



Exeter Youth Soccer Association

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held by Zoom video conference on July 19, 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 Skaal, Stephen Osborne, Jenn Young, Scott Craig and Patrick Garrity. Also in attendance was Geoff Meadville, who applied to volunteer as a director. There were apologies from Brian Melick.

2. Appointment of a Director

In accordance with the Bylaws, Geoff Meadville was nominated by the Marc, President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board. Geoff was appointed until January 2023, at which time he may apply for a three year term in accordance with the rotating terms of other Board positions.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, held June 15th, 2022, having previously been circulated as draft, were approved by a vote.

4. Fall Season

Randall reviewed the initial coaching placements which were largely filled. There was a discussion of those teams where the head coach was not yet identified. It was agreed that other actions should be taken, such as Scott emailing some parents and Randall approaching those who applied to be assistants.

Club registration was approximately 330. This is approaching pre-COVID levels. The maximum pre COVID was around 400. The Academy age numbers are very strong.

League placement was discussed. All teams will compete in NNESL except the U13 boys who will play NHSL, where the competition is stronger. Patrick's U11 girls could play NHSL or NNESL however, given NNESL is more focused on Saturday play, he is minded staying in NNESL to honor what families signed p for. It was agreed the team could be entered into both leagues and then drop after more information was available.

Ian Scott (Seacoast) will be running a training session for all coaches. It was agreed to leave approaching Marc Hubbard (UNH) until another time. The coaches session will be August 25th. Patrick has received an OK to use Exeter Rec. Randall will remind Laura that Brian should prepare equipment bags.

The U8 teams and coaches will play at Exeter Rec on Friday August 26th. There are 77 players at that level. The idea is a fun welcome to the club, with photo booths and other teambuilding games. Patrick, Luke, Stephen & Jason to get together and sketch out a plan.

For U9 and above, the Epping Jamboree information is now out. Kim Foley (Seacoast) has confirmed all teams will play in Epping. Boys on Saturday 27th and girls on Sunday 28th August. Laura and Jen are working on team registration and confirming with coaches that they have sufficient players available, or, if not, how teams may combine.

There was a discussion about whether to look for an alternative to the Capitol Cup Columbus Day Soccer Tournament (Indigenous Peoples Day weekend). After considering the attractiveness overall of other regional



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tournaments (York, Rochester, Andover), it was agreed to leave the club with the Seacoast tournament. The 2021 tournament had been good overall.

5. NNESL

Maria said there were no major updates. The possible change to league with respect to NNECS had been taken off the table for now.

NNESL will be looking at how to handle the U14/5 age group (8th graders) where last year, some towns had recruited high school freshmen and others only played 14 year olds still in 8th grade.

Other matters being considered by NNESL include the need for a trans gender policy, promoting coach support at the league level and referee education.

6. Fields

The plan for leveling the old pitcher's mound in Brentwood has taken place. The are has been regraded and reseeded. Provided Brentwood waters it, the field should be ready for fall. While the cost was \$6,500 and will be paid by EYSA, Brentwood will provide three years of free use of the fields. As a result, Brentwood will now offer an 11v11, a 9v9 and a perpendicular 7v7 field. Required goals are already in situ.

Laura is updating the certificates of insurance.

Patrick is asking Seth about the availability of Steven's Field for fall. The working assumption is that it is not available.

North Hampton remains as an option for a 9v9 if Brentwood doesn't seed well.

7. Financial

Jenn will share a financial update. There have been no material developments beyond a few more registrations and a handful of refunds.

8. AOB

There was a brief discussion about the uniform cycle. Uke said we are in year 2 of a 5-year arrangement with Wegotsoccer. It was noted that SUSC had moved from wegotsoccer to soccer.com

Jason shared that Exeter High School had asked if FCX would support a boosters event. Given the timing would conflict with the regular season game schedule, it was felt that it would be hard to raise interest on this occasion. That said, FCX is interested to build a stronger partnership with EHS.

It was agreed that the next board meeting be held on August 16th.

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