

Northwest District of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

September 21, 2016 Crown Plaza, Southbury, CT

Attendees: Corrado Perguini, Karen Puskas, Scott Shackley, John Hester, Nick Meglio (Bunker Hill), Tony Melaragno (Watertown), Deb Krayske (Watertown), Cindy Langer (New Hartford), Cari Boucher (New Hartford), Harry Allson (New Fairfield), Tom Fitzpatrick (Sherman), Nicole Minard (Torrington), Karen Puskas (Shepaug), Ryan Chmielewski (Woodbury-Bethlehem), Michael Parker (Woodbury-Bethlehem), Tim Holland (Southbury), Glenn Gleissner (Middlebury), Julie McNally (New Milford), Joshua Russman (Thomaston) Paul Maloney (Wolcott), Darren Smith (Terryville), Scott Frances (Northwest United).

Not in Attendance: Litchfield, Brookfield, Winchester United.

Public Comment: None

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

Treasurer's Report: We are \$1798 in the red. This is the first time in a while due to registration sliding and other costs remaining the same. There is money in reserve to cover overage. Paul Maloney moved to approve using the reserve and Tony Melaragno seconded.

There are \$1000 of unreported game fines out there from this past year. There are \$1800 of fines out there for clubs who missed at least one district meeting this past year. It was tabled until next meeting as to how we want to handle recovering these fines from the clubs. Do we want to deduct it from the \$1000 per club allowance that is offered by the district for each club if they wish to spend money on capital improvements? Should fines be collected on a monthly basis and not allow them to accrue until the end of our fiscal year? How will clubs be held accountable?

It was approved that we will keep the \$1000 allowance for each club for Sept 1-Aug 31st 2017 fiscal year. Paul Maloney made the motion and Nick Meglio seconded it.

Registration: Rosters freeze this Saturday September 24th. We have approximately 3500 players and 530 adults registered for this Fall. (2300 competitive players, 200 premier, remaining are rec players). 9 clubs have In Town Rec programs. All adults working within the clubs must be registered and have background checks, etc for insurance purposes.

State Report: We have a new executive director John Krusewski. We still have Mario Prada for licensing courses. If your club would like to host a G license course, let the district know.

The state has invested in a Mutual Fund. The state is still \$100K in the red though.

Classic Travel: We have 155 teams. We are still losing many teams to the Southwest District.

Premier: No report.

Training: No report.

Website/Publicity: The next meeting is our holiday meeting on November 16th. Be sure to register online for this event and bring a guest from your club. If you would like anything posted on the district site it can be sent to Karen Puskas and she will make sure it gets posted.

Referees: It is very important to make sure that all goals are anchored for practices as well as games to prevent injury. Also, a general safety rule is if you hear thunder players must stop play and wait half an hour to make sure bad weather has passed from last sound of thunder. It is not necessary to only stop due to lightning!

There is still some confusion about the change in offsides calls and the delay in the call with regards to when the ball is deliberately played by a player. Ask John Hester for clarification.

Disciplinary: No report.

New Business: The equipment reimbursement per club will still be \$1000 for this fiscal year.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be November 16th.