

Wilmington Youth Soccer Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Sunday April 3,2022

4th of July Building

Directors Present: Nate Tarin, Darwin Molina, Rich Wills, Bo Brugel, Megan Najarian, Richard Pereira, Ed White, Dennis Marasca, Melissa Goldstein, Frank DiGiovanni, Billy Long (7:15), Jess Scanlon, Blessing Chimwanda.

Guest: James Payne

Directors Absent: TJ Lawrence, Brian Mahnken, Carl Hartford, Carol Hughes, Melissa Fiore, Fernando Marinho.

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Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

Megan standing in as secretary.

I. President:

A. Welcome

II. Secretary: - not present and waiting for later in meeting to approve

A. Motion to approve March 2022 minutes by Billy Long, second by Bo passes 15-0-0

III. VP of Development – not present

A. Email Update

PCD Committee

- o 4 Additional Meetings planned – April, June, August, November
 - April Meeting discussion on PPE process and if any recommended changes
- Assisted with Frames/Nets and intown opening day activities
 - o Need more board members involved in these events in future
 - Futsal Clinics Complete
 - o Lots of positive feedback, could use more space to satisfy demand
 - April Vacation Clinic Approaching Capacity
 - o 1st & 2nd Grade – 30 Players
 - o 3rd and 4th Grade – 34 Players
 - o 5th and 6th Grade – 17 Players
 - PDPs Start April 25th, end May 30th
 - o All but 3rd grade at capacity:
 - PreK & Kinder – 16
 - Grade 1 – 16
 - Grade 2 – 16
 - Grade 3 – 13
 - Grade 4 - 16

IV. Treasurer:-

- A. Bo reviewed 2022 Budget
- B. Jan/Feb numbers distributed; no questions raised
- C. Bo motion to approve both Jan/Feb; second Jess; Vote 11-0-0
- D. First intown ref payments in cash; kids very receptive to the envelopes; all positive; Rich raised question if using concessions; Bo felt going to bank to get specific \$5/\$1 would be easier to track and do once; everything made at once; Melissa said she would help if needed; put all envelopes in vault
- E. Rich raised question on GRPs if handling the same; they get paid \$15; Melissa asked about raising check at end of month; Bo prefers to use the cash; Melissa to send numbers of anticipated to Bo; 5 every week at \$15; any changes across weeks should get tracked (if two non-GRP refs sub in for GRP); for April 9th pay the ones from April 2nd and April 9th to get back on track

V. VP of Admin: Ed

- A. Email update; applications post to website; FB and Instagram (John); deadline April 24th (BOD mtg May 1); gives one week for review and approval; tight timeline but see what we get for applications
- B. Convocation ceremony June 3; only have to let them know a week before that
- C. Wildcat FC great opening weekend Boys win; girls loss

VI. Travel: Nate

- A. Email update
- B. Uniform orders for U16s

- C. Coaches shirts orders (part of new SCORE contract)
- D. Spring 2022 WYSA Travel Coach meeting
- E. Spring 2022 schedule preparation
- F. Spring practice schedule preparation
- G. Spring Coaches/Player cards
- H. Travel Sub Committee Kickoff Meeting

Season to start 4/9

All schedules live

Schedule tweaking through today

Rich got Wilmington HS May 15th for Super Sunday

Practices have started this week

VII. Fundraising: Jess

Spoke with Eileen for Elks for June 3rd

Cornhole? Or get comedian? ... consensus on Cornhole

Silent auction/raffles working on ... Nick has info and Jess will get

Tickets \$20 or \$25? \$20 ... people can reserve a table

Same DJ (who also did field day)? Other inquiries on being DJ; Jess will look into pricing

Flyer to Rich for website; John for Instagram/FB; flyer to Nate through TeamSnap/travel

7-11pm

VIII. Travel Refs:

- A. Email update

Three ref mtgs to get everyone on; 165 refs registered with Middlesex towns but doesn't mean all available

169 games every Saturday; 165 refs (20-30 don't work for us); upper-level refs and we are in the hole; if you are a coach, be prepared with a whistle
U10 last resort to fill in refs; U14 higher divisions down through U12 lower divisions
30-50% refs are brand new with 0-1-year experience; coaches must support the refs and shut down any negativity; keep an eye on all games and comments
Currently working on assigning the games

Rich W. is it worth getting message out to broader community about current state of ref shortage?

