



Public Board Meeting Notes

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

OPEN MEETING

Meeting started at 7:03 p.m.; Carol Ann Davis was appointed note taker in lieu of Kristen Riner (who sent her regrets)

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Jon Del Pozo, Jeff Rubino, Carol Ann Davis, Kyla Stetson, Herb Lohmann, and Joe Martins

Members of public present: Jen Del Pozo, Wendy Rosa-Humphries

INTRODUCTIONS & START:

Board members and visitors introduced themselves.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation was moved up on the agenda in order to enable members of the public to participate.

Wendy Rosa-Humphries came to the board meeting in order to offer her assistance to the club because she is very supportive of the club's impact on her son. She'd like to see soccer with an even more prominent place in Newtown. Would like to see awards, uniforms, more gatherings that support the club and build community.

Jon suggested working with the club on the Memorial Day Tournament, our largest event of the year, but also to work with the board on other community building events. Wendy suggested a parents' night, and kids' night. The group brainstormed and decided that a fall event this year (possibly after November 15), maybe occurring at the high school with a tie-in to the HS teams, and something next year to kick off the season in late August. Wendy and Carol Ann will form a "community" subcommittee to work on this idea.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Jeff Rubino provided the updates on the following items:

- Practices start 8/26
- Games start 9/8
- Waiting to hear from parks and rec for field availability specifics, but not much change from last year.
 - Would like to order white boards; game balls; bags and sundry items for coaches; working to assemble those.
 - Travel Programs will go to local tournaments; it's in progress which teams will go to which tourneys this fall.

ACADEMY PROGRAM UPDATE

Kyla Stetson reports she's learning the back-end system processes and getting things set for the fall programs. The U5-U8 program will take place on the same days as last year; schedule is in progress. Coach Obasi is on board and registration is continuing at the moment.

REC UPDATE

Joe Martins is in the process of organizing the fall rec program. Practices start the week of Sept 3; games start weekend of Sept 7. He discussed the need to acknowledge the parent volunteer coaches, and the board took the following action:

Joe moved that volunteer rec parent coaches be offered 25% off their child's registration and parent coach positions will be filled by those who first volunteer. One coach per team would be offered the discount and would commit to attend all practices and games.

Carol Ann seconded and the board passed the motion unanimously.

EQUIPMENT UPDATE

Carol Ann will work with the VPs of travel, rec, and development to assure that all is well for the start of the season. We are looking to create anchor weights like those in Danbury (hard plastic) and she will confer with Jeff on how to accomplish this.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Herb will meet with Rob Franson on Thursday in order to orient to the financials. Rob will stay on for now in order to provide continuity.

With no additional old or new business, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.