



# Exeter Youth Soccer Association

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors

### Held by Zoom video conference on March 15, 2022

#### 1. Chairman welcome

The meeting started at 7:00pm.

Marc Chabot noted there was a quorum with more than half the directors in attendance, welcoming Maria Proulx, Randall Skaal, Luke Martel, Jenn Young, Stephen Osborne, Patrick Garrity, Matteo Taormina and Brian Melick.

There was a motion proposed by Marc, and seconded by Patrick Garrity to appoint Scott Craig who had submitted an application to become a director. Scott's appointment was unanimously approved.

There were apologies for absence from Jason Faria.

#### 2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, held February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, having previously been circulated as draft, were approved by a vote.

#### 3. Spring

Jenn gave an update on the current numbers registered, which were High School 60 (2021 we had 63) and Youth 214 (2021: 174).

There was a full review of the teams that would be entered to compete in the spring competitions. Except for the HS boys U19, it was agreed to enter all teams into NNESL. Roster sizes, supported the decisions made, with some need for players to play up an age group where appropriate, and teams playing larger format (e.g. 11v11) where they were assessed as being ready.

Randall will share the proposed coach assignments based up on volunteer sign ups. With minor exceptions at the academy, all teams looked well set with known coaches available.

An internal time line was agreed with rosters being finalized 3/24, communicated 3/25. Uniforms numbers to be available for ordering kit from 3/20. Parents to be notified of team placements 4/1. There will be a coaches meeting 4/11. It was agreed that, being available, Jeff Cousineau, head of coach training for NH and 8 time boys varsity state champion coach, would be a great guest to help bolster attendance. It was also agreed to provide some light refreshments at the meeting, to add a social element to it. Laura will determine a venue.

#### 4. NNESL update

Maria reported that the board had discussed the season timings, with the concern about kicking off during spring break, but had concluded again that there was not enough flexibility in the calendar to risk starting later. It was the league's intent, however, to provide reasonable accommodation for rescheduling games if teams could not be formed due to lack of player numbers.

Regarding the NNESL competition committee, Maria advised that the NNESL board intended that club's atlarge members form the committee. This will mean elected members will be charged with



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making decisions. It is likely the committee will be three of four members, with Matt (President) also on the committee.

Maria raised the observation that some SUSC schedules were including several Saturday games – thus affection some players' availability for NNESL games. Based on other board members anecdotal comments, this did not appear to be a widespread issue.

#### **5. Fall**

Although Jenn is still waiting for NNESL's indicative fees for 2022/3, FC Exeter registration fees were discussed. Jenn noted that club admin is approximately 10% up and credit card fees are contributing approximately \$3,000 per year in expense. Rather than increase registration fees, Jenn proposed that the card fees be passed as a cost of registration. There was consensus with this approach.

Evaluations are set for May 14, Andy at Brentwood is ready to accommodate the club that day. The specific timings of age group evaluations will need to be synchronized once the NNESL schedule is published.

#### **6. Fields**

Patrick advised fields availability for spring, being:

- Exeter on Fridays, Saturdays (PM) and Sundays
- Brentwood lower Monday to Friday and upper Tuesday to Friday, plus weekends
- Stevens Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday on the far field
- North Hampton Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- Timberland Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

#### **7. Finances**

Jenn summarized finances by advising cash is \$105,157 which is up \$3,400 compared to the same point in 2021.

#### **8. Get Fit In May**

Patrick advised that the organizer, Jen, had said there was still time to reserve a spot for FC Exeter. The event is May 21. The club's needs would be a pitch for a tent, some swag, space for a small game/activity and the ability to take sig-ups. Patrick will request pricing.

#### **9. Other Business**

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup>, the day after the coaches' kick-off meeting (April 11<sup>th</sup>).