



**Northern Lights Soccer
Monthly Meeting
August 8, 2021
7:00 pm Elmcrest Park**

Call to order:

- **Meeting Called By: Meghan Rietschel**
- **Type of Meeting: Committee Meeting**
- **Note Taker: Mandy Paumen**

Meeting called to order by Meghan Rietschel at 7:03 pm.

Attendees: Mandy Paumen, Angela Kokesh, Meghan Rietschel, Aaron Lindquist, Ben Gerads, Heinrich von Mende, Justin Allen, Andy Severance, Mary Pipenhagen and Chere Thompson.

Justin Allen makes a motion to approve minutes from April. Andy Severance seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Financial Report: Angela Kokesh

- Looked at financials.

Open Forum:

- Situation with refs and parents, refs and coaches, etc. How can we fix this as a club?
- PACT training for all families moving forward.
- Code of Conduct???? Signed before the player gets their player's pass.

Committee Business:

Task Updates:

Tournament Coordinator: Andy Severance

Volunteer Coordinator: Jenny Schueller (absent)

- Canceled all the volunteer dibs for those that completed hours.
- Sent out emails to verify those that did not volunteer. Those are going to come out of accounts on August 10th.
- Need to have someone step into the role of Volunteer Coordinator once Jenny steps into the Communications Coordinator position.

Field/Equipment Coordinator: Justin Allen

- Organized remaining unused goals around Elmcrest and dismantled broken/incomplete goals for pickup by the city.
- Inquired with the City of Anoka about new nets and general cleanup of Sunny Acres.
- Prepping for Fall season. City of Ramsey to resume painting/mowing schedule for Elmcrest. Do we need any parks/fields other than Coon Rapids and Elmcrest for the fall season? Central with a 7 v 7 and 9 v 9 might be needed.
- Justin sent Meghan a goal wish list...talked with ARAA and they are coming up with a formal way to apply for funds.
- Looking into selling the grill that is in the storage pod. Maybe ARAA wants to fix it.

Concessions Coordinator: Lindsey Helgeson (absent)

- Concessions are quiet for now. I will be needing a Fall person. (post position for this)
- We need some ideas for new spirit wear.
- One other thing to note when I talked to Sean at SSS he had mentioned possibly doing food trucks at our bigger events. Thoughts on this?

Fundraising Coordinator: Sean Sutter (absent)

- Meghan sent an email regarding the fundraising brochure to CRU Marketing.
- Picking up \$500 from Kraus Anderson (donation committed prior to COVID)

Travel Coordinator: Ben Gerads

- Tryouts went very well.
- No medium sized tryout shirts.
- Plan for more volunteers to help out with check in for players, more lists for volunteers.
- Parents gave a lot of good feedback about how the season went last year. They also appreciated getting the handout about all of the fees.

Rec Coordinators: Heinrich Von Mende and Mary Pipenhagen

- Jamboree went really well that we had with CR. Definitely should do it again in the future.

- One more week for Fall rec, so far 295 kids are registered. Retention is looking great.
- Super Soccer Saturday was a huge hit.

DOO/Registrar/TM Coordinator: Chere Thompson

- Working on getting all spreadsheets together.
- Will be on with NGIN tomorrow morning to try and get the problem with Competitive resolved. I didn't hear back from anyone from NGIN today.
- I have 3 hours of TCSL training today which was kind of pointless. I was the only brand new person in the room, everyone else has used the program before and knew what they were doing.
- Jill and we met for about 2 hours tonight to work through TCSL. We were able to upload our teams and will be working on adding Coaches and Managers and getting background checks and Safesport training done. Jill and I were able to figure out how to give each other access to each other's page in TCSL.
- I will be working with Sarah to get MYSA all set to upload by the 9th.
- Jill and I are working on getting TeamSnap ready to add new teams.

DOC: Aaron Lindquist

Completed (in last month)

- End of season evals from coaches/conversations about future of team/coaching
- Tryout evaluations completed and teams sent (should be up to 38-39 teams from 34 last year)
- Follow up with parents/coaches/players

Upcoming (within the month)

- Fall rosters done by Friday, 8/6
- Follow up on commitments/coaching staff
- TCSL meeting 8/10
- Competitive get together 8/12 @CRU Complex
- Fall training schedule built
- Partner executive meeting - recap tryouts/season 1, plans going forward
- Games can start Aug 27 TCSL, Aug 28 MYSA

Future (going forward)

- Winter training plans (going to need to find more space...will have projected hours by end of week)
- Partnered logo - new uniforms/colors - new vendor
- Continue conversations about growth for 2021-2022
- Continued alignment for competitive CRU/NLS

Future Months Business:

New Business:

Open Board Positions -

- Heinrich went over what we need for a Recreational Admin Assistant. Ben Gerads makes a motion to approve this position for 50% reimbursement. Andy Severance seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- Sarah Bromenschenkel was interviewed for the Competitive Director.
 - She coached and played soccer when she was growing up.
 - She is a teacher, ready to take on the time commitment for this position.
 - Great soccer background which is a great upgrade from Ben.

Mandy Paumen makes a motion to give Sarah Bromenschenkel the position of Competitive Director. Ben Gerads seconds the motion. Motion carries. One board member abstained from voting.

GIA Sponsorships - what to do if they live outside of the Anoka/Ramsey area?

Do we want to renew Anoka Boys Sponsorship on the flag at Goodrich Field? Keep the old banner or do a new banner with CR United. (Unite the North Banner)

Justin Allen makes a motion to purchase a new \$500 banner for Anoka High School. Angela Kokesh seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Mary Pipenhagen makes a motion to put \$500 in our TCSL account for background checks. Justin Allen seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Meeting Adjourned:

- Mandy Paumen makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Justin Allen seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2021, 7:00 pm at Elmcrest Park