



Exeter Youth Soccer Association

Minutes of a meeting of the board of directors

Held at 7.00pm on September 1, 2020 via Zoom video conference

1. Chairman welcome

The Chairman, Marc Chabot, noting that the meeting had been convened properly, that previously a vote had been taken to approve this meeting being held remotely and that a quorum was present opened the meeting at 7pm. Also in attendance were Randall Skaal, Patrick Garrity, Jason Faria, Jenn Young, Maria Proulx, Matteo Taormina, Amy Farnham, Luke Marte, Brian Mellick and Stephen Osborne, Secretary.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held July 21, July 27, August 2 and August 18, having previously being circulated as draft, were approved.

3. Fields

Patrick provided an update on Exeter Rec where Greg (Parks & Rec Dept) said we can use fields 7 days a week. He will schedule around us. We will let him know what we need. In terms of other fields, at Brentwood we have 3 days during the week and 1 day over the weekend. At Stratham Hill Park, we have weeknights and provided we line the fields, Stratham can supply nets and do mowing. CMS has advised we may use front fields only.

Patrick requested a copy of the Certificate of Insurance, for field usage. Randall will obtain this from Laura.

4. Fall season

Maria confirmed that she had been working with Kim at Seacoast United to secure coaching resources for Monday through to Thursday. The objective is to have at least one night of coaching assistance at the Rec for every age group. Mondays and Wednesdays are all set, but due to an unexpected departure, Kim is having to identify a replacement coach for Tuesdays and Thursday.

Marc confirmed that with approximately 206 players registered, that works out as a bout 50 players per night at Exeter for all age groups to be covered by SUSC. This was within the capacity allowed at the Rec, provided that the second weekly training slot is not at the Rec between Monday and Thursday. Academy age teams will benefit from two nights at the Rec, with coaching assistance, consistent with prior years.

It was agreed that Matteo, Patrick and Randall would propose a workable age group schedule based upon these constraints along with the additional field options at Stratham Hill Park, Brentwood and CMS. Proposals to be shared tomorrow with the first practices to be held on 9/14. It was agreed to allow coaches to determine if the second weekly training slot be on a weekend or a week night for U11's and up. Nightly slots to be one age group per field per night between 5pm and 7pm. This group will also review coach volunteer availability, noting that with 15 already volunteered, there appears to be sufficient overall.

There was a discussion about the need to work on the check-in protocols, additional volunteers and movement arrangements at the Rec and in the parking lot. Jason to prepare an explanatory note, consistent with the club's COVID protocol.



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5. Coach and Parent Zoom meetings

It was agreed to hold both briefings ahead of the first week of practices. They will be recorded and shared for those that cannot attend.

The Coaches Zoom meeting was scheduled for 9/9. The Parents Zoom meeting was scheduled for 9/10.

Jenn will ask that Laura sends out the link to all in time for the meetings.

6. Equipment

Luke, Jenn and Jason summarized the PPE requirements and plans to obtain it, including gloves, wipes, masks, gel. It was noted that the Main Street Grant will be able to be used towards this cost.

Brian noted that each coach will need a modified equipment bag. Along with the PPE there will not be a need for customarily shared items like pinnies and goalkeeper gloves.

7. Financials

Jenn confirmed that the most recent cash balances are \$18,066 in the checking account and \$45,038 in the money market account, making \$63,104. Fall registration has provided \$15,313 compared to last year \$66,950. While revenue is down, so too will be fall expenses. Expenses will include US Soccer fees (\$4,000), admin and PPE.

8. Other business

Stephen asked the Board to consider possible awards or prizes, or any other appropriate ideas, as a way to mark the season end.

Randall passed on a question received from a parent about an 'FCX' high school girls game being held this evening against Maximum Velocity, in Durham. The parent was seeking to confirm if Exeter was or was not play intra mural only this fall. The board agreed that more should be found out about the event before any action should be taken. It was noted that the event appeared to be inconsistent with the club's position, was a risk to players and families, was not covered by insurance and was not officially sanctioned by the Board. It was agreed that the Exec officers should find out more about the event from Chuck.

Maria shared that NNESL was looking to place 2 players from outside SAU16 on Exeter teams, as there was no NNESL club able to accommodate them. The Board agreed that this would be inconsistent with the approach adopted for fall play being SAU16 intra-mural and also inconsistent with the safety protocols that had been approved by the Select Board, meaning that the players could not be accommodated by EYSA this year.

There being no further business, the Chairman called the meeting to a close at 8.15pm.