



Northern Lights Soccer

Monthly Meeting

September 9, 2019

7:00 pm Elmcrest Park

Call to order:

- **Meeting Called By: Meghan Rietschel**
- **Type of Meeting: Monthly Committee Meeting**
- **Note Taker: Mandy Paumen**

Attendees: Mandy Paumen, Mary Pipenhagen, Meghan Rietschel, Ben Gerads, Kotchi Prosper, Heinrich Von Mende, Jon Klocker, Justin Allen, Aaron Lindquist, Sarah Boyum, Angela Kokesh, Leigh Bakke, Mike Jones, Chere Thompson and Andy Severance.

Meeting called to order by Meghan Rietschel at 7:04 pm.

Leigh Bakke makes a motion to approve meeting minutes for August, Meghan Rietschel seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Financial Report: Angela Kokesh

- Talked about financials.

Open Forum:

- Coach and Manager of the Year Awards handed out.

Committee Business:

Task Updates:

Tournament Coordinator: Andy Severance

- We will need to have a vote on next year's tournament this month. I will need this to submit the paperwork for sanctioning.

Mandy Paumen makes a motion to host a tournament on June 19-21, 2020. Meghan Rietschel seconds the motion. Motion carries.

- Prep for Fall SSS is on-going and on track but we will need a game schedule so we can get the dibs out to the membership.

Volunteer Coordinator: Leigh Bakke

- We still have ~ 80 families that have either not completed hours or have not yet signed up for enough hours through Fall to meet their commitment. Shifts have been posted for concessions through the Fall season and we have about 25 remaining to be claimed. We also have several GIA families that have not completed their hours - some having done none at all.
- We need to post SSS shifts as soon as possible - a game schedule is needed to build volunteer shifts around.
- 2020 volunteer needs - earlier this year there were a few event ideas discussed (5K, appreciation picnic, etc.). We have to decide on any big event changes for 2020 in the next month or two since it will likely impact the volunteer commitments for our families (rec, travel, or both). Current status is that we're requiring 6 hours per family for travel and no commitment for rec next year.
- If we are going to need more volunteers for next year we need to decide by November.

Field Coordinator: Justin Allen

- Some of the parks are not getting mowed when we need them.
 - **ACTION ITEM** - Justin to get a tip for painter.

Equipment Manager: Mike Jones

- All coaches that asked for equipment this Fall have received the equipment.

Concessions Coordinator: Lindsey Helgeson (absent)

- Have hired a gal for the Fall season. Her girls play for rec and her name is Jamie. She has a couple of Saturday's that she will be unavailable and I will be working at my job. I know we sent out that we were still needing someone in the newsletter but I have not heard anything. I will be up there on Tuesday with her to help train her in.

Travel Coordinators: Ben Gerads and Christine Amsler (absent)

- Season is underway with some issues of getting all players uniforms.
- Planning for team meetings on 10/27/19 at Lord of Life.

Rec Coordinators: Heinrich Von Mende and Mary Pipenhagen

- Coaches - We've got some last minute changes with some coaches and a handful of teams that didn't have coaches that will need to go through the process. Mary has been working hard on communicating needs to these teams.
- Fall Communications - Everything has gone out and is uploaded on the website except SSS.
- Uniforms - Steffens was backed up on uniforms. Rec uniforms will not be in on day one but, should have no issue having in time for the first fall game. Typically they can deliver in two weeks, but need to ensure we are ordering earlier than that.
- Middle School Teams - We have only 2 teams. I'd hate for these two teams to have to match each other every game without other competition. I emailed CR United and sent follow up. I also just texted Jenni this morning. I'm hoping we can mix in a game or two with a couple travel teams. To avoid huge mismatch perhaps with a slightly younger team.
- SSS - Mary put together a schedule. All is complete except the Middle School teams. We will need someone to review the schedule to ensure that we do not have any field conflicts. Here are some additional details of the schedule:
 - Pre-K/K - 20 Minute games with 20 minute breaks
 - Other ages - 30 minute games with 15 plus minute breaks
 - Winter Rec - Right around the corner. If we can continue the partnership with CR United I think we should move forward. Adrenaline is a nice venue assuming we don't have nails sticking out of the boards! :) Winter focus is more so on drills/technique compared to coaches going in with more of a game/play focus in the spring/summer. If we move forward with Winter Rec we need to decide if it's a single session that runs a little longer or two sessions like we did last winter.
 - Refs - With Ryan stepping down what is the plan moving forward? Despite a few grumbling about Refs here and there it was received very well during spring/summer. I really believe that we need to keep this going.

