

Northfield Soccer Association

Meeting Minutes

August 8, 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 7:16 pm on 08/08/16 in the fellowship hall 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

Brent Kivell – Referee Assignor

Gerald Young – Fundraising Coordinator

Board members absent: Tonya Sauer

Other members present: Tammy Seymour (NSA Administrator)
Andy Kornkven

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from 7//11/16 board meeting were approved by unanimous consent with the following changes:

Community Comment - no members present

Brent Kivell was not at the meeting (absent)

Next meeting is 8/8/16

V. Community Comment

Andy Kornkven attended meeting to inquire about what help the board needs and what open positions are coming due in Sept. 2016. He is interested in volunteering in some capacity. There are open positions for President, Treasurer, Equipment Coordinator, Inhouse / Academy Coordinator, CAC Representative and Policy Writer. Andy also

stated he thought the team formations were done well and is curious if players will register due to changes.

VI. Officer Reports

Nate Adams, President and Field Coordinator gave an oral report. July was a busy month due to evaluations. Teams were formed and coaches evaluations are complete. The Team Formation Committee received less than 20 e-mails and all have been answered. The Team Formation Committee had some long nights and many hours were spent between team formation and evaluations.

Summer Traveling had 3 league winning teams, 2 promotions and overall the NSA had a winning record. BU13C1, GU15C3 and BU17C1 teams went all the way to the State Tournament. There are more traveling players who registered for evaluations than last year. Numbers are stronger on the girls side. Evaluations went well with no major issues. The Fall Traveling season we have registered 4 girls and 2 boys teams, all at C2. There aren't fall teams for the older boys because the 8th graders were invited to play at the high school.

Fields will be ready for the high school teams on Monday.

Dave Wieber, Vice President and JJSO Co-Coordinator, gave an oral report. Dave has spoken to some people interested in joining the board. He has also recently started making phone calls to find new board members. Tammy will send another e-mail to active NSA members to remind them of the need for board members.

Dave also stated he will be attending the MYSA tournament directors meeting and is going to look into the date.

Tom Brice, Treasurer, gave an oral report. The NSA held 4 informational meetings on 4 different nights for current families. Some families attended to ask questions about transitioning from 1 program to another. The meetings also tried to address the birth year changes imposed by the MYSA.

Team Genius was an app that was used to complete evaluations in the end of July. Worked fairly well but Todd needs to address some bugs we noticed.

There are a few kids pending on the boys side. Jorge will talk to them and help them get registered.

Tom had an e-mail from the director of the CAC and he was upset about the deadline for fall traveling registration. Tom told him to contact Tammy to get the players registered and that the deadline wasn't a deadline for the scholarship players to pay the CAC, just a deadline to inform us they intend to play.

Tom stated he attended the 3 hour Youth Sports Collaborative planning meeting. We may not get the full 40% that they pay now. Registration fees were raised so that may help us a little bit. CAC takes a lot of time and at some point the NSA may want to consider our own funding scholarship program.

Rick Estenson ran the meeting between NSA and mens league. Nothing much came of it. The NSA asked for them to have some organization and contacts to continue with the NSA. They have been playing at Sibley. There are 7 Northfield teams in the league. Dave invited them to get involved with the board. If they can't pay the fee, we'd be open to them volunteering.

Tom stated that he, Nate Adams, Rick Estenson, Dave Wieber and Steve Schmidt attended the City Park Board meeting regarding Spring Creek. The city is looking for formalized fees. The next meeting is in a week and a half. In the past the NSA has charged \$150 for field rental. Tom has checked with other communities to see how they handle field rental. Most other cities set the rates and maintain the fields themselves so it's not comparing apples to apples. The ranges varied. The city stated in the meeting they don't have enough money to maintain the parks. The irrigation system at Spring Creek needs attention soon. The NSA will also need to purchase new goals starting next year due to the goal size changes.

Brent Kivell, Referee Assignor, gave an oral report. He will be sending out an e-mail to all referees to see who is interested in working fall traveling games. The game schedule will come out from the MYSA on 8/22. First games will be played beginning 9/10. Brent would like to recruit more referees. Thinking about putting flyers at the college and e-mailing college coaches some information.

Gerald Young, Fundraising Coordinator, gave an oral report. Gerald stated that he has been very busy with work and hasn't gotten to do as much as he wanted. He's been trying to catch up.

VII. Coordinator/Committee Reports

None

VIII. New Business

- a) Evaluations - Team Genius was for the most part a positive addition to evaluations. Should move ahead with it again next year. Jorge should be told to have evaluators to evaluate independently from each other. Pre-evaluation meeting the night before should be mandatory. Too many players missed evaluations this year. The NSA should

consider posting that if you are in an age group that is contentious and you don't attend evaluations, it will affect your placement. Board will decide evaluation dates and times at November meeting.

IX. Open Issues

- a) Spring Creek Soccer Complex & Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting – Nate would like to give a short and sweet response. \$150 per game. This fee is consistent to what has been charged in the past. The high school does pay less but their fee was negotiated back in 2005 / 2006. They also paint lines themselves. Tom will write up something to send by the next park board meeting.
- b) NSA election next month. Nominees should contact Scott Ims or Doug Seymour.

X. Adjournment

Dave Wieber motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brent Kivell seconded the motion. Motion approved. Nate Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for 9/12/16, 7:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Tammy Seymour, NSA Administrator

Minutes Approved: 9/17/2016