

MERRIMACK YOUTH ASSOCIATION SOCCER PROGRAM

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2020

- 1) Call to order 6:06pm. Attendees: Tom Bellen, Scott Locasto, Kevin Skarupa, Jim Cirillo, Carolyn Scully, Dennis Theriault, David Illg, Tim O'Keefe, Jonathan Barkley
- 2) Next meeting: **August 23rd. (Sunday) @ 6pm at the MYA Building**
- 3) Review and approve meeting minutes from last month (and the one before). These were re-sent today so people can approve. ??? of ??? approved.
- 4) **Special guest** - N/A
- 5) **Other Open Position** - Need to still look for candidates
 - a) Girls Travel Coordinator
 - b) Boys Travel Coordinator
 - c) Fundraising/Sponsor Coordinator
- 6) **Follow up items from last month (Old Business):** None
- 7) **Items approved via email since last meeting:** N/A
- 8) **Treasurer - Carolyn Scully**
 - a) June Financials - Not a lot to discuss with Spring leagues having cancelled. We are now in our new fiscal year.
- 9) **Secretary - Dennis Theriault**
 - a) Website updates - Rec Registration Fall League
 - b) Calendar reminders
 - i) Insurance needed for August - Scott will email NHSA
 - ii) Field setup for Fall (if needed - we will discuss at next meeting)
 - iii) Status on lights for Fall fields - Kit is working on this (reaching out for prices)
- 10) **Training Director - Tom Bellen**
 - a) Winter training - Tom will be meeting with the YMCA about having winter training at Westwood Park. New leadership for the facility. We agreed to not use NH Sportsplex unless we have no other options as it gets closer..
 - b) Camps - Things are reportedly going well at the camps being held in Merrimack (run by Brazilian Arts Soccer).
 - c) Fall Training - Not set up yet. Tom will start looking into this soon; will start seeing what they have for trainers.
- 11) **Field Director - Jim Cirillo**
 - a) Field setups/Lining - We got some U8 nets delivered which will be going to Reeds (new ones will replace some of the older ones in the worst shape that we will throw away). All other fields and nets are all set. All fields are scheduled to be lined this week.
 - b) Kollsman - 2 - 11v11 nets still need to be put on the posts (waiting for the clips and then will be done)
- 12) **Equipment Director - Kit Cargile**
 - a) Lights for fall - Kit is reaching out to vendors for prices/information
 - b) Bags - Kit will be putting these together and should be ready in the next day or two.
- 13) **Registrar - Lauren Amber** - No updates
- 14) **Rec Director - Tim O'Keefe**
 - a) Summer League - Registration is closed. About 200 kids total - not as many as we hoped. Target is for us to start this coming Saturday (7/18/20) if we get coaches. 2 games per week (Tuesday/Wednesday and Saturday). They will likely play the same teams each week due to a low number of teams (3-4 teams in each age group).. Board members were asked to be there to hop and help coach if needed. It was once again reiterated that we should help make sure coaches/teams are not letting the travel kids run up the score and try to keep it balanced and fun.
 - b) Referees - Scott is working on getting referees for Summer soccer. Scott/Carolyn will look into how we are paying the referees for the summer league (frequency and method)
 - c) Fall Rec Registration - Scott will open up Fall Rec Registration later this week and we will close it before Labor Day. Kevin will update the message board in front of the MYA building. Ideally the season will start 9/12/20 (Saturday after Labor Day) and go through 11/7/20.
- 15) **Travel Director - David Illg**
 - a) Tryouts - We have 27 kids trying out. Dave will be scheduling them to go to appropriate practices over the next couple weeks, which will serve as their tryouts. Currently not enough girls for a 2008 team (if needed we can make it co-ed). Looking to do a pool for the U8/U9 teams; Dave will work on this with coaches.
 - b) Fall Registration - Dave will be sending out the email to coaches about the registration opening. Some coaches are still waiting to hear from some kids' parents to see if they're returning in the fall. All coaches are back for Travel.
 - c) Rostering - We discussed that kids can be on two rosters, but one as primary and other as secondary. We just

need to make sure the better/higher division kids are not playing down on the lower division teams, but kids can always play up.

16) Member at Large 1 - Jonathan Barkley - No updates

17) Member at Large 2 - Kevin Skarupa - No updates

18) Director's Report - Scott Locasto

- a) NHSL Meeting - We are going to have a U10 - 7v7 season (for the lower division) and a 9v9 division for the U13. there will not be any playoffs in these groups. The goal is to give more focus on development. If there are not any high school sports, then there may be a NHSL high school age division (TBD). There is a jamboree at the Pembroke Fields on the 22nd and 23rd. All head coaches have gotten emails on this (Registration is open for this). All teams will have to be paid before they will schedule them for this jamboree. NHSL has some members that want to go back to school year vs calendar year, but this wouldn't happen until next fall at the soonest if it were to happen.
- b) New Budget - Due by August 13, 2020. Scott reviewed the proposed budget with the soccer board members. Discussed any suggested adjustments to line items that Scott will adjust. Everyone was encouraged to take a closer look once home and let Scott know if any projected line item numbers should be adjusted. Ideally any suggestions will be sent to Scott by the end of next week.
- c) Gibson Fields Shed was vandalized (someone kicked in the door). We don't use this for soccer, but just wanted to let everyone know.
- d) Gotsport - Not working well with many issues. Scott has been in contact with them. We have not had tutorials provided by them yet. It does have some benefits, but we have had many problems to date. This will likely be better for parents/families, but more challenging on the administrative end.
- e) Reconciliations for Winter program and Spring registrations.
- f) NHSL season -

19) OLD Business

- a) Add a winter season - If we agree, it will need to be presented to the Exec Board for approval.

20) Tabled items:

- a) MYA Soccer Newsletter - Need ideas for it.

21) Adjournment