



Exeter Youth Soccer Association

Minutes of a meeting of the board of directors

Held on July 21, 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 at 7pm. Also in attendance were Matteo Taormina, Luke Martel, Maria Proulx, Jenn Young, Patrick Garrity, Randall Sckaal, Brian Mellick and Stephen Osborne, Secretary.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on June 10th, 2020 previously having been circulated for review, were approved.

3. Summer Activities

Randall confirmed that the summer competitions discussed at the prior meeting had since been cancelled by the respective organizing bodies.

EYSA's August summer camp may still be possible, with Seacoast United making arrangements at their facilities for adapted play. It agreed that Laura Sckaal should proceed with providing details of the camp to members via email and social media.

4. Fall Season

Jenn advised registration is on hold until the waivers are uploaded as part of the sign-up workflow. It may be another 5 days. Additional waivers are needed for coaches. An email will need to be prepared covering the dates for evaluations, uniform requirements, the coach volunteer process and a preseason safety briefing on Zoom on Aug 17th with written procedures around the same time.

Evaluations are targeted to be held August 17, 18 and 19, with team formations to be determined on the same nights. Team placements will be sent August 21, with a 5 day window to withdraw. The email should explain that a pre-trip safety briefing will be conducted on Zoom.

Other key dates decided were: coaches kick off to be August 27, ahead of the SUSC jamboree (28 and 29 August for boys and girls teams respectively) with the first weekend of NNESL to be September 12th.

Registration should be open from July 27 to August 12.

Maria has a COVID-19 checklist of requirements being provided by NNESL. It was agreed that this should be circulated and reviewed so that Chris Sera, as safety officer, can prepare an approach and protocols. Matteo will also share with Luke the NH Governor's safe protocols, for Chris to address.

Marc will garner indicative registration numbers from Amy, based on the progression of the fall 2019 age groups. He will share with Randall so that age groups for each evaluation night can be planned.

It was noted that NHSL registration closes August 6, with a cut-off for team drops on August 10. NNESL closes registration August 10.



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Given how far into summer the arrangements are being established, it was agreed that registration would need a heavy marketing support through social media.

Stephen will share the dates and timelines agreed with the Board, Laura Skaal and Jen Sherman.

5. Fields

Patrick said that Greg Bisson at Exeter Parks & Rec department requires that the EYSA board needs to have in place policies dealing with how the club meets the governor's guidelines. He said that prior to using the fields for any organized activities, Parks and Rec will need approval from Town select board. He had noted possible problems with back to back games and practices. The Town will also need a waiver for each player and Patrick will confirm if the same applies for visiting teams to sign waivers.

Maria agreed to ask NNESL if the league has any guidance or requirements dealing with traveling teams and referee waivers.

Patrick confirmed that Andy at Brentwood had requirements similar to Greg at Exeter.

Regarding Seth at Stratham, Patrick had not yet heard back and with respect to CMS, there was no news about their position.

6. Financials

Jenn noted that she had prepared an application for a Main Street grant which could provide \$7,000 for spring 2020 costs and \$2,000 for additional requirements such as hand sanitizers and PPE relating to fall 2020.

Jenn reported that the club's cash balance was \$48,440. This is approximately \$66,000 lower than at the same point in 2019 – the difference representing that no fall registration income had been received.

Jenn confirmed that expenses are currently minimal and that Laura is keeping admin duties down to the bare minimum.

There being no further business, the Chairman called the meeting to a close at 8.25pm.