



EYSA – Meeting of the board of directors

7pm April 14, 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 Brian Melick, Matteo Taormina, Luke Martel, Maria Proulx, Jenn Young, Amy Farnham, Patrick Garrity, Randall Sckaal, Jeff McLynch, Jason Faria and Stephen Osborne, Secretary.

2. Seacoast proposal

Maria noted that the Board had approved the agreement with Seacoast United and that Seacoast was engaged and working with the club on various fronts.

3. Spring and Summer Leagues

With the ongoing restrictions in place for the COVID-19 pandemic, Maria advised that NNESL is currently waiting to see what will be possible. Possible options include a shortened season and a season that continues into the summer.

There was a vote (11:1) in favor of canceling the spring season with the priority being payer and family safety. After a discussion it was agreed that EYSA should listen to NNESL's proposals and share its position, in advance of any decision the league takes. Maria agreed to communicate to NNESL that EYSA is not in favor of playing spring. NNESL's board is meeting on April 22 and will review the position, which remains subject to changing guidance and rules.

There was a brief discussion about the option of a summer league and the consensus was that any summer activities, provided they were safe, should be informal, e.g. informal pickup games.

Marc noted that the NH governor, Chris Sununu, will be giving a briefing on COVID-19 this Thursday, April 16th. This may provide relevant information including that with respect to youth sports in the state

Randall also noted that one high school team is on NEP, not NNESL. While NEP is currently suspended until NEP it is possible the league will try to start and complete into the summer. Randall will reach out to coach Scott Fitzpatrick to discuss the situation.

4. Fee refunds

It was agreed to fully refund fees to all those that had signed up to the spring session for a NNESL team, with no games being played, once the position with NNESL was resolved. With NNESL meeting 4/22, this should be possible in the next 2 weeks days.

Jenn advised there are transaction fees, already levied and collected by Blue Sombrero. The club would bear these.

5. Fall season

It was agreed that the end of May timescale for fall evaluations is not feasible and to table any planning until next month's board meeting. An option may be possible evaluation of players in August. Amy noted that members will need to understand the process will be necessarily different.

Amy will advise Seacoast that we will not need the fields, as previously arranged.



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For fall player registration, Jenn said that we should be able to open from 4/21/2020. Given the step for processing spring refunds (to be processed on Blue Sombrero), Jenn will aim to open up fall registration from 4/27.

It was agreed that given the economic impact of the current situation and that families may have financial difficulties, we will offer a timed payment plan to be phased as due on 8/1 and 9/1 with a \$20 registration fee.

6. Fields

Patrick noted there was nothing to report. Fields arrangements are on hold.

Marc to ask Greg Bisson (Parks & Rec) about availability of Gilman field, where certain improvements are being made.

7. Financials

Jenn reported that the latest position is that \$50,000 is being held in the money market deposit account and \$42,500. No direct costs have been incurred up front on the spring season except for a handful of player spring registrations with US Soccer. Jenn estimated that refunds would cost \$43,372.

8. Fundraising

Given the social nature of any fundraising plans, Jeff advised there was nothing to report.

9. Marketing

Stephen confirmed that the club had secured a booth at the American Independence Festival (July 11) in Exeter. The purpose is to promote the club, provide information and attract new players and volunteers.

Any equipment, such as a table, tent and swag will need to be arranged by the club. In addition, attendance at the booth should be arranged.

10. Website

Jenn and Luke advised that the new SportsEngine website is almost set up. The only costs for the current Blue Sombrero site are transactional, so there is no financial impact on leaving that site up until a clean transition can be made.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

Next Meeting:

Board – 12 May 2020 at TBC



Actions from previous meetings

Action	Status
March meeting	
1. Various actions to take on team formation	Defer - Season not taking place as intended
2. Laura to book coaches kick off meeting venue for April 16	NA
3. Jeff to propose a fundraising event venue	CF
4. Amy set timings, to do handouts for evals and decide on coaches attending	To be reviewed next month
5. Maria to reach out re Academy evals	To be reviewed next month
6. Randall to produce practice notes on coach selection and team formation	CF
7. All to review Seacoast proposal and advise Maria if they agree to it.	Closed
8. Actions around PEA insurance, Stratham availability and Brentwood availability	Closed
9. Jenn to move D&O insurance to Avery	Closed
10. Make the transition to SportsEngine as a website	To be progressed in April/ May