MinuteMan press – 3x5yellow card talking about these are your children and to respect the referee; pass out cards to parents for awareness; got stuck at Executive level (what would parents do with eh card; how do we drive the message home for action); stage 1 introduce them to what's happening then stage 2 intro penalties

Can we email our membership? Top 5 reasons why

Bo- can we make sign for the field? Random facts to understand current state. Can that help to make parents advocates?

We have typically relied on coaches to enforce message

Mass Youth meeting from Tuesday can we distribute the recording along with notes?

Darwin to see if he can get the Zoom recording form Ellie; like Bo's idea on signs with fun facts; Jess can get signs made with contacts

IX. Intown

A. Email update

B. Thanks to everyone for making intown opening week a success!

1. Season officially kicked off on 4/2

2. PreK starts on 4/9

3. Field 7 too small for 7v7, 2nd grade boys will use half of field 5 for practice and games

C. Coaches meeting held on 3/24

D. Spring registrations continue to trickle in, currently 535 players, 120 coaches

Megan to email coaches for 1st/2nd grade - Ref gets card when they sign in; home team coach will get that card from ref and need to complete it and hand in so that the ref receives their concessions

Intown Refs:

A. No update

X. Fields & Buildings:

A. Field layout accepted.

B. Couple repairs to shack; water leaks

C. Light towers ready for pick up and Frank can store

D. Nets/frames due in 4/8 delivered to Shawsheen

E. Appreciates support on nets/frames from the other night

- F. Porta potty at Whitefield? Not there yet; Frank to text them again
- G. Reminder of replacement bathroom doors; Frank will work on

Darwin - Can we push the light on Field 3 back? Frank will take it out of there if it doesn't rain.

XI. Merchandise:

- A. No Update – we sole sweatshirts; blankets and all hats; another order of sweatshirts on the way

XII. Concessions:

- A. No update water heater went Friday; leaks fixed Friday; PA system fixed Friday; siren not fixed but we have one to be installed; BOH came down and opened; we need to fill in ceiling tiles; pizza machine broke; microwave dying out; Tremozzo will sponsor us but up from \$7 to \$8; also donating brownies and cookies from Josie's to see how they sell
- B. Anything we can do temporary while siren being fixed? Ed brought up; nothing seemed to project well; TJ found one on Amazon that Carol ordered and will try to install one night this week; Frank will see if he can assist some night after 4:30
- C. Bill from Davinci plumbing will come in; Bo on the lookout
- D. Cleaners want more \$ (\$100); we are paying \$60 an hour; Carol there and one woman came, and she did clean bathroom (30 minutes); Bo to talk to his cleaning lady; try to find someone local

XIII. Registrar:

Still chasing 10-12 coaches on intown to get
Dennis to send Megan updated list
We voted for hardship player; add player tonight for 2nd grade boys
April vacation still open
PDPs virtually full

Can we get sign 'No Dogs for Shawsheen'? people don't see current sign

Moving Kinder player to preK – Dennis will move to unassigned and Megan to move to team

XIV. Webmaster: Rich W.

- A. Updates for coaches made on website (coach expectations, training session plan support, etc.)
- B. Encourage coaches to push out to those web pages

- C. Put intown/travel emails to encourage use of the sites

XV. COVID Officer

- A. No update

XVI. Director of Coaching:

- A. Email update

WYSA Spring Player Development Program and Clinics:

