

North Branford Soccer Club
Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting
September 24, 2019

Present: Al Johnson, Cindy Sorrentino, Ed Preiss, Caitlin Nero

Absent: Joseph Criscuolo, Rhonda Yeager

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Al Johnson.

Treasurer's Report, Joe Criscuolo (Absent): Al added himself to the bank account and said he would look into the financials while Joe is out. Cindy spoke to Joe who said the financials are in good condition but once Joe gets back, he would like to start having a conversation about giving back to the community by donating to nonprofits and giving scholarships to young individuals.

Registrar's Report, Rhonda Yeager (Absent): Rhonda sent an email updating us on the fall registration numbers—130 on the travel team, 18 boys and 20 girls on the U3/4, 22 boys and 21 girls on the U5/6; 21 boys and 16 girls on the U7/8. Registration is closing on September, 29th and there are five pending accounts due to non payment. The U8 travel program information was sent to Wallingford, Branford, Coginchaug, Guilford, and North Haven. No towns have responded as of this date. The start date for this program is October 6th tentatively. Al wants to send this letter to the club presidents of every club.

Referee Assignor's Report, Joe Criscuolo (Absent): We need referees; Cindy will reach out to Mason.

Coordinator's Reports, Equipment/Uniform (OPEN position): Nathan asked for cones, ice packs, pinnies in different colors. The cost was approximately \$130.

CJSA/State Report, Ed Preiss: Nothing to discuss.

Vice President's Report, Cindy Sorrentino: Nothing to discuss. All items are under New Business.

Old Business:

Moving Website from League Athletics to Stack Sport : Tabled

Open Board Positions: Tabled

By-laws: The Bylaws are still underway. Cindy and Rhonda are writing the new bylaws which are still currently being drafted.

New Business:

U11 Team Manager: Al updated the table of recent events that took place in regards to the U11 Team Manager. The team manager volunteer position has changed hands from Andrea to Meghann Redman. After some questions and concerns arose, Al wanted it to be known that Meghann Redman will stay the team manager of the U11 Boys Travel Team for the remainder of the season.

U8 Update: Al will reach out to all the presidents of the surrounding towns' soccer clubs in order to explain the idea of Sunday mornings and hopefully facilitate some conversation about the idea.

Club Napoli: Cindy updated the board that Club Napoli fields are finished but they are still not lined. October Wednesday and Thursday night practices will change back from CT Sportsplex to Club Napoli starting the following week. Cindy explained to the board that CT Sportsplex costs \$250 per night (at least) while Club Napoli is donated to the club. Club Napoli owner is involved with the club and enjoys hosting these soccer nights at his facility.

Winter Clinic Planning: Winter clinic will be on Fridays from 6-8 for ten weeks starting December 13th through February 14th. The age groups will be U3-U8 and we have reserved the CT Sportsplex for these sessions.

End of Season Planning: Cindy will look into trophies for the end of season celebration. The award ceremony is planned for October 26th. Cindy will price out 125 trophies and will also price out 25 medallions for throughout the season as an award or incentive for the kids. Ed's idea was to have the medallion say "Super Star" on the front of them. We will provide water, muffins, etc. for the celebration.

NBSC Apparel/Volunteer shirt: Al wants to order NBSC apparel to sell at the games/practices in hopes of making some money and promoting the club. Al priced out hooded sweatshirts, hooded zip-ups, and performance tees. The hooded sweatshirts will cost \$24 and we will sell for \$30 each. We will order 8 total sweatshirts in purple and black colors. The zip-ups cost \$27.50 and we will sell for \$35. Again, we will order 8 total zip-ups in purple and black colors. The performance tees cost \$11.75 and we will give them to people who volunteer during games and practices. We will order 12 shirts total. They will say "staff" on the back of these shirts.

Nathan's Responsibilities: Cindy wants Nathan to be a part of the board meetings that way there is a clear line of communication between what is expected from the board and what is displayed on the fields. This way we will be able to have some input as to what is happening on the field. Ed and Al checked social media to make sure he is posting the amount of times he was expected to post in order to gain some exposure. Caitlin added that people should be able to tag themselves on the NBSC social media which would also increase exposure throughout the community.

Sunday Tiny Feet Program: Al and Cindy report that we have a good turnout for the Sunday Parks and Rec program. The board made some comparison to this program vs. other competitive programs in the area in what is provided for the cost. Next time we will think about adding more to our program—maybe adding a soccer ball to the items they receive when they sign up and a graduation certificate when they complete and stickers throughout. Cindy thought we had more players that showed up to the practice than there were registrations so we will implement a sign-in sheet in order to capture all the potential registration income. This program has been very lucrative for the club since there is one coach for a potential 16 players and the program runs for \$130 (resident), \$135 (nonresident).

Table Discussion: Saturday October, 12th we will let soccer parents know to bring canned goods/non perishable food items to donate to the CT Food Pantry.

Meeting adjourned 7:43 pm. Next North Branford Soccer Club Board meeting scheduled for Tues., October 22nd, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Atwater Library

Respectfully submitted, Caitlin Nero, Secretary.