



Meeting purpose NSC September Board Meeting

Held on September 18, 2024 – Newtown Community Center, 7PM

Attendees:

Board Members:

Jon del Pozo
Jeff Rubino
Carol Ann Davis
Joe Martins
Herb Lohmann
Kyla Stetson
Kristen Riner

Non-Board Members:

Mike Gajdosik
Jen del Pozo

- Called to order at 7:04pm
- General notes
 - Mike G. – to be included on scheduling emails
 - Rebecca to update calendar on NSC w/board mtg dates
 - Herb to be added to site to monitor cash flow
- Field use report:
 - Games were all scheduled until U12 flight was rescinded, will impact other teams potentially due to shared coaches
 - Game rollout generally going well, practices have received feedback from parents. Carol Ann has been working to separate fields (eg Tilson) for teams between Rec/Travel. Programs are not given priority for field use and time.
 - MG – worked with both VP program directors to schedule practices based on player, coach, and trainer needs.
 - If damage to our equipment at fields by P&R, need to document and let them know to be addressed. May also be the middle school. Nets are taken down.
 - Starting next week, lights on earlier. We are charged every time activated regardless of how long they are on.
 - Cannot move fields to a location not assigned due to liability.
 - Using turf minimizes risk of cancellations due to rain, players are practicing on the surface that they play games. Grass fields are often rescheduled due to town events as well.
- Treasurer update
 - Transition w/Rob completed. JDP needs to go to the bank to provide Herb access once minutes are approved.
 - First payment out to the coaches went out 9/12, on time.
 - Do not have training sessions accounted for; need from Nick
 - To check in w/MG to replenish ref funds. Another round of fees for team registrations to hit account as well.

- JDP questions: identified areas of why we are doing
- \$32/month for old merchant – close to be resolved. Need to be signed and submitted by JDP.
- Storage facility – holds tourney equipment, flags, extra supplies, etc. \$290/month
- What & when is coming in
 - Big expenses are team registrations at beginning of season, player registration to CJSA at end of season, surcharge per player to the town, light bill, referee pay through RefPay.
 - Manual 1099s to coaches, can consider transitioning to automated 1099s. Talked about having an accountant handle the preparation.
- Franklin templeton CD can be moved to NSC savings
 - CAD moved to move CD to NSC, JDP seconded, unanimous vote to approve
- Next meeting – visibility/projection into financials
- Financial assistance/scholarships – next meeting
- Kyla – Development Update
 - Academy going well – projected to get to one of highest numbers in last 5 years – 40 players off. Growth from fall to spring in last 5 years, every year except for 1, at least 40 more players in the spring. 222 players.
 - Discussion around new development program, and the integration of development with rec and travel programs
 - General suggestion to gather feedback/reviews on coaches
- Joe – Rec Update
 - 9 girls registered for a 5th/6th grade team which were not enough to field a team so need to issue refunds. 9 girls but not enough to make a team
 - 142 rec players
- Jeff – Travel Update
 - Season is underway, through scheduling. First round of state cup is Saturday. Split teams between Bethel/Ridgefield tourneys to reciprocate their attendance at NSC Memorial Day.
 - Winter training – tried to get NYA but not enough time this year. To consider for next year. Increase in cost at NYA depending on number of teams next year. To be signed with SST. Saved about \$6K with exclusive rights to the field (no batting cages – in contract). Herb to be looped in for deposit. To confirm that SST will be honoring commitment to provide exclusive field access before final payment.
 - Memorial Day tourney – start up again, consider opening registration earlier. Step and repeats – new backgrounds, Jeff to work on reinforced stands.
- Carol Ann – equipment update
 - Goals delivered to NMS the next day.
 - Anchors – if goal is on location, has to be anchored due to non-athletes that use it outside of soccer program
 - Carol Ann provided demonstration of new portable sandbags to be purchased for NMS/SHS.
 - To purchase portable sandbags and 1 4-pack of yellow anchor weights. Joe moved to purchase, Herb seconded.
 - High school goal purchases – HS has their own budget, other purchases needed should go through P&R. Provided our nets that were in storage. Gave one set of flags to HS since we do not use them anymore. If we are donors, our logo should be displayed.
- Next meeting

- Move entirely to Wednesday – to be discussed at next mtg. For now leave next meeting for 10/15.
- JDP moves to adjourn at 8:39, seconded by Kyla.