- HS Mentor Program - 12 Registered
- April Vacation Clinic - April 18th-21st - 81 Registered w/ 12+ HS Volunteers
- Spring PDP's - Set to start week of April 25th and end week of May 30th - 77 Registered
- GK Clinic - TBD

Wildcats Football Club:

- NEP Season to began Today, April 3rd
- Spring ID Clinics - May 9th + May 23rd
- WFC Player Evaluations - June 6th + June 9th
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- using MOJO app email distributed from James
- 20 intown/10-12 travel attended coaching clinic
- Coach mentor program starts April 11th; experienced matching with inexperienced.
- Intown April 2nd great; attendance great; reiterate preK at next week so busier; HS mentor program 5 boys volunteered; only one stayed for girls;
- April vacation clinic 81 total; couple age groups close to being maxed out; separate category of mentors.
- PDPs almost all full
- Spring ID Clinics will open in a week to get some new prospective players out
- Two WFC games on May 15th will need to be moved (9am and 3pm); 9v9 move to Whitefield; James will communicate that with John

XVII. League Relations

- Essex Zoom call; trying to narrow down a time; Fernando and Rich; plan to move forward exploring the avenue strongly; plan would be to find out what Essex wants to proceed; intent to vote November AGM
- Rich getting more on board; president's mtg – Middlesex doesn't believe they have anything to change; not progressive
- Meeting tomorrow night and Rich attending; plan to ask some questions to hear responses; Darwin will eb attending as well

XVIII. New Business

Frank – cleaning looking for more \$

Can we add baseboard heat in the shack? Residual heat will cost small \$; Frank to donate baseboards and has electrician to cover about \$300; we have had leaks every year; if we kept it at even 45 then it would save the issues we are having in leaks opening; next mtg to make request for additional funds to cover

We need to put the nets in bags to prevent the rodents from getting at them; going forward in black bags; they got into bag of power nets and age through them as well; we can also set traps We must treat for the rodents causing issue in snack shack as well

Rich - MYSL letter – copy Mike's from last year to send over at the start of the season and restart annual process to let them know we are serious; Bo – when we submit that is it public knowledge? Rich says it was announced last time at the mtg briefly at the end

Rich – picture day

Will we move forward with who we have used (NE Sports Photo – small company out of Methuen; get it done in one day; spoke with Craig who is owner); has May 14th available (but would be tight) or June 4th (more time available); usually 2-3 photographers

Rich to talk to Craig about different options for organization

Move forward with NESP for Spring

Intown ends June 4th; weekend before is Memorial Day weekend

Another option Nicki Jamison local woman with photography company; don't know her bandwidth; Rich P. suggested we ask her for proposal to know;

Dennis brought up that softball going exclusively to Nicki Jamison

We get kickback from NE sports and they do all the work

Rich W. suggested we work on better organization

Darwin – can we schedule June meeting; Date TBD (July board meeting for placement); June 22

Rich – alternate uniforms; we have a HS team that ordered alternate uniforms that didn't receive what they expected (they are white with grey accents; historically they were white/navy); they reached out to score thinking it was a mistake; we confirmed that not mistake; teams wearing uniforms even when there wasn't a conflict; board voted to allow alternate uniforms provided they were score branded but they had to be brought to the board and approved by them; not published on website or minutes; this team would like to order a different alt uniform than our current alternates; they want white/navy blur or royal blue rather than white/grey ... we have a home and away jersey that is set; team wants to

- Bo asked for digital image of design
- Darwin says there is a U10 team using alternate jerseys that wasn't approved
- Conditional vote to say he can proceed, and we will review mocked-up jersey to approve

Executive session

End Executive session

Billy arrived 7:15pm

Billy motion minutes from last month; Rich W. second; 13-0-1

Motion to adjourn Frank; second Carol 14-0-0

Next meeting:

May 1st @ 6:00 PM @ 4th of July building

Respectfully submitted,

Megan

'Standing in' Secretary