



Exeter Youth Soccer Association

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held at Exeter Rec on June 15, 2022

1. Chairman welcome

The meeting started at 7:00 pm.

Marc Chabot noted there was a quorum with more than half the directors in attendance, welcoming Luke Martel, Maria Proulx, Jason Faria, Matteo Taormina, Randall Sckaal, Stephen Osborne, Brian Melick, Jenn Young, and Patrick Garrity. There were apologies Scott Craig.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, held May 10th, 2022, having previously been circulated as draft, were approved by a vote.

3. Spring

The board noted the successful conclusion of the spring season with many teams achieving play-off places and 4 teams winning their finals: JV17, U11 Girls, U12 Girls and U11 Boys.

It was agreed for the upcoming coach appreciation night at Epping that coaches be provided drinks vouchers and those wishing to scrimmage bring both red and white jerseys.

Other reflections on spring included the successful participation of Cian Boulbol and Tait Witting as high school coaches on youth teams. Both boys had participated fully in the high school program and also contributed hours towards their youth team.

It was noted that the beginning of the season had been difficult, due to the conflicts around the vacation week. There had been significant need for rescheduled games.

In terms of fields, the North Hampton field had proved a good addition, but it is a marginal option for 11v11, being so small. It is better suited for 9v9. At Exeter, having a 7v7 on the 9v9 field may be a good alternative.

4. NNESL

Maria advised that there is more information to be shared about the NNEESC league this fall. Seacoast is putting forward a proposal. Epping continues to be the preferred venue for play-offs, with a positive tournament atmosphere being created.

Maria noted that the NNESL league fees will be increasing, following a review by the new treasurer. More is to come. Jenn noted that passing on the card processing fees to FC Exeter registrants, as previously agreed for fall, will help to offset any NNESL fee increase.

5. Evaluations and fall season

The evaluations had progressed very smoothly. Seacoast had provided 7 coaches to assist.

Possible options for improvement included (1) separating boys and girls evaluations and (2) ensuring that the Seacoast coaches understand the scoring methodology. Maria will share with Seacoast's Rob that for some coaches the same player was scored over an unacceptably wide range.



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The board reviewed the initial team formations, by roster numbers, and the approach to 'A', 'B' and balanced teams and the offering of 'practice players' positions where rosters are full. Initial coach appointments were agreed with some additional actions for encouraging additional volunteers.

It was agreed to finalize the rosters and announce team placements by Friday June 18th. Academy registration will remain open until July 31st.

Pre season calendar was set as follows:

August 18th - there will be a coaches meeting.

August 26th - social for 2014's for players and coaches of that age group.

August 27th – boys jamboree 2013 and older, Epping.

August 28th – girls jamboree 2013 and older, Epping.

6. Fields

The plan for leveling the old pitcher's mound in Brentwood was discussed and it was agreed that Patrick can obtain quotes. This will create a 9v9 field in Brentwood, if the work goes ahead.

7. Financial

Jenn reported that the cash balance is \$124,270. This is comparable to \$124,096 at the same time last year.

Luke reported that he had presented the EHS scholarship to Lily Dickinson, following her selection by the sub-committee.

8. AOB

Patrick advised that Geoff Denet had expressed interest in joining the board.

It was noted that some girls teams are forming to compete over the summer. These are not FC Exeter organized initiatives.

It was agreed that the next board meeting be held on July 19th.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.15pm.