

Minutes for HSC meeting
9/8/13

Attendance

Board Members - Karl S., Mike L., Austin F., Rich K., Al A., Andrew T., Allyson H., Keith B., Rika S., Steve S.

Non-board members - Rolando L., Peter F., Pete W., Tom W., Niamh, Tim C., Todd B.,

John LaRoche NVYSL President -

John spoke about the merger of MTOC and NCUP. All NVYSL travel team coordinators for the league are filled for first time in awhile. Anticipates the possibility for a large number of changes in flights at MTOC level this fall. Possible merger of U16 and U18 teams in the future. Discussed process for spring playoffs. Possible inter league and/or inter flight play in the future. Also discussed how team placements are made in Fall and Spring.

In Town -

U6 Coaches are engaged and involved. 15 or more kids registered after registration was closed. 60-70 total kids playing with some concern over the balance of skill on teams. Discussions are happening to consider moving the U6 start time. Discussed play for the last 5-10 minutes of play. Try two games so all kids are playing at same rather than on the same field at the same time. There is a concern over safety with all the kids at the same time.

U7 Off to a good start. A few possible last minutes sign ups who need uniforms. Andrew is working on sorting that out. Steve felt there were some overly enthusiastic coaches on the sideline. He will keep an eye out in the following weeks.

U8 - one coach has not completed CORI requirements. Teams seemed even in the first games. Missing some equipment, Rolando and Keith will figure that out.

Travel -

All groups seem to be off to a good start and have had a good first week of practice. Some lopsided games and some teams will be watched closely for the first few weeks to keep an eye on placement. BU12 - team that was missing an assistant has a few volunteers. GU14 is recruiting for a few more players. GU12 has one balanced team with 9 players the other balanced team has 11.

Challenger-

Schedule is working, one extra coach will be coming on Mondays, extra clinics are scheduled for U10 and U12 boys and girls. Tim Clark wondered about having Challenger listed on the rosters for teams as a coach's coach/advisor. We had a long discussion about it and tabled the conversation for now pending further discussion, some over email to try and solidify plans on this idea. As part of this discussion it was brought to the Boards attention that NVYSL uses a program called Sports Management for their rosters which allows four people to be listed and can be help make changes quickly. At this point we are the only club not using the program. We also agreed we needed to discuss this more with Gerry and Chuck present.

ADP-

Announcement will be going out shortly for ADP. Discussed a time change for the program to make it earlier. There was also some discussion about how to help coach coaches. We give them guidance through U8 and then leave them without as much guidance as they move up the coaching ranks with their kids. Maybe an ADP for coaches? Tim Clark suggested a maybe a non life threatening, educational, pick up game with a social aspect to help coaches understand the game a bit more.

Coaching Classes-

Dates have been suggested to MYSA for a G course and Steve is looking into a F course as well. Course will probably be at Bromfield, Devens was also suggested.

Fields -

Austin reported the fields are in good shape, and that the sprinklers have been fixed at Harvard Park. Keith reported Harvard Park still not in great shape with some sizable holes in front of the nets.

Finances -

At the moment we are looking at about a 12K deficit for the year. We have spent more on uniforms, Challenger has also gone up, and ADP funds are not in yet. Discussion about an increase in fees for the programs and maybe a larger one for the teams that have Challenger coaches.

Rich proposed to elect Peter Foley as our new Treasurer effective the next meeting. Austin seconded the motion and after some discussion about transitions Peter was unanimously voted in as our new Treasurer.

Given the hour other items were moved to the next meeting for discussion

I quickly shared the outcome of Karl's and my meeting with Chuck about exactly what he does and how we can best help him. Allyson has agreed to become the new Director for Travel teams and run point for the coordinators. She will be arranging a debriefing meeting with the coordinators, Chuck and any other board members who wish to attend. I will now be the League rep with Austin acting on my behalf if I can not attend. I have agreed to share the NVYSL minutes with the board after each meeting. I also mentioned that we should be keeping our eyes and ears open for a new club Registrar as Chuck has said he only has another year or two left before he is done and we need to think about the transition.

Austin asked that we clarify the Clubs standing on players and playing time guidelines. Karl asked if we wanted to keep the eval or make some changes to it before the fall eval time.

Rich moved to adjourn and Keith seconded

Respectfully submitted

Rika Stevenson
HSC President