

# Minutes for NTWSA Fall 2020 Captains Meeting

**Date:** November 19, 2020  
**Start:** 7:04 pm  
**End:** 7:51pm  
**Location:** Via Zoom  
**Executive Board:** Rachene' Badii - President  
Paula McFarlin – Vice President  
Linn Hanusa – Secretary  
Lori Stallbohm – Treasurer  
Molly Headd – League Commissioner  
Christi Chapman –Field Coordinator



## Introductions

- Roll Call – Rachene' Badii
- Introduce Board Members
- Introduce Commissioners
  - Shana Andrews
  - Shanna Cobbs
  - Pam Hill

## Topics

- Reports from Executive Board Members
  - President
    - Season overview. A lot of cards were issued, but everyone played all ten games, and overall, the season went well. There were a few issues with compliance of COVID-19 protocols, but we did okay. In the spring, we will have to do better since we did receive e-mails from the City of Dallas warning the league of non-compliance.
    - Positions being open for elections in May 2021 announced: President, Secretary and Field Commissioner. Pam Hill is the nominating committee chair. If anyone is interested in being on the committee or running for any of the open positions, reach out to Pam. Biographies need to be submitted ten days prior to the May Captain's Meeting.
  - Vice President
    - Misconduct Report: There were issues with some of the game sheets being marked in vague ways, so Paula has been having a hard time deciphering what cards were issued. Also, referees have been asked to print their names on the game sheet. Paula reminded Captains to be responsible for the way cards are marked on the game sheets. Captains need to verify yellow and red card reporting on the game sheet and make sure to notify Division Commissioner after the game if any cards were issued.
  - Treasurer
    - Financials
      - NTWSA ended the 2020 Fiscal Year with a net loss of \$26,760. This was mostly due to COVID-19. Lori moved spring registrations in the deferred category. In October, she realized some of the registrations. Lori provided two sets of financials for review, the y 2020 year-end and October Financials. Financially, the soccer year starts over September 1<sup>st</sup>. October financials show a reported net revenue of \$13, 455 with \$43, 370 sitting in deferred revenue. This money is from players that did not play in the fall and will use it in the Spring of 2021. Player registration for Fall 2020 was 956, approximately 600 players not registering this season.
      - Lori filed the 990 and NTWSA received a Certificate of Good Standing the fiscal year.
      - If anyone did not receive financials and would like a copy, reach out to Lori and she will email them.

- Secretary
  - Award will be directly mailed to teams this year due to COVID-19. After the meeting, captains will receive an email asking for a reliable mailing address for the prizes to be sent to.
- League Commissioner
  - The calendar was shared with the captains. These dates are tentative due to COVID.
    - Captain's meeting is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup>. ID pick-up is February 20<sup>th</sup> at the league office. The first game of the season is tentatively February 21<sup>st</sup>, however, this depends on field availability. The May Captain's meeting is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>.
    - Before the spring season starts, Molly is going to hold a training via Zoom for the captains to show them how to upload game sheets into the new google form.
    - Any ID's needed after ID Pick-up date can be picked up at Molly's house. Arrangements need to be made between Molly and the player needing the card.
- Field Coordinator
  - Christi reiterated the start of the Spring 2021 season is tentative. Currently, we do not have Brookhaven. Cox Fields will likely not be available until mid to late March if we get those fields next season. Most fields will not be available on February 21<sup>st</sup>, so it may be that only a few teams have games the first weekend of play. This was how the Spring 2020 season started as well. This is common to spring seasons since most fields do not open until March first, so it is challenging to get 10 games played in 11 weeks with two holidays and possible rainouts. There will likely be a few weeknight games due to this.
  - There will be no games scheduled on Easter Sunday or Mother's Day.
- Review and Vote on Rules
  - Molly praised her commissioners on their work for helping her transition into the role of League Commissioner. Thanks were given to Marty Yarborough and Shanna Cobbs for their time and work on Rules and By Laws.
  - Rules and By Laws are posted on the website. Molly presented 3 housekeeping changes and 1 rule to vote on.
    - Housekeeping change in Section VIII of Coaching section. Line C of this rule states "If a coach who receives a card fails to appear for a disciplinary hearing without the consent of the Vice President, he/she will be suspended for the next two (2) games of NTWSA league play in addition to the penalty for the card." This rule is being moved to Section XIII Misconduct, Suspension, Probation in part D: Suspensions. Current line will be removed due to it not being necessary: "A coach whose conduct is not considered to be exemplary to his/her players and spectators will be firmly dealt with by the A&D Committee of both NTWSA and NTSSA."
    - Housekeeping change in Section IX Games/Team Responsibilities. Part F lines 1 and 2 merged to one section to read "The game sheet will be filled out completely prior to the referee team check-in (exception: See Rule 4 below) including any players who are suspended for the game." Rule 4 will now read "The team captain(s) is responsible for submitting the fully completed game sheet to NTWSA within 48 hours of the completed game. Noncompliance shall result in a fine." This change was made due to the change in procedures currently being implemented. Line 5 of this same section reading "The team captains are responsible for sending their fully completed legible game sheet to their Subdivision Commissioner within 48 hours after the game has been completed or a \$10 fine will be assessed per offense" was removed because it is already stated in the Fines section of the Rulebook.
    - Housekeeping change in Section X1 Forfeits. The changes made to this section were to provide a better explanation of the procedures in the event of a forfeit. The rules were broken up into sections for forfeits more than 72 hours before game time and forfeits less than 72 hours before game time. The rules did not change, just the layout in order to make it easier to read.
    - Rule change to be voted on involves Section IV Registration. This change is in response to COVID-19. Current rule Section IV Registration 7b currently reads "No fees will be refunded to a player/coach withdrawing from a team after they have registered." Proposed change is to read "No fees will be refunded to a player/coach withdrawing from a team after such player/coach