Registrar/Communications: Sarah Boyum

- All rec coaches are officially ready to go for the start of fall. Background check, concussion and safesport.
- All travel teams have been entered into Affinity and have started to play.
- Rec players have been uploaded to Affinity for the season.

- Marketing brochure is printed.
- Did a lot of tracking down of uniform stuff as inventory came in. Need a new process for next time around.
- Need to know what documents we'd like to have prepared for team meetings. Will send a save the date email this week to members. Do we want the flier we did last year too with all the board members info on it? Send Sarah a new headshot if you want a new picture displayed on the screen at the meeting.
- If we're doing winter indoor Rec I need to create registration and advertising documents.
- Happy Days went well. Lots of visitors to the booth.

DOO/Team Manager Coordinator: Chere Thompson

- There are 2 teams without managers for the Fall. So helping those 2 teams out. Have trained both Coaches on Affinity. If there are any reschedules I will help with those.
- Have had several questions from families about uniforms. Asked Jon and he had not been updated as of yet.
- We have Lord of Life for the Parent Meeting just working on getting step up details to the church as well as payment.
- Event Permit of Fall SSS will be sent tomorrow.
- Deadline for State Championships is October 4th. This year they are doing a U9/U10 Jamboree in Rochester. We need to determine for Summer if the Club will still be paying for State or if we are going to have the teams start to pay for this.
- For outfitting Coaches - is that for all teams or just the teams with parent Coaches? Will this be done yearly and what \$ amount was decided upon.
- Are we going to do the Ice Arena again this year?
- Need all dates for the new season to get to Mary Jo before January.

DOC: Aaron Lindquist

- Fall Comp underway (including out CO-ED TEAM)
- Winter Training Schedule being worked on.
- Team Meeting Prep for October.
- Need to chat with Rec Directors regarding Winter Rec and if we want to do a session Nov-Dec.
- Hoping to get a meeting with CR United regarding partnership ASAP.

Kotchi Prosper makes a motion to move the Coach Mentor position to a committee position under DOC, Meghan Rietschel seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Vice President: Meghan Rietschel

Fundraising Coordinator: Sean Sutter (absent)

- 2 slots confirmed and sold to Rapids Honda and about 6 additional slots tentatively spoken for pending a signed contract from them.
- Any other leads on sponsors would be greatly appreciated.

Uniform Coordinator: Jon Klocker

- In the process of completing orders that people did not fulfill. We have several players that did not order their complete uniforms (shorts, 1/4 zip).
- We have several players that only selected 1 pair of socks. They could and should have selected 2 pairs. This is something I am trying to work out with Stefan's.
- All in all I think we should be good to go, but with Fall starting so quickly it added lots of stress to the process. Ordering in the Spring will make things easier, but we will still have apparel available for fitting during tryouts as that is a great way to get everyone fitted.
- We had several players who decided late to play Fall and I was not made aware of the changes, and they were still on the Spring only rosters. These orders are being filled with the intent to get them filled and delivered before this weekend.
- Fall coaches apparel will begin to be processed when we get uniforms completed. That should be tomorrow. We have 10 coaches that are new this fall who are receiving the same apparel the coaches in the Spring received.

Future Months Business:

- Discounts for families with multiple children.

New Business:

- Board Reimbursements

Meeting Adjourned:

- **Mandy Paumen makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meghan Rietschel seconds the motion. Motion carries. Meeting is adjourned at 8:44 pm.**

Next Meeting: October 14, 2019, at 7:00 pm at Elmcrest.