

Northfield Soccer Association

Meeting Minutes

January, 11, 2016

I. Call to order

Nate Adams, President of the Northfield Soccer Association, called to order the regular meeting of the Northfield Soccer Association at 7:19 pm on 1/11/2016 in the library of the Northfield United Methodist Church.

II. Roll Call

Quorum was present with the following board members in attendance:

Nate Adams – President
Dave Wieber – Vice President
Tom Brice – Treasurer
Tonya Sauer – Secretary

Other members present: Tammy Seymour (NSA Administrator)
Doug Seymour (Member)

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent. Changes made to the New Year and make item D under new business a “U17 girls tournament team only”

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from 12/14/15 board meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

V. Community Comment

None

VI. New Business

- a) **Vote on date for travelling tryouts for the 2017 summer session-** tryouts will take place at the end of 2016 summer season for 2017 season. Possible dates can begin *Sunday, July 24* and if there were rainouts for State, then tryouts will begin the following day. Possible conflict for Eagle Bluff retreat for school. August 14 is first date for High School fall season. The possible dates are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday following Sunday, July 24, 2016. Nate proposed that tryout be Monday,

July 25, Tuesday, July, 26, with rain day, Wednesday, July 27, 2016. Dave seconded. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

- b) **U11 Boys' team status and discussion-** there was concern with several families registering with other cities and losing boys. There is talk of a nation-wide trend that younger boys are losing interest. Most teams have stayed together because of a single consistent figure and we have not been able to identify people to take on those roles of a liaison from the community to the board. Trying to make sure groups of players stay together until they are 17. At tryouts, a couple board members will be present and state that players need to be registered during the open registration date with no exceptions. Also, the need to find a person to utilize a Twitter and Facebook accounts to keep interest. Dave to look into Board position liaisons for specific duties.
- c) **US Soccer changes for 2017-** MYSA hopes to provide some type of funding to purchase some goals. The age change is the biggest applicable change. MYSA is going with a calendar year age vs. a middle of the year cut-off age date. It is up to each club to do as they want. The new age requirements they cannot be over age, but players can move up. Looking to have a plan by summer. Possibly grandfathering in the older teams. Could possibly post what teams will be affected and when. However, it will be a while before this policy comes into effect.
- d) **Uniform policy and U17 Girls tournament only team-** There was discussion and Tom Brice will write up a statement to be sent to parents.

VII. Officer Reports

Nate Adams, President and Field Coordinator gave an oral report. Coordinating the uniform sessions. Fitting-over 60 players showed. Players seemed excited to be there. Online section should be open in 10 days to 2 weeks. There are still a few players left to be fitted and a few more teams may be added. Jorge will be looking into a few more coaches.

Dave Wieber, Vice President and JJSO Co-Coordinator, gave an oral report. Called up clubs for the Positive Coaching Alliance and there was no real negative or positive reports. Nate stated Hockey will most likely be interested in the contract with PCA.

Tom Brice, Treasurer, gave an oral report. Request from accounting firm and request for 1099 for referees.

VIII. Coordinator/Committee Reports

None

IX. Open Issues

- a) ***Positive Coaching Alliance update vote***- Leaning toward purchasing package and if Hockey wants to be involved, then we will work together, but will move forward with or without hockey. Nate stated that this is truly to help the coaching and facilitate longer careers with the NSA. Try to show parents the steps NSA is taking to create a more positive learning environment for the players. Also, provide more effective coaches and positive interactions with players, coaches, and parents. Tom Brice makes motion to approve purchase a package with Positive Coaching Alliance and Dave Wieber seconded. Motion approved at 8:43 p.m.

X. Adjournment

Dave Wieber motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tom Brice seconded the motion. Motion approved. Nate Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for 2/8/16, 7:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Tonya Sauer, Secretary

Minutes Approved: 2/8/16