



EYSA – Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors

March 5, 2019

Seacoast United Epping Indoor Facility, 88 Shirkin Road, Epping NH

Chairman welcome

The meeting started at 7:05pm.

Marc Chabot, President, acted as Chair and noted that a quorum was present, with John Boisvert, Brian Melick, Chris Sera, Maria Proulx, Jenn Young, Stephen Osborne, Amy Farnham, Randall Skaal, Luke Martel and Chuck Murray in attendance.

Minutes

The minutes from the meetings held on January 29 2019, being the Annual Meeting and a regular Board Meeting, having already been circulated, **were approved** and may be posted on the EYSA website.

Directors and Executive Officers

Consistent with the proposal made at the recent Annual Meeting, a motion to appoint Maria Proulx as Vice President, was tabled and the Board **approved** Maria's appointment. The club's officers for 2019 are confirmed as:

- Marc Chabot - President
- Maria Proulx – Vice President
- Jenn Young - Treasurer
- Stephen Osborne - Secretary.

It was noted that Tom Gorski had withdrawn his application to be elected as a director, meaning there remains one vacant seat on the Board.

SUSC and EYSA

Randall and Maria reported that they had met with SUSC's Kim Foley prior to the board meeting. Kim is responsible for SUSC's U10 Girls Premier team and is a longstanding and highly regarded staff member at SUSC having successfully forged community relationships with other travel clubs in the region.

Rob Hadfield will be setting up the spring Academy program for Hawks, assigning coaches. It will be held on Tuesday nights.

Kim will be working on a proposal for fall, based around there being SUSC coach support for U8-10 and a mentor coach for U11-12. The focus will remain on player skill development at all age groups.

- Maria and Randall to advise the Board once the proposal has been developed.

Fields and Exeter Rec

Marc and Maria are set to meet Greg at Exeter Parks and Rec on March 18. The purpose of the meeting is to move forward with the Memorandum of Understanding, so that a revised draft may be proposed to the Board.

- Marc will share with the Board Greg's email regarding field availability for Spring.



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It was confirmed that the Parks & Rec is seeking approval at the March 12 town elections for money to be allocated to developing plans for the Exeter Rec development project.

Marc confirmed that an 11v11 field at Philips Exeter Academy (PEA) is secured for EYSA this spring, for Sundays between 11am and 5pm.

Greg, Parks & Rec, is organizing a second drainage treatment at the Exeter Rec before the spring season – as already part funded by the Club.

It was noted that the NEP spring league kicks off April 14 which may be difficult in terms of field readiness. NNESL is scheduled to start April 27.

- Randall will confirm with PEA if their field will be available. If not, SUSC may need to be approached as a contingency.

Spring Season

Randall confirmed that 15 Youth teams, of which 7 are Academy ages, and 5 High School teams have been entered into leagues for Spring. The Academy numbers were noted as being strong. There are 200 youth players and 91 High School players. The biggest influx of new players is at the U8/9 level.

The proposed team roster sizes and league placements, not specific player placement, were reviewed and agreed.

U15 girls was recognized as being a difficult age group to address. There are currently 12 2006s, 12 2005s and 2 2004s plus two other players waitlisted or not in the system. **It was agreed** to proceed with registering one girls NHSL team at U15 and, depending on the final activity with registrations, to likely enter one U14/5 team on NNESL. Being 2 different associations (US Soccer and US Youth), double rostering will be possible and necessary.

Randall noted that currently there are 4 teams with the head coach position open. He will be looking for help and suggestions to fill the positions for teams in the U9G (x2), U10G and U13B brackets.

It was agreed to set the Spring kickoff meeting for coaches on 16 April, either at the Exeter HS or the Senior Center.

- Stephen will ask Laura to make arrangements.

Finances

Jenn advised that the latest cash balance was showing \$93,264. This is approximately \$2,000 higher than at the same time last year. There are no significant expenses due.

Jenn noted that following the recent registration window, 26 players owe fees. These 26 are included in the player counts noted above. One player has fees due from fall, on the player's father's account. The spring registration, also due, is on the player's mother's account. Jenn will follow up on the amounts due.



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There has been one request for financial assistance so far.

Uniforms

Luke is compiling information relevant for uniform orders.

Given the new registrations this spring, arrangements will be made to help families where possible, to avoid families having to buy Puma for one spring season ahead of the switch to Nike in fall.

- Jenn will work with Laura to promote an unwanted uniform drop. Depending on the uniforms received, they will be matched to players' needs and offered up where possible.

Evaluations

The morning of Saturday May 11th is the preferable time for evaluations at Seacoast Epping. Evaluations will be for U10 and up only.

- Brian will confirm this is feasible with Seacoast and will consult on the ranking methodology.

Regarding Academy evaluations, Randall will proceed on the basis of two dates – one at the start and one at the end of summer.

To open up registration ahead of evaluations we will need 2019/20 budgets approved with fees set for fall 2019 and an approach for spring 2020 established.

- Jenn will consult with Luke about the registration requirements for the website.
- Jenn will provide a budget at the April 9 board meeting.

NNESL

John gave an update on developments at NNESL.

He noted that NNESL/ NESL crossover games will not be possible this spring. The NE Championship for spring will be hosted in Lancaster MA at the end of the spring season. It will be extended to U12 and up.

Discussions are continuing around a regional league and divisional structure. The purpose of making changes is to achieve better competitiveness for match ups across the region. The High School ages remain difficult, however U15 and below is looking good.

The outlook for fall looks promising with York now committed. Other teams from towns surrounding York are expected to follow. John encouraged Board members and coaches to use their influence to advocate other clubs' representatives to look into joining NNESL.

John confirmed that fee increases are anticipated to be nominal only. There is a NNESL board meeting on March 6 where fees and inter play will be on the agenda. For referees, Ryan Faria is working as the referee development officer and it looks like referees will not need to be paid cash on the field on game days.

John noted that he is looking for a successor to follow him as EYSA's representative on the NNESL board.



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Finally, John noted that NHSA has 4 open board positions.

Equipment

Amy noted there were no significant matters for discussion. It was recognized that Coach Tom Powley had taken a quantity of deflated soccer balls to Costa Rica, for donation to local grass roots programs.

Amy noted that the coach gift card program, which is rarely taken up by coaches, will be discontinued. In its place, she will address individual coach requests on a need's basis, with an overall budget to be set.

Other business

After a brief discussion, **it was agreed** that

- Brian will distribute the membership feedback survey to club members.

Some Fall coaches' player evaluations are outstanding. These are an input for the 2019 fall team placement process.

- Stephen will ask Laura to chase the appropriate coaches.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:20PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday April 9th, 7pm - board meeting, upstairs at Exeter Parks and Rec.

Tuesday April 16th, 6:15-7:30pm – Coaches kickoff meeting, Cooperative Middle School Cafe