches are at 6:30pm, Boys' teams are at 7:30pm at the Crowne Plaza in Southbury.

Several clubs asked for exemptions for some of their teams as they had 1 or 2 players that aged out due to new age brackets. These clubs wanted to keep these players either because they had no place to play or there was not enough players for the team they would be age appropriate for. For this year, the District had already made provisions for those players who are true U15's but not going into high school could play on the U14 teams due

to the age bracket change. Continuing to move forward, the meeting concluded with these additional exemptions for U9 – U13 being granted for this fall and spring season only. The District will continue to talk about how many of these players will be rostered on the teams requested.

Premier: No report

Training: No report

Website/Publicity: Karen passed around a sheet to update each club's contact information to ensure that we have all of the correct information. Karen will post the teams and coaches over the next couple of weeks. Game schedule will be posted by around Labor Day.

Referees: There are big re-writes in the Laws of Soccer, so the entry level referee certification course has been postponed. John will notify us through the district when he hears that entry level course is open. Every law except law 2 has had modifications. The recertification course is open.

Disciplinary: No report

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be September 21st at 7:30pm.