

Harvard Soccer Club
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2014 7:00 PM at the Congregational Church Fellowship Hall
The meeting convened at 7:05PM

Attendees

Al Allard, Todd Baker, Carl Beckett, Keith Bilafer, Peter Foley, Allyson Hendriks, Mike Lawton, Ruth LovettSmith, Rika Stevenson, Karl Schwiegerhausen, Andrew Thomas, Epiphany Vera, Chuck Wilkey

Challenger: Niamh and Tom

Agenda

Approval of August Minutes

Action Items:

- Sub group to meet regarding team selection process, to do list, etc.
- Look over board make up and rules – does each position need to be a board member

Prior Action Items:

- Discuss U7/U8 co-ed or single sex teams?
- Field announcement board and/or backboard to be built (Eagle Scout Project?)
- Further discussion – how to develop interest in Goalkeeper position

Fall 2014

Travel

- Games across the board went well for the 1st week
- Working on HS team, maybe 6 players interested at the moment
- Refs age changed from 12 to 14 due to labor laws
- NVYSL asked if we would be interested in extra play/friendly's with Greenville and New Ipswich
- Concussion training – board voted that it should be done yearly starting Fall 2015

In Town

- New U8 Coordinator – Carlos Munoz
- Good turn out for coaches meeting
- Uniform orders have been tough to iron out
- Currently 10 teams of 7 at U6 – there have been some walk ons

Challenger

- Tom would like to see 1st 20 min of SAQs for practice warmups
- Back to basics – throw ins etc. needs improving
- Kids should watch watch games or match of the day to learn skills and improve

Coach Development

- Coach clinic went well – was attended by 12 coaches
- Resources for coaches includes Challenger website as well as North Andover and Wilmington websites, MYSA can be a little advanced

Equipment

- Will not be using Challenger for equipment anymore
- Contact local towns to see who they use
- Cliff from Soccer Stuff has been helpful but needs larger orders
- Corner flags without springs – move to weighted corner flags over time

Fields

- Scheduling has been difficult to iron out – Challenger and team practices
- Coordinators possibly take over scheduling from coaches
- Coordinators to reach out to players to see what conflicts there are
- Should we add a section at registration regarding conflicts
- Should we have a set practice day for teams/age groups
- Does HSC close out the fields end of season and should we
- Board voted to get canvas bags for weights to try
- Sign boards – what would we want – could be an Eagle Scout project
- We could also look into having a backboard built at the field

Finances

- Payments made to Challenger for 1st session
- Equipment order needs sorting out
- Registrations – 210 Travel, 146 In Town – Projections were accurate

Other

Uniforms

- Only Joyce is to change uniform numbers in the system
- Have a uniform party next year (like equipment party) to help Joyce
- Should we add a late fee for uniforms for late registrants
- An email should go out to U8 rising to U10 about ordering uniforms
- Should there be or is there a separate database for Joyce for uniforms

Fun Day

- Laura and Crystal to plan
- For U10 and younger but older kids can attend as well
- Will be held Sat following Columbus Day weekend – 18th?
- There will be pizza, drinks, scrimmages, and fun games

Team Placement/Selection

- Check with other towns regarding what they do and whether it is working
- Assess teams to see if anyone was misplaced
- Keith to look over to do list that was started and categorize
- Sub group to meet/discuss to do list – Chuck, Karl, Ruth, Peter Foley?
- Epiphany to look at current policies to see if they all match up

Misc.

- There are several board positions opening up: Web Master, Player/Coach Development, possible coordinator positions
- We should take a look at board makeup and rules to see which jobs/positions should or should not be a board level position
- Coordinator transitions – some coordinators to move up an age group
- September 13 – Epiphany to do U10 watch U12 game day – board voted to pay for popsicles for the kids