



# **Exeter Youth Soccer Association**

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors**

### **Held by Zoom video conference on January 11, 2022**

#### **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 Patrick Garrity, Jenn Young, Maria Proulx, Matteo Taormina, Randall Sckaal, Luke Martel, Brian Melick and Stephen Osborne, who acted as Secretary. There had been apologies for absence from Amy Farnham and Jason Faria.

#### **2. Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting, held December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, having previously been circulated as draft, were approved by a vote.

#### **3. Annual Meeting**

Patrick has identified one parent, Scott Craig, who wants to volunteer for the board. Scott is an Academy parent. Any interest is now too late to be considered for the Annual Meeting, with 28 days needed as advance notice. However, with open board seats, the applicant may be appointed by Marc for an open seat for its unexpired term. The Nomination Committee received no other applicants.

#### **4. NNESL update**

Maria advised that there had been no NNESL board meeting in December and that matters coming up for the January meeting include updates on the spring season, the approach towards the high school divisions and age group, and possible adjustments to how the Competition Committee operate.

#### **5. Spring season**

It was agreed to keep league placement under review to ensure that teams have appropriate competition. Regarding age groups, again, these should be reviewed once spring registration has progressed further. It being noted that where a team has limited competition in fall, playing up an age group in spring may be in the players' best interest.

Luke advised that Chuck Murray has enquired about coaching a high school girls team again this year. There was consensus that, in the first instance, volunteer parents should be considered first before appointing a non-parent member.

Stephen said he would reach out to the indoor high school parents of the boys' teams to see if they have interest for spring. Stephen will also confirm which girls teams are participating indoors. These individuals can also communicate to player families and help drive player registration.

Currently there are only 40 youth players registered and 9 players for high school.

Maria advised that, following 3Step's transaction with Seacoast United, there are not expected to be any near-term impacts on how Seacoast will support FC Exeter.



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#### **6. Fields/ Equipment**

Patrick confirmed that at Exeter Rec, the goals are now secured with padlocks. He noted that the 7v7 goals at Exeter are in working order even though these were not used in fall. We could take them to another field if necessary. Patrick may seek a scrap metal guy to haul away the dilapidated frames.

At Brentwood, the goals have been lined up and set out of the way. Patrick and Andy from the Rec Department are looking at setting up a third field in Brentwood at the end of Spring. Brian cautioned that it is currently hard to get contractors and many are working with long lead times. Brian and Patrick will seek to obtain quotes for grading the field, as necessary.

Regarding the North Hampton floodlit field, Luke advised that Danielle told him she has some commitments to flag football and lacrosse for spring and she'd like to assign any EYSA requirements. The rate charged for fall was \$75 per hour plus \$25 for lines. It is possible that daytime rates may be lower.

There was a discussion about expected 11v 11 field resources for spring, with Brentwood being available at all times, and Stratham likely to be available for practice nights but not weekends). Patrick will consult with CMS's athletic director to establish the position there, before we decide on the need for North Hampton.

Scott Craig, who has enquired about volunteering on the board, joined the meeting.

#### **7. Financials**

Jenn, having previously issued draft accounts, reported that there was \$70,305 cash in hand. This compares to \$70,798 last year. The 2021 numbers include approximately \$5,000 spent on goals. There are no other significant expenses relating to the fall season anticipated.

#### **8. Other business**

Randall noted that for coaching education and licensing, there have been some sign ups after Jason's email to the volunteers. Randall will arrange more reminders to go out to coaches for sign up.

Jenn advised that Exeter High School had asked if FC Exeter would be offering a college scholarship to a graduating senior, consistent with previous years. The board voted to approve such a scholarship, for \$500. As previously agreed, it was noted that the Board will be looking for a stronger connection between the recipient and the club than that which has generally the case.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8.15PM.