



**Northern Lights Soccer
Monthly Meeting
October 12, 2020
7:00 pm Online Meeting**

Call to order:

- **Meeting Called By: Meghan Rietschel**
- **Type of Meeting: Monthly Committee Meeting**
- **Note Taker: Mandy Paumen (absent)**

Meeting called to order by Meghan Rietschel at 7:05 pm.

Attendees: Chere Thompson, Kotchi Prosper, Aaron Lindquist, Meghan Rietschel, Lindsey Helgeson, Heinrich von Mende, Christine Amsler, Justin Allen, Leigh Bakke, Sean Sutter, Andy Severance, Angela Kokesh, Sarah Boyum and Mary Pipenhagen.

Andy Severance makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August and Executive Committee Meeting from September. Sean Sutter seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Andy Severance makes a motion to approve the agenda. Angela Kokesh seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Financial Report: Angela Kokesh

- Will send out financials later in the week.

Open Forum:

Committee Business:

Task Updates:

Tournament Coordinator: Andy Severance

Volunteer Coordinator: Leigh Bakke

- ❑ Instead of using Dibs to track volunteer hours this year we will be using Sign Up Genius centrally between both clubs. Deb from CR United has access to the system for set up and then we'll need to just mark complete/cancel bond payments manually as hours are completed.
- ❑ I'm working to get a consolidated file of all registered players (boys and girls) so we can determine how to track volunteer bond exemption across the clubs. Will also need team rosters with coach and manager info to confirm exempt players.
- ❑ Question for all - are there any known changes for 2021 with respect to volunteer needs?

Field/Equipment Coordinator: Justin Allen

- ❑ Season completed and I will be working on removing nets and signs through this week. I would love some help from someone with a truck and tow straps to move goals off the main field area (Sean, pretty please?). I can do this most any time as I'm still working from home and have a very flexible schedule. Please let me know if you can assist.
 - **ACTION ITEM** - Just to follow up with PACT to find out if their soccer team is currently using the U13 fields at Elmcrest.
 - **ACTION ITEM** - Sean and Justin to move goals off to the side at Elmcrest will send message out if they need additional help.

Concessions Coordinator: Lindsey Helgeson

- **ACTION ITEM** - Lindsey to take pictures of apparel and send to Sarah along with the prices for Sarah to create a flyer.

Girls Travel Coordinator: Ben Gerads

- ❑ Still adding players per the norm after tryouts.
- ❑ We instituted a new failed payment policy that a player pass will be held if we don't receive payment by the 15th each month as this has been an ongoing issue.

Ben Gerads makes a motion to approve the Failed Payment Policy. Mandy Paumen seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Boys Travel Coordinator: Christine Amsler

Rec Coordinators: Heinrich Von Mende and Mary Pipenhagen

Fall Rec went well - finished with SSS this weekend.

Winter Rec -

- Originally planned on not doing anything for the winter due to COVID-19 and additional precautions with indoor space. We had a lot of interest from parents looking for a winter program - is there any space to do something this winter (even a gym or Anoka Ice Rink with North Indoor Soccer not running anymore)?

Spring/Summer Rec -

- Cost: Keeping it the same as last year \$140 for Early Bird, \$165 otherwise
- Registration dates: 11/1 - 4/4, early bird ending 2/14
- Program dates: 5/10 - 7/15, SSS 7/17 (5/31, 7/1, 7/5, 7/6 off for holidays, additional day off in June for Safety Camp - Chere do you know this date yet?)

Registrar/Communications: Sarah Boyum

- Teams were obviously registered for fall so that went well working with CRU. Probably need to discuss a smoother situation for the coming seasons as communications to both sides are cumbersome.
- Advertising went out for CRU/NLS tournament as did notification to register for volunteer hours in the sign up genius system.
- Discussion about moving forward with TCSL and MYSA - need specific communications regarding this so our members aren't surprised.
- Rec directors are working to put together details for the Spring 2021 soccer season so we can begin advertising the rec program.

- **ACTION ITEM** - Sarah to post the Failed Payment Policy to NGIN.

DOO/Team Manager Coordinator: Chere Thompson

- Fall Season is wrapped up.
- We didn't have any girls teams that went to Rochester Fall Cup. But we did have several teams that played in the Coon Rapids Fall Tournament
- I will be working with Jill this week to get all of our girls teams set up in Coon Rapids TeamSnap page.
- We need to decide if we are going to keep the Board Calendar in TeamSnap and continue paying for that one.
- I will set up all Coaches on the TeamSnap page that Coon Rapids has set up.
- Waiting to hear back from Chato regarding PACT Training

- ❑ A decision needs to be made along with Coon Rapids on whether we will continue using Sportsline Photography for Team Pictures. We will need to probably continue to have them out at Elmcrest because we have to have an indoor option if it rains.
 - ❑ We will also need to get all dates figured out for Elmcrest next year, so I can get those all to Mary Jo before the end of the year.
- **ACTION ITEM** - Chere to contact Chato at MYSA regarding PACT training.

DOC: Aaron Lindquist

- ❑ Tournament went very well!
- ❑ Fall season went well for the most part. 2 known issues with teams (one boys and one girls) that we are working through
- ❑ 12U Boys Black-1 won the state championship!
- ❑ Continued monitoring of players over fall season, coach/trainer reachout and working with parents on questions.
- ❑ Working with CRU, and Chere, on smoothing out or registration process/tracking new players

Looking forward:

- ❑ Winter Indoor schedule has been built for over a month now. Waiting on Jason to confirm how many can be on a field before publishing
 - ❑ Need to have a meeting with CRU regarding Parent meeting before Winter training to lay out team expectations, Adrenaline protocol
 - ❑ Need to send contracts to Chere for paid coaches
 - ❑ Need to get our tryout evaluators paid.
- **ACTION ITEM** - Todd and Aaron to decide which teams would be considered for moving to TCSL from MYSA. Then confirm with CR United and then NLS needs to vote.
 - **ACTION ITEM** - Aaron to contact Jason regarding the option of using the sports court for Rec, along with contacting the Armory. Rec would start in January.

Fundraising Coordinator: Sean Sutter

- **ACTION ITEM** - Sean to work with Dick's Sporting Goods for a Spring event.

Uniform Coordinator: Jon Klocker

- ❑ All uniforms are in the upstairs storage area at Elm Crest and we are still awaiting apparel to complete half of the teams.

Future Months Business:

New Business:

Meeting Adjourned:

- ❑ Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2020, at 7:00 pm at Elmcrest.