

Northwest District of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

March 18, 2015 Crown Plaza, Southbury, CT

Attendees: Tom Fitzpatrick (Sherman), Paul Maloney (Wolcott), Dave Gold (Watertown), Jeff Zynda (Wolcott), Nick Meglio (Bunker Hill), Tony Melaragno (Watertown), Mark Zaccagnini (Watertown), Nick Perugini (Watertown), Steve Suave (Thomaston), Bryan Sautters (New Hartford), Margherita Luzzi (Litchfield), Nicole Root (Winsted), Kelly Gereski (Watertown), KK Kozik (Northwest United), Craig Perry (Southbury), Tim Holland (Southbury), Glen Gleissner (Middlebury), Karen Puskas (Shepaug), Harry Allison (New Fairfield), Laura Anderson (New Fairfield), Stephen Vetter (Brookfield), Aaron Ondrey (Brookfield), Carlos Almeida (New Milford), Ian Apruzzese (Torrington), Kim Hotchkiss (Terryville), Corrado Perugini, Dave Brouillette, Rich Zimmerman, Scott Shakley

Not in Attendance: Danbury

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Paul from Wolcott made a motion to accept the January minutes, Tony from Watertown seconded. All approved. Minutes from the January meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Cory and Dave are looking for ways to spend some of the district's money. Let them know if you have ideas for ways to spend the money for the good of soccer. A suggestion was made to use some money to have some activities surrounding the Women's World Cup. K from Northwest United made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Steve seconded the motion. All approved the treasurer's report. A suggestion was made to provide college scholarships for high school seniors. Another suggestion was made to give a scholarship to a referee. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

Clubs who have not paid their spring fees yet: Brookfield, New Hartford, New Fairfield, New Milford, Northwest United, Shepaug, Southbury, Terryville, Torrington, Winchester United, Wolcott

Training: There's now a state G license, it's a four hour course. Everyone should take advantage of this training opportunity. This license is governed by the state and so we have more flexibility surrounding when and where these trainings can occur. Probably within the next year, there will be a new mandate that all coaches must attend concussion training. If you go to cdc.gov, your coaches can take a short, free online course and receive a certificate. In the future, we will need to add information to our registration form that parents will need to review.

Registration: There's no reason not to send rosters in. Please don't wait, you can send them in now. If anyone needs pass stock paper, see Scott.

State Report: CJSA is looking at ways to increase the benefits to clubs for being members. Their budget is over revenue. They are looking for ways to balance the budget without raising fees. CJSA is under a new president and she is looking to move in a positive direction. The president would like to know if there's anyone who would like to represent the rec program on a committee at the state level. Let Dave know if anyone's interested.

Classic Travel: Everything we do is residency rule driven. Dave asked us to think about allowing the A division to have an open league and allow the teams to pull players from any town. There are a couple of districts that currently do this. They wouldn't be able to participate in CT Cup though. There was a concern from some clubs that they would not be able to field a team if we did this. Dave asked everyone to give this some thought. It's an idea to make the A division more competitive. Another suggestion was to have a semi-premier league where players could play and get more competition and still play for their club.

Premier: No report

Website/Publicity: If there's anything you'd like to see posted on the website, send it to Karen. Karen's trying to clean up the website and update the field information. If you can send your fields' names and addresses to Karen, she can add them to the list on the site.

Referees: Cory reiterated that there is zero tolerance for treating referees poorly. Please be sure to emphasize this at the club level. Watertown and Wolcott are hosting referee in-service clinics. All referees must attend an in-service clinic.

Fun Days: We are not going to do these this year. We are still discussing new ways to do this. If you are a club who hasn't had one previously, please let the district know.

All Star Game: The U14 all-star game in June will be hosted by New Fairfield. We will work on this further at the next meeting. A date for the all-star game was set for Saturday, June 13th. It should be a true U14 player. If a town has two U14 teams, then the club should send four players per team.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be May 20, 2015.