



Exeter Youth Soccer Association

Minutes of a meeting of the board of directors

Held on May 12, 2020 via Zoom video conference

1. Chairman welcome

The Chairman, Marc Chabot, noting that the meeting had been convened properly and that a quorum was present opened the meeting. In attendance were Matteo Taormina, Luke Martel, Maria Proulx, Jenn Joung, Amy Farnham, Patrick Garrity, Chuck Murray, Randall Skaal, Jeff McLynch and Stephen Osborne, Secretary.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on April 14th, 2020 previously having been circulated for review, were approved.

3. Spring and Summer Leagues

With no play currently being allowed or organized across the state, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the board discussed a variety of principles and possibilities for safe return to play. NNESL and NHSA have no plans for spring competition. Both bodies are keeping the situation under review and identifying possible options for safe play as the state allows. No firm plans can be announced and no dates are set.

Chuck explained that he wanted to sound out families of high school players to see if they would be interested in playing rearranged summer tournaments in New England. Chuck emphasized that all the competitions being considered were long running well established tournaments that he was confident would be run in safely in line with applicable state and national protocols. He noted that there was no cost to registering a spot for a team, in advance and no penalty for withdrawing.

It was acknowledged that there a wide range of personal positions in the community about how safety factors weigh against preferences for team play. Another competing factor is the possible loss of players to soccer if other sports reopen earlier. It was also noted that, for the summer, currently no fields are available and, as a club, there are no coaching resources unless volunteers offer time.

The board discussed whether it should take a position on play, based upon the balance of the directors' opinions, or whether it should engage with membership as an additional data point. It was agreed, after a vote of 8-2 to survey membership with a brief poll, to be sent by email. The poll will ask if families would be interested in skills practice and/or pick-up games and/or summer tournaments. Maria will draft the poll and Randall will send it out via Mailchimp to the membership.

It was agreed to discuss the poll results and review the NH COVID-19 landscape at the next meeting before planning any activities before the regular fall season.

4. Fee refunds

Jenn noted that approximately \$43,000 will be refunded to spring player families. The refunds should be completed within the next two weeks.

5. Fall season

Amy has advised Seacoast that we will not be holding the evaluations. Maria confirmed that there will be no Academy age group evaluations.



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Jenn said that the new website is built out, with registration options set up. The fall registration can be opened up once the refunds are performed. Luke said he had looked at the website and he thanked Jenn, Laura and Jen for their hard work in getting it ready, noting it looked great and was easy to use.

There will be \$20 upfront registration for fall and/ or spring 2020/1, with staged payments available, to spread the costs.

6. Financials

Jenn reported that the latest cash position is \$95,516, before the refunds. There while there are sufficient funds for the foreseeable future, without player fees it is important to keep administrative costs to the essential tasks.

Jenn reported that the tax returns and the NH annual report had been filed.

Jenn advised that there were 6 applications for the High School Scholarship. A selection committee of Marc, Luke, Matteo and Amy agreed to rank their top 3 selections from the applicants and share the ranking with Jenn by Friday May 15th, to allow for a recommendation of the award.

7. Other business

Jenn confirmed that new club officer emails have been set up for President, Registrar, Admin, Treasurer, Secretary and Fields. Other addresses are available, if directors would like one.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

Next Meeting:

Board – 7pm 10 June, on Zoom



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Action	Status
March meeting	
1. Various actions to take on team formation	Close – Season not taking place as intended
2. Jeff to propose a fundraising event venue	CF
3. Amy set timings, to do handouts for evals and decide on coaches attending	Defer
4. Randall to produce practice notes on coach selection and team formation	CF
5. Maria to draft poll and Randall to issue it to members, sharing results with the board	
6. High School applicants to be ranked and Jenn to recommend a winner.	