

Northwest District of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

March 9, 2016 Crown Plaza, Southbury, CT

Attendees: Corrado Perguini, Karen Puskaskas, Rich Zimmerman, Dave Brouillette, Nick Meglio (Bunker Hill), Tony Melaragno (Watertown), Mark Zaccagnini (Watertown), KK Kizik (Northwest United), Harry Allison (New Fairfield), Tom Fitzpatrick (Sherman), Steve Vetter (Brookfield), Brian Reale (Brookfield), Nicole Minard (Torrington), Darren Smith (Terryville), Dave Hendy (Shepaug), Jim Hester (Winsted), Andie Greene (Woodbury-Bethlehem), Tim Holland (Southbury), Craig Perry (Southbury), Bryan Davis (Southbury), Paul Nee (Southbury), Bryan Sautter (New Hartford), Dave Shannon (Litchfield), Glen Gleissner (Middlebury), Paul Maloney (Wolcott), Kim Hotch (Terryville), Suzanne Grant (New Milford), Amy Famiglietti (Thomaston)

Not in Attendance: Danbury

Public Comment: None

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

Treasurer's Report: Fees are going up for insurance per player as well as for CT Cup and State Cup.

Registration: Rosters need to be in by March 19th.

State Report: Dave is working on getting a discount on purchasing goals. Also, he found out that if you have Quik branded goals, that there is a kit that you can get to change the goals. Xarra has put together a presentation for explaining the transition to small sided games for the parent. Dave asked for a show of hands from people as to who thinks it would be helpful to have Xarra come in to one of our meetings. Many people raised their hands. Dave reiterated that we had previously discussed making the birth year changes first and then making the small sided changes the following year. He asked for a show of hands of who was in agreement to this approach. All raised their hands except for one person. We are looking for a new Executive Director. Tom has resigned. The position will be posted shortly. The goal is to have someone hired by May.

Classic Travel: We have 152 teams again for the spring season. We reviewed all of the teams

Premier: The meeting for the premier teams is this Sunday, 3/13. We are looking to have more regional YPDP groups so that players don't have to travel as far. Someone questioned why the ODP tryout fee is so high (\$52). Corrado stated that he would ask. Dave mentioned that there are scholarships to cover this fee if anyone has players who are interested but can't afford the tryout fee. It was suggested that there be a statement about this on the CJSA website.

Training: There are some online training courses now on the CJSA website. Also, there are many licensing courses on the website as well. A reminder that the district reimburses coaches for the cost of the training. Craig Perry (Southbury) suggested that we list the upcoming licensing courses on our NWD site. Corrado asked Karen to post all of the upcoming courses on the NWD website.

Website/Publicity: No report

Referees: No report

Disciplinary: The state has been working on a policy for abusive parents. We have one for abusive coaches, but one is needed for parents as well.

New Business: US Soccer is coming down shortly with a new ruling that there will be no more heading the ball from U11 and below. Corrado suggested that the presidents communicate this to parents and coaches. Dave reiterated that this is a safety issue and everyone needs to follow the rule for the safety of the players. 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. Thomaston has started a TOPS Soccer program, registration will stay open. They are hoping to get more interest, players can be ages 4-18. Please let Amy Famiglietti know if you need any more information. 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 suggested that we take the all-star team and compete in a tournament or the Nutmeg Games. All agreed that this would be a good idea, Dave mentioned that we would need someone to coach and spearhead this.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be April 20th at 7:30pm.