



Exeter Youth Soccer Association

Minutes of a meeting of the board of directors

Held at 7.00pm on August 9th, 2021 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 7.00pm. Also in attendance were Patrick Garrity, Jenn Young, Maria Proulx, Brian Melick, Luke Martel, Randall Skaal, Jason Faria, Amy Farnham, Chris Sera and Stephen Osborne, who acted as Secretary. There had been apologies for absence from Matteo Taormina.

2. Minutes

The draft minutes of the meetings held on June 8 and July 13, 2021 having been previously circulated were approved.

3. NNESL fall season

Randall reported that team registrations were healthy with 166 in total across all divisions.

Randall provided a debrief on recent Competition Committee meetings and raised concerns around the direction of specific positions being taken. These included (1) the recommendation that towns with Division One middle schools should always enter a Premier team first, before electing Championship teams and (2) that U9s teams be premier/ championship as opposed to balanced. Randall's opinion is that these positions are not consistent with the spirit of the league. He also believed that decisions are being steered towards favoring smaller towns and that exceptions to rules, requested to help players and their teams' formation, are being rejected against the original spirit behind the league's formation, that is, players first.

It was agreed that, given these concerns and the absence of Committee minutes or written recommendations, Randall should provide Maria a note of three or four key recent examples where rules are being applied too rigidly. Maria will then discuss concerns with Matt, NNESL chair. Maria noted that the Competition Committee is advisory only and that the NNESL Board has the final say in decisions.

It was agreed that one academy boys team should be unregistered for fall, given a player dropping. No coach had been recruited for this team yet.

Four Academy teams are still short of a coach (3 boys, one girl). Patrick will make a final request for volunteers. Marc will draft an email setting out that the teams are not viable unless a parent volunteer comes forward. Laura and Patrick to confirm when this should be issued.

4. Coaches pre-season meeting August 19th at the Senior Center

Randall and Jay are preparing the agendas. They will ensure they cover, amongst regular reminders, that coaches should:

- Understand the impact of double rostered players on their team formation and plan accordingly with other age group coaches, notifying age group directors, Jay or Randall if problems are anticipated. This may especially be an issue for Columbus Day weekend.
- Move goals off home fields if playing the last game of the day, and after practice.



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- Take photos of opposition team rosters and submit them to Laura who will review and monitor for compliance.

Brian advised that equipment is on order and he hopes that bags will be available for coaches on or around the August 19th meeting.

Maria will ask Seacoast United for the current version of the age group practice plans, so that they may be provided to coaches.

5. Jamboree August 28/29

It was agreed to sign up all teams to the pre-season jamboree. Laura will reach out to all coaches to confirm that teams are able to form teams for this. Drop day is August 16th.

6. Fields

Patrick will ask coaches for preferred slots, based upon the coach registration list. Patrick is finalizing with the field managers where any conflicts exist that will affect assignment. He confirmed that he is still pursuing space at Stratham Rec.

Practices will be anticipated to start the week of August 30th. In some cases, certificates of insurance are still needed before the fields may be used for official practices.

Maria confirmed that the Friends of Exeter Park and Rec are mobilizing again, behind improvements to the facilities on Hampton Road. It was not yet clear what the objectives of the group was. Maria said that if EYSA is to help on the committee, and invest into Rec facilities, they need to ensure that the club's interests are properly served. Recent vandalism of EYSA goals at the Rec are a concern and this issue needs to be raised with Greg Bisson. The recent damage to three frames and the tearing of nests does not look accidental and EYSA is therefore concerned about the security arrangements at the Rec. Brian is to enquire of Greg if the Rec's insurance covers the losses to the property.

Maria will ask Greg where EYSA should move goals after practices and games, and where goals may be stored safely during the winter or between playing seasons. One option may be a pad where the goals may be moved. EYSA could consider contributing to the cost of such an area if it meant the goals were protected.

It was agreed that, after the season's end, at a minimum the nets should be removed from EYSA goals and stored in the equipment shed.

With respect to field painting, Patrick confirmed that Bob is ordering paint in two colors and that he will instruct Bob to paint fields based upon our preferred layouts.

Brian confirmed that 7v7 goals are on order for Brentwood Rec. Brian will do a final count of corner flags for Exeter/ Brentwood and order to remedy any shortfall, as necessary.

7. Summer soccer camp at Seacoast

Jenn advised that with about 80 players signed up, the numbers were comparable to prior years.



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8. Finances

Jenn reported that, consistent with the financial summaries distributed to board members ahead of the meeting, the club's cash balance is \$114,837, of which approximately \$49,000 is earning interest in the money market account. This is significantly higher than the 2020 balance, which was reduced due to COVID impact on the modified fall season. The balance is comparable to 2019 (approx. \$116k). The current balance is after most registrations have been paid and before any season expenses have been incurred.

There being no further business, the Chairman called the meeting to a close at 8.05pm.