



# Exeter Youth Soccer Association

## Minutes of a meeting of the board of directors

### Held on July 27, 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 at 7pm. Also in attendance were Matteo Taormina, Luke Martel, Maria Proulx, Amy Farnham, Jason Faria, Jenn Young, Jeff McLynch, Chris Sera, Patrick Garrity, Randall Skaal, Brian Mellick and Stephen Osborne, Secretary.

#### **2. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on July 21, 2020 had not yet been and circulated.

#### **3. Fall Season**

There was a broad discussion by the directors considering reasons for and against entering EYSA teams into NNESL or any other form of travel program during the pandemic. The discussion covered logistics, safety, school, finance, liability, waivers, triggers, screening, the league's current plans and requirements, other clubs' positions and levels of demand. There remained certain unknowns and the possibility of further changes affecting plans.

Alternatives to competitive league play were considered, including practices and scrimmages within the EYSA towns. Patrick asked if an enhanced added value offering could be provided to members. Maria noted that SUSC is currently committed to providing coaching resources for 2 nights per week.

Based on the information available, the board agreed to move forward by voting on whether EYSA participate in league play the fall. The board voted 11-2 against. It was agreed to not participate in league play in the fall 2020 season.

A second vote was held to decide if EYSA should proceed with offering a program based on week night practices and intra-club games. The board voted 12-1 in favor. It was agreed to proceed with developing an in-town intramural practice and play program along these lines.

It was agreed that Jenn would prepare costings based on best known information and assumptions.

It was agreed that evaluations will not be needed.

Patrick noted that to secure fields, Greg Bisson at Exeter Parks and Rec needs a safety plan by August 4. Brian said that we will also need Brentwood and possibly CMS, where 5 teams were practicing last fall. Jason advised he and Chris had been collaborating on the safety plan, which is in draft form. Jason agreed to complete the plan with Chris so that it may be shared with the board before August 4. It was agreed that any player activity would be held off until the week commencing September 14.

It was agreed that no teams would be entered into the SUSC preseason jamboree.

Randall noted that registrations for the summer camp had been coming in, but given this was an EYSA only program, this was in line with the season approach.



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It was agreed that Marc would draft an email to notify parents of the decision. The email should be sent after NNESL has been advised (Thursday July 30).

Maria will make further enquiries with SUSC about additional coaching resources.

Marc and Randall agreed to follow up together on an outline plan of how the teams and age groups could be coordinated.

There being no further business, the Chairman called the meeting to a close at 8.35pm.