



Exeter Youth Soccer Association

Minutes of a meeting of the board of directors

Held on June 10, 2020 via Zoom video conference

1. Chairman welcome

The Chairman, Marc Chabot, noting that the meeting had been convened properly and that a quorum was present opened the meeting. In attendance were Matteo Taormina, Luke Martel, Chris Sera, Jason Faria, Maria Proulx, Jenn Young, Amy Farnham, Patrick Garrity, Chuck Murray, Randall Skaal, Jeff McLynch and Stephen Osborne, Secretary.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on May 12th, 2020 previously having been circulated for review, were approved.

3. Fields

Maria had circulated a Memorandum of Understanding from Exeter Rec on field play. The Board noted its contents.

Marc advised that softball is starting next week and goals and nets need to be moved. Patrick and Matteo to move the goals.

4. COVID-19 members survey

Randall presented the results of the recent members survey. The purpose had been to gauge interest for play before fall

Of those that responded, 22 players (families of a player) said they would not be interested in any kind of soccer. 169 families of a player said they would be interested in participating in some form of activity.

The Board noted that when the survey was released, during the time of a regular spring season, it was envisaged that NNESL would possibly arrange some kind of organized event. Maria said there has been no discussions at NNESL about summer play, and that the league's focus is on the fall season. The next NNESL meeting is during the week commencing June 22. Maria advised the Board that it should not expect NNESL to organize anything ahead of the fall season.

In the survey, the most popular activity was for skills clinics. EYSA continues to work with Seacoast for the summer camp which should meet this skills need.

Chuck advised that in terms of the high school spring season, he had not progressed anything further the interest of players in tournaments. He is hopeful that he can take the next steps towards Nordic Cup registration, by June 26 for the tournament held in Burlington VT during the last week of July) and the August Coastal Summer Challenge in Brunswick, ME held the first week of August with registration by July 15th.

Chuck asked for support to continue exploration towards interest for possibly playing these tournaments. He noted that this would mean registration of a team without payment.



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After a vote, 8 for and 4 against, it was agreed that Chuck may pursue the possibility of entering a tournament with a team of HS players provided that all families sign a waiver provided by the club – and on the proviso that EYSA’s registrar agrees to using the club badge with waivers being determined to be adequate.

Regarding Summer Camp, for which sign-ups are being made, it was noted that this is currently scheduled for Monday to Thursday, 9am-12pm, from 17th to 20th August.

5. Fall season

There was a discussion about the need to set a date for the fall team formation. It was suggested that there could be an evaluation during the summer camp timings, while recognizing that all players may not be available.

Overall, Randall advised that in August it is likely that NH’s COVID planning will allow contact team play.

It was agreed that on balance, evaluations should be targeted to be held during the week of August 17th during weeknights. If possible, the plan could be for 2 evenings that week with 2-3 hours of fields space per night. Maria will ask Rob at Seacoast United about availability at Epping for those nights. Amy will ask town representatives about Brentwood & Epping availability.

It was agreed to hold off on fall season registration until the evaluation plans are known. It was agreed to have the waiver ready, at the point of registration. Maria will draft a waiver for players and families.

Registration dates will be shared with the board via email correspondence.

6. Financials

Jenn noted that the High School scholarship award had been awarded after recommendations of the Board sub-team.

Jenn confirmed she is investigating further the situation regarding Main Street non-profit funds.

Jenn confirmed that spring season refunds had been issued successfully. There had been a couple of queries from families that Jenn is helping resolve.

Jenn reported that the club’s cash balance at the end on May was \$48,313. This compares to \$110,753 at the same time in 2019. 2019’s registrations for spring were \$45,485, adjusting for that, the 2019 position was \$65,268. In 2020, the club has no spring season costs to incur.

7. Other business

Stephen noted that the 2020 American Independence Museum festival has been cancelled due to COVID-19, so the club will not have its spot at the festival.