

Northfield Soccer Association

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2015

I. Call to order

Nate Adams, President of the Northfield Soccer Association, called to order the regular meeting of the Northfield Soccer Association at 7:22 pm on 10/12/15 in the library of the Northfield United Methodist Church.

II. Roll Call

Quorum was present with the following board members in attendance:

Nate Adams – President
Dave Wieber – Vice President
Tom Brice – Treasurer
Tonya Sauer – Secretary

Other members present: Tammy Seymour (NSA Administrator)
Gerald Young - member

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from 9/14/15 annual board meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

V. Community Comment

Gerald Young would like to be considered as a new board member. He has previously been an NSA board member. He currently is working as the Athletic Director at Carleton College. He is interested in taking on the Fundraising Coordinator duties.

VI. Officer Reports

Nate Adams, President and Field Coordinator gave an oral report. Nate attended the MYSA Club Presidents Roundtable meeting on Sunday, Oct. 11th. The meeting had low attendance. They talked about housekeeping items regarding rules. There won't be a U14 Premier category any longer. The MYSA is turning the State Cup into a true State Cup that will be for the top teams only. They will be adding a Presidents Cup for the C1 and C2 teams next year. The MYSA annual general meeting is Saturday, November 7th. Nate is unable to attend and asked either Dave Wieber or Tom Brice to attend in his place.

The fall traveling season has been completed. The girls U12 team advanced to the Fall State Tournament. They made it to the final game and lost on goal differential. Overall, the traveling teams had a good fall season. Equipment will be collected back from the teams next week.

The fields are looking great. High school teams are still playing at Spring Creek. Nate stated he is looking to have a clean-up of the fields on Saturday, Oct. 31st and will send out an email looking for some volunteers. With 8 to 10 volunteers, the job can be done quickly. The NSA bought a Lace for the Cure ribbon stencil to put on the fields and borrowed it to the high school for their event.

The digging of the well and equipment should be done by the end of this week.

Someone removed the locks on the west side of the pavilion and the irrigation vault. Nate is unsure who would want access to these places and is thinking it's just someone looking to cause a little trouble. The City of Northfield takes care of the locks and had them replaced.

Tom Brice, Treasurer, gave an oral report. Tom met with Dennis, our bookkeeper and got QuickBooks set up. The profit/loss statement shows the club is in good shape. Tom is working on the budget based on previous numbers. The 2015 JJSO tournament made a profit of \$3300.

Tom also stated the Dennis suggested he be put on retainer instead of an hourly rate. He offered a very reasonable rate. The board needs to review his contract and also coaches contracts.

Dave Wieber, Vice President and JJSO Co-Coordinator, gave an oral report. Dave will be attending the MYSA tournament meeting on October 31st to get the new information / procedures regarding hosting a tournament for our JJSO tournament. He plans to talk to other tournament directors to get ideas.

VII. Coordinator/Committee Reports

None

VIII. New Business

- a) Dave Wieber nominated Gerald Young as Fundraising Coordinator for a two year term. Tom Brice seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion approved. Tammy will contact the previous Fundraising Coordinator to ask him to clean up the NSA fundraising e-mail and get Gerald set up with a new password.
- b) Tom Brice has spoken to various members about winter training and gym scheduling. Tammy Seymour will send an e-mail to traveling coaches to see who is interested in renting gym time through the Northfield Schools. The school has stated they only want

to deal with one contact going forward. Tom proposed that Tammy be the contact and teams will schedule their gym times through Tammy, who will then acquire space from the school. The other members agreed. The NSA will need to be clear so the teams know they are responsible for the cost of the gym rental. Nate and Jorge will be discussing winter training and Nate is working on securing some time at Shattuck St. Marys.

- c) Nate spoke by telephone with Andy Pillsbury regarding Positive Coaching Alliance. It is an educational tool for parents and families. Nate thinks it would be great to bring the program into the NSA. It is an alternative to PACT training which didn't work very well for us in Northfield. We can tell PCA what we think we need to work on as a club and they will help us with that at parent and coaches meetings. They are a local company. There are fees associated with this program. We will touch on this again at the November meeting.

IX. Open Issues

- a) Contractor Contracts - Renewal of some contracts are coming up soon. Dennis, our bookkeeper and Jorge our Director of Coaching. Need to review. Nate has asked Gabe Korteum if he's interested in being Jorge's assistant and he will work with Academy so Jorge can get back to working with traveling teams more. Nate asked Gabe to respond by Nov. 1st.
- b) Uniform Update – Tom Brice has taken the lead with this task. He has asked for quotes from Soccer.com, Planet Soccer, Larson's, Champion, Inaria, Teamwear.com and Team Factory. Some of the important goals are price, longevity, male and female sizing and to avoid mass shipments. Tom has gotten a quote for a brand name jersey for \$50 for a kit (2 jerseys, 1 pair of shorts, 1 pair of socks). The board would like to e-mail members to ask opinions regarding price and how important brand name is to players.
- c) CAC Registrations - Nate met with the CAC and Torch programs (Beth Barry, Kathy Bjerke and Susan Sanderson) regarding how to handle registrations for CAC players. It was decided that Tammy will make envelopes for each player and include the rate that each player will pay for their share of the registration fee. The fees can be broken into several payments to be completed by March 1st. This may make it more manageable for some to pay 5 smaller installments. Tom is drafting a letter to be mailed to families explaining the new process to them.
- d) Summer 2016 Traveling Registration – Tammy stated we had 195 players register for evaluations with intent to play and to date there are 138 registered for summer 2016 traveling. We need to send an e-mail to families to remind them that the summer 2016 traveling registration should be completed asap if they intend to play. Tammy will work on the e-mail. The NSA needs to know which teams it will be submitting to the MSYA and also Jorge knows which teams he needs to secure coaches for.

X. Adjournment

Tom Brice motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dave Wieber seconded the motion. Motion approved. Nate Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for 11/09/15, 7:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Tammy Seymour, NSA Administrator

Minutes Approved: 11/16/2015