

North Branford Soccer Club  
Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting  
August 27, 2019

**Present:** Al Johnson, Cindy Sorrentino, Rhonda Yeager, Ed Preiss, Caitlin Nero

**Absent:** Joseph Criscuolo

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Al Johnson. Everyone went around the table and introduced themselves to Caitlin Nero. **A motion was made and seconded, to accept Caitlin Nero as the new Secretary. The motion carried unanimously.** Al Johnson noted it was important to start updating the minutes to the website where the public will be able to see what was discussed. This will be done by Caitlin Nero beginning next board meeting.

**Treasurer's Report, Joe Criscuolo (Absent):** Al Johnson noted we are in good financial shape.

**Registrar's Report, Rhonda Yeager:** Nothing to discuss. Will discuss current registration during "New Business" discussion.

**Referee Assignor's Report, Joe Criscuolo (Absent):** Al Johnson noted Mason was to referee this fall. All members were happy to hear this information.

**Coordinator's Reports, Equipment/Uniform (OPEN position):** Al Johnson mentioned he knows a person that he will get a quote from for uniforms. Rhonda Yeager also knows a local person that she wanted to get a quote from as well. Al liked the idea with staying local. Both Al and Rhonda will get quotes and go with whomever is the better option. Cindy added that we will need an additional 25 Youth smalls and mediums for uniforms because of the new Parks & Rec program which she will get back to during the "New Business" discussion. All members agreed that this needs to be decided on very soon.

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

**Vice President's Report, Cindy Sorrentino:** Nothing to discuss.

**Old Business:** Al Johnson discussed the differences between League Athletics and Stack Sport. The district scheduling is currently being done on Stack Sport and there is a push to move the website from League Athletics to Stack Sport as well. Stack Sport is cumbersome and the communication aspect of the module is not favorable. Rhonda liked the design of the League Athletics website better than the Stack Sport. This discussion was tabled until further notice. The Bylaws are still underway. Al had reached out to previous presidents for the bylaws but there was no trail of them. Therefore, Cindy will be writing up new bylaws which are still currently being drafted.

**New Business:**

*Club Napoli:* Cindy Sorrentino will be stopping by Club Napoli this week to verify the schedule and get an update on the progress of the fields and lighting.

*Fundraising:* Cindy shared a fundraising idea to raise money for the North Branford Food Pantry. The children will make signs and will "crack a ball" in half to serve as a place for the donations. Cindy has already spoke with the Dunkin Donuts manager about standing outside on either sides of the building asking for donations. With these, we will either give the money to the NB Food Pantry or buy food for the pantry to "give back" to the community. NBSC will not take any of the profit.

*Post Office Box:* Al will stop by the post office this week to check on whether or not the original PO box number is available. If it is not available, he will get a new PO box. Cindy gave Al the key for the old PO Box. Ed and Rhonda were certain the PO Box was inactive because of pending registration payments. Ed mentioned someone from spring's registration was returned to the registrant and Rhonda noted there were four outstanding payments which all could be because of the inactive PO Box.

*Current Registration:* Rhonda shared the current numbers with the group. There are currently 11 registrations for the travel team and 64 in-house registrations for U8. Rhonda went on to break out the numbers of boys vs. girls and the multiple age groups.

*Fall Brochure:* Cindy told the group about her experience with the new Parks & Recreation Supervisor, Shawn Keogh. Cindy said he was open to working with NBSC now and in the future. They will be offering a Sunday morning class at their Parks & Rec field through NBSC. The fee for this will be \$130 with a small kickback to the Parks & Rec department for administrative fees, etc. The program will start two weeks after the normal NBSC program and will run for 8 weeks. They will receive the same uniform and a bag. The program will use the Victory coaches. This will all be displayed in the fall Parks & Rec brochure that should be distributed this week. We will talk about coaches and scheduling during “Nathan’s Proposal”.

*U8 Update:* Rhonda discussed the letter that will be sent out to the surrounding towns to encourage an advancement with the U8 soccer program. The program will add games to the current scrimmage style program which will run for the last four weeks during October on Sunday mornings. The Victory coaches will be the referees. Each team will pay \$100 to cover the referees and the games will be located on NBSC fields. All members discussed changes and edits to the letter. Al said if this is successful, next year we will add \$5 on to the registration to cover the cost of \$100. All agreed the letter was ready to be sent to the surrounding towns. Rhonda will send the letter out this week.

*Nathan’s Proposal:* All members took a moment to read through the proposal. Al noted the proposal did not include Nathan as a coach. Nathan wants to oversee the coaches to ensure the lessons and skills are taught in the same manner. Ed was concerned that the Club would end up spending more money this year having to pay for coaches in addition to Nathan’s overseeing and coordinating. Cindy was disappointed Nathan was not at the meeting to discuss the proposal with. Rhonda expressed she thinks Nathan does a good job coaching and works well with the children. Caitlin mentioned from an outside perspective, the parents seem to really like Nathan. Al noted the registration numbers have been decreasing through the years and are at an all-time low. All members agreed to counter the proposal and break down the proposal paragraph by paragraph. Cindy broke down the hours in which the NBSC programs had scheduled practices and games. There were approximately 50 hours of practices/games and approximately 10 hours of administrative responsibilities that Nathan would be accountable for. Ed mentioned breaking out the proposal by hours and identifying the number of social media posts that are required. Ed volunteered to create a counter proposal to send back to Nathan. All members agreed.

*Table Discussion:* Al went around the table and asked if anyone would like to add anything to the discussion before the meeting ended. All members had nothing to add.

Meeting adjourned 7:57 pm. Next North Branford Soccer Club Board meeting scheduled for Tues., September 24, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Stanley T. Williams.

Respectfully submitted, Caitlin Nero, Secretary.