

# **Northfield Soccer Association**

## **Meeting Minutes**

March 17, 2014

### **I. Call to order**

Holly Scheuble, President of the Northfield Soccer Association, called to order the regular meeting of the Northfield Soccer Association at 7:07 pm on 3/17/14 in the Atrium at Northfield Community Resource Center.

### **II. Roll Call**

Quorum was present with the following board members in attendance: Charles Gray, Holly Scheuble, Nate Adams, Doug Seymour, Greg Wesling, Simon Tyler Bryan Hoff, Erik Nelson, and Erik Lindell.

The following board members were absent: Heather Stanga and Todd Orjala

Other members present: Jeremy Driver, John Menk and Chris Glassing

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes from the 2/17/14 regular board meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

### **IV. Coordinator/Committee Reports**

John Menk, Recreational Director, provided an oral update on the inhouse program. John is excited for the upcoming season and needs support in order to make the season a success. In the past too much was left on the shoulders of the Inhouse Coordinator to handle. Holly Scheuble shared with the Board that she, with support from Heather Stanga will be the “acting” Inhouse Coordinator. We will actively recruit additional parents to support the program and someone to work with us this season and become the Inhouse Coordinator for 2015.

Doug Seymour, Traveling Coordinator, provided an oral update on the traveling program. Teams have been submitted, 9 girls teams and 8 boys teams for 2014. The District scheduling meeting will be held online as it was in the Fall, opening April 11<sup>th</sup>. We need to communicate this date to all coaches and managers. There are still a few teams where Jeremy is waiting to confirm a paid head coach, but these teams have a parent assistant who can handle the scheduling duties in the interim. We will get roster contact information out to the coaches and managers as soon as possible to facilitate the scheduling process. Doug has received a number of inquiries from families wishing to sign up, has accommodated as many as possible by adding them to the existing rosters. Continuing to receive questions regarding why registration is already closed, is happening so early. We need to continue to educate our families that the MYSA deadline for teams is early March, and our plans for team formation in the Fall, following the practice of most MYSA clubs. Doug closed by saying this season has been much less stressful due to starting the process in the Fall.

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Questions were posed regarding when we will open registration, the format for the evaluations and tryouts. Jeremy and Doug will confirm the try-out date(s) so we may communicate the date and/or any changes to families as soon as possible. We will schedule a traveling committee meeting to discuss ideas for next year.

Erik Lindell, Uniform/Equipment Coordinator, reported orally that the traveling uniform order has been submitted to Inaria. He will follow up to confirm order and will place a clean up order to be received prior to the first games (April 28 first possible game date). He will review the equipment inventory and order any necessary replacements, once we are able to get into the shed.

Bryan Hoff, Communications/Advertising Coordinator, gave an oral update on advertising and medical kits. He has secured Ames Park for placement of our registration banner for April 27 – May 10. We discussed using our existing banner versus the need to order a new banner, no decision was made. Medical kit boxes have been purchased, Bryan will review what new pieces are required for the kits once we are able to get in the equipment shed and approach Allina about donating. We discussed holding a family meeting like we did last year.

Simon Tyler, provided an oral update on the TOPS Soccer program. The indoor winter season is winding down. Simon continues to be impressed by the Carlton Mens Soccer Team members who are coaching. The summer schedule will begin in May, and we are looking to host TOPS at Spring Creek on Sunday evenings. Simon will be looking to St Olaf and Carleton students for coaching assistance as they have been great to work with and have the maturity and know how to deal with the TOPS athletes.

### **V. Officers Report**

Nate Adams, Vice-president and Fields Coordinator, provided an oral update. We have been in communication with Kevin Wendt regarding the by law revision and will be setting up a separate meeting in early April for review. Our request for field expansion will be presented to the City Council. This appears to be a simple formality, once approved, we will begin in earnest to form an expansion committee to oversee this project. We will be receiving the games for field scheduling from the MYSA March 26<sup>th</sup>. Nate will work with Forster Davis, our Referee Assignor to schedule the games. Nate has been in touch with the individuals who have signed up for the fields committee, that as soon as the weather allows we will begin setting up the fields.

Holly Scheuble, President, provided an oral report. The Referee situation with the MYSA and MSRA has been resolved, at least for the time being, we have the structure in place to support the education and administration of the referees for the 2014 season.

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Our bid to host the Fall Tournament was not accepted, however we are encouraged to apply for the U11/12 Summer Tournament when it comes up for renewal next year. The JJSO registration link is ready to go live once we confirm the fee structure and age groups. An executive meeting was held to review open positions and it was decided that Holly would take on the role of “acting” inhouse coordinator with support of Heather Stanga. We met with our webmaster volunteers and they are setup and ready to begin supporting our website needs. Any content to be posted on the website should be sent to [webmaster@northfieldsoccer.org](mailto:webmaster@northfieldsoccer.org). We will be encouraging families to provide stories and pictures to keep our website interesting and up to date.

We received word back from the MYSA regarding a PACT Parent training date of April 15<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion regarding whether or not to move forward with this date as well as the requirement of having all families obtain PACT certification prior to release of a player pass. The following motion was accepted with unanimous consent, to delay the PACT requirement this season (not enough time and optional training locations), but move forward with the April 15<sup>th</sup> date, communicating to families that this requirement is coming, and encouraging attendance by accepting the April certification towards the 2015 and 2016 seasons.

Greg Wesling, JJSO Coordinator presented his proposal for changes to the upcoming JJSO tournament. The proposal presented included the following changes:

- Reduce the age groups from U9-U14 to U9-U12, eliminating the 11v11 games. These older ages are more costly to host due to field size, and number of participants. Also older teams typically would like to participate in tournaments where there is an opportunity to win. After discussions regarding the impact of removing local U13 and 14 teams from the Jamboree, a motion to remove to the U13 and 14 age groups was passed unanimously.
- Increase the fees from \$130 to \$225 for the U9/10, and \$250 to \$325 for the older ages. Our current fees are considerably less than other area tournaments. After discussion regarding fees of other jamborees and tournaments, the differences and advantages of a single day jamboree format, Erik Lindell made a motion to increase the fees to \$200 for the U9/10 ages and \$300 for the U11/12. Motion was passed unanimously.
- Reduce the number of referees from 3 to 1 on the older ages. With the Jamboree format we are not required to have 3 referees, and we would incur less costs with fewer referees per game. This decision was tabled and we will revisit this topic evaluating other options such as reducing the referee fee, and possibly moving to 2 versus 3 referees.

## **VI. Open Issues**

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Field Sponsorship Proposal-Forester Davis-This will remain a topic for a future board meeting.

Winter Planning Meetings: This will remain a topic for a future board meeting.

### **VII. New Business**

JJSO Proposal (See Coordinator report)

Field Policy

Parent and Player Conduct

### **VIII. Adjournment**

By unanimous consent, Holly Scheuble adjourned the meeting at 8:37pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

**Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7pm.**

*Minutes Approved:* \_\_\_\_\_