

# Northwest District of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

June 21, 2017 Crown Plaza, Southbury, CT

**Attendees:** Corrado Perguini, Dave Brouillette, Scott Sharkley, John Hester, Nick Meglio (Bunker Hill), Deb Krayske (Watertown), Cindy Langer (New Hartford), Cari Boucher (New Hartford), Laura Anderson (New Fairfield), Tom Fitzpatrick (Sherman), Nicole Minard (Torrington), Ryan Chmielewski (Woodbury-Bethlehem), Tim Holland (Southbury), Glenn Gleissner (Middlebury), Lee Wonderloch (New Milford), Steve Sauva (Thomaston), Paul Maloney (Wolcott), KK Kozik (Northwest United), D Shannon (Litchfield),.

**Not in Attendance:** Terryville, Shepaug, Brookefield, Winchester United.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** The minutes are posted on our website, please review them. Previous minutes accepted as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen not present. (Dave) – funds have been brought down from \$160,000 to \$120,000. Please take advantage of coaching license courses to bring balance down more.

Clubs still have the \$1000 allowance to use prior to Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 fiscal year if they so choose.

Dave Brouillette again mentioned a potential fundraiser for all of the clubs if interested. He came across a company that custom prints on soccer balls. At the cost of \$10-14 per ball, a club could sell spots on the panels of the ball (up to 32) to sponsors for a flat fee (i.e. \$100 each) and give out the balls to their club players. It could bring in a large amount of \$ for a club. If clubs would like to participate, he needs to know to get the order process going so that they could be made for the fall season.

**Registration:** Rosters will freeze for Fall on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>.

Torrington has mentioned having problems with getting age appropriate registrations to be competitive on girls side for 2004/05/06.

**State Report:** There was not a meeting last month as there was no quorum, A new registration system has been approved. It is being tested as we speak.

**Classic Travel:** (Cory) – There were CT Cup finals last weekend. New Fairfield U14 defeated Rocky Hill 2-1. Danbury defeated Trumbull 2-1.

Spring season winners were announced.

August District meeting for fall league setup will be Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup>.

August coaches meeting will be Wednesday August 30<sup>th</sup>.

First day of games will be September 9<sup>th</sup>. Last day of games will be Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Premier:** No report.

**Training:** No report.

**Website/Publicity:** No report.

**Referees:** There is a huge problem with getting the correct referees to the correct fields. They are also having issues with parents abusing the referees. We need to keep this under control.

Need to have the referee assignors provide the proper roster rules, times of games/halves, goal sizes to their referees.

It was voted on and approved 8 for and 1 opposed that the play out line will take effect for Fall 2017 for U9 and U10 age groups for the Northwest District based on the CJSA guidelines. As such, we'd like Karen Puskas to post a video explanation onto the district website and send out a blast email to our clubs describing the guidelines. Clubs will need to add this to their fields for those ages and observe the rules for this. Referees will need to know these rules and enforce them beginning in the fall.

There was a question pertaining to if there is a referee payment guideline in the handbook as towns are competing for the same referees from the same pool. It was voted yes that the district would like to update our minimums to reflect the current state level minimums.

**Disciplinary:** It was noted that 2 clubs took care of disciplinary incidents on their own without having the need for the district to step in.

**New Business:** The equipment reimbursement per club will still be \$1000 for this fiscal year and is ongoing. A receipt is required for the work or equipment bought to get reimbursed.

Field sizes are available on a grid on our website.

Roster sizes for U16/U19 will be 8V8.

Next entry level referee course will resume in July. Check the website [ctreferee.net](http://ctreferee.net).

There is a thought to implement field marshals at bigger games when you know there tends to be problems.

### **For the good of soccer:**

There was a question about a problem parent in New Fairfield and how to resolve and satisfy the person. There were many suggestions on how to assist with diffusing this situation.

Any clubs who would like to advertise a camp can contact Karen.

Let the district know if any club is interested in starting a TOP soccer program.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.