have registered except for in cases of acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances or nuclear or natural catastrophe which prevents NTWSA from performing its normal day to day operations, as determined by the Board of NTWSA from performing its normal day to day operations, as determined by the Board.” Molly explained the purpose of this change is to allow us to refund money if needed. Motion to vote on change by Lindsey Ellison. Second Motion by Susan Watkins. Rule change passed unanimously.

- By Law presented to vote on is in Article VI Fees and Finance. Currently reads under line C: Audit, “An independent audit shall be conducted every third (3rd) year by an outside auditor at the end of the fiscal year (i.e., July 31st) as of 1983.” Proposed change is to replace the word “Audit” with “Financial Review” and change wording to read “An independent financial review will be conducted every third (3rd) year by an outside CPA at the end of the fiscal year (i.e. July 31st) as of 2019. Once the review is completed, the Treasurer will present the findings at the next general meeting.” Discussion occurred to clarify the reasoning behind this change. The rationale behind this change is due to the lack in need of an audit due to the size and nature of the league. A financial review is more appropriate and cost saving. Motion to accept the By Law as proposed by Lori Stallbohm. Second motion provided by Virginia Barnhill. By Law changed passed by vote.
- Molly chose to table another By Law change for the next Captain’s Meeting. The By Law change involves rewording Nominations and Elections sections. Rules Committee will meet to work on those changes.
- Discussion from the floor
  - Maz from Blind Squirrels asked why we are being asked to follow the rules when other leagues are not following them. Rachene reiterated that we play by the rules we are given. We are rule followers. The question is being asked why we are in danger of losing the fields when other leagues are not. The fact is that we do not know what other leagues have received as for notification by the cities. We have been notified, and we will follow the rules. Moss was the issue we received notification on.
- Fall 2020 Champions and Finalists announced by Secretary.
  - Open-1 Dallas Roma (1<sup>st</sup>), Youngster (2<sup>nd</sup>); Open-2 Code Red (1<sup>st</sup>), Synergy (2<sup>nd</sup>), Lets Get Messi (3<sup>rd</sup>); Open 3 Queen Bees (1<sup>st</sup>), Dallas Storm (2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - Over 30-1A GC Crew (1<sup>st</sup>), Hericane (2<sup>nd</sup>); Over 30-1B Xtreme (1<sup>st</sup>), FC Divas (2<sup>nd</sup>); Over 30-2 Blue Diamonds (1<sup>st</sup>), Crush (2<sup>nd</sup>); Over 30-3 Unity (1<sup>st</sup>), Windjammer (2<sup>nd</sup>); Over 30-4 Jots (1<sup>st</sup>), Strykers XXX (2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - Over 40-1 NTX Heat (1<sup>st</sup>), 40 Ever Young (2<sup>nd</sup>); Over 40-2 Tuff Muthuhs (1<sup>st</sup>), Spring O40 (2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - Captains will receive an e-mail after the meeting asking them to reply with a mailing address.
  - Linn made one last request for check-ins to the meeting to avoid paying the fine for not having a team representative. Some captains having an issue filling out the form.
- Second discussion from the floor concerning recording of red/yellow cards ensued. Procedures were explained again. This issue needs to be addressed with the referees and the captains have a responsibility to make sure the referees are doing their job. Paula can follow up with John O’Kane to reprimand a referee for not following procedures.
- Diane Gleeson asked where to find the player pool. Linn reminded captains that team registration begins on December 1<sup>st</sup> and the player pool is visible to everyone. The player pool is updated on Sunday’s if there are any registrants during the week.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm