



## **EYSA – Meeting of the Board of Directors**

### **7.00pm October 8, 2019**

### **Parks & Rec Building, 32 Court Street, Exeter, NH**

#### **Chairman welcome**

The meeting started at 7:00pm. Marc Chabot, President, acted as Chair and noted that a quorum was present, with Maria Proulx, Randall Sckaal, Amy Farnham, Brian Melick, Stephen Osborne, Luke Martel, Chris Sera, Chuck Murray and Matteo Taormina in attendance.

#### **Questionnaires**

**Brian will be issuing** questionnaires once the fall season has finished.

#### **Coach player assessments**

**It was agreed** to use the same forms as from prior fall. **Stephen will send** a copy of the pro forma template, with scoring guidance, to Amy.

#### **Board Composition**

The directors discussed names of coaches and members who may be interested in volunteering to join the board and fill empty seats. **Individual directors to reach out** to those they feel may be interested.

#### **Fields**

Brian will chase up Brentwood Parks and Rec for a quote on the drainage work at Brentwood Rec.

**Marc and Maria will ask** Greg Bisson for a status update on the Exeter Parks and Rec Memorandum of Understanding.

#### **NNESL**

Girls U11 has been out of balance. Changes were made after 1 or 2 games. Games were rescheduled after certain games had already been rescheduled. Competition Committee needs to listen ahead of time and engage with Exeter, where issues are raised in advance. Acting late causes league schedule changes after the initial fixtures have already been rescheduled by field coordinators and coaches for availability, and hence a large increase in work for the field coordinators and coaches to reschedule again, once the schedule has been adjusted by the league.

Randall explained that the Competition Committee, works on consensus. It was noted that a recent decision had been taken to switch a game without the committee meeting, the decision was taken unilaterally by the League Director and a Club representative. The change may have been with the best intention for the weaker teams, but the consequences on the whole division had not been thought through, favoring non-Exeter teams. **Randall will challenge** the switch.

Overall in terms of competition, Randall advised that in his view, NNESL is better at U12 and below. And for U13 and above is better as a C team league, with there being a limited number of teams available to make up stronger divisions.

For U12s, 9v9s, Randall noted that there were only single ref crews. At U12 NHSL has assistant referees, running the side lines. **Randall will ask** NNESL to review its policy on U12s referees.

There had been questions from some player families about the U8/9/10s having only 6 week seasons followed by a 2-game end of season jamboree. Randall noted that the jamborees are now scheduled and for the boys will be at Roger Allen, with the girls being at Leary fields Portsmouth.



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#### Academy program

Eddie and Connor, want to do an event for coaches. **It was agreed** to invite them to the End of Season celebrations. This is tentatively set for November 15th, after the playoffs weekend. **Luke will ask** Seacoast to adjust the Friday night schedule at Hampton, to accommodate the club.

#### Spring High School

Chuck advised that once the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) High School season has ended, the high schoolers can start playing for their town clubs. There will be a high school coaches meeting at Hampton on Tuesday 10/15. Indoor teams are being organized by the coaches, albeit this is administered outside the EYSA program.

Luke advised Laura will be sending a note to the coaches to notify them they can form teams. There will also be email from our club and from Boosters.

It was agreed that the High School registration should be opened up in the near term, once the fees proposed have been agreed. **Stephen will ask** Jenn to prepare an estimate for spring fees and to factor in at least 3 weekends of field rental at Seacoast.

#### Fundraising

There was a varied discussion about fundraising. The board were overall in favor of considering fundraising because the club needs to build the case that they can donate towards field use at Exeter or other locations, to keep the access to critical fields. Without fundraising, and to keep the clubs financial model to be sustainable, fundraising can help keep the fees down and accessible to all.

Ideas included:

- A home cooking event at the Senior Center – e.g. a pancake breakfast
- Raffle a car
- A monthly raffle- e.g. 1000 numbers, \$100 a ticket. Or some other pure cash prize

The first idea was the most popular, for it to be held towards the beginning of spring season.

There was also support for an event to be run at the player evaluations, depending on location.

There was consensus that for any fundraising drive it will be important to develop the case for the drive. In the recent past the club has not undertaken fundraising so there will need to be a theme that captures the key reasons for raising the money.

Former EYSA President Glenn Klink

Chuck spoke about Glenn, who was previously President of the club. He had been pivotal in helping developing the Rec and the club's use of it. He helped with raising the funds to secure the access to the fields. He passed over the summer.



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The Board discussed ideas for how to make a tribute and agreed it would be preferable if any memorial could be centered around the development and expansion at the Rec. Chuck has reached out to Glenn's daughter, Ashleigh and hasn't heard back. Chuck wants to ensure that any act is aligned with the family's wishes. He hopes to have some news next month.

### **Other**

Luke was authorized to order 500 Hawks stickers at \$1.25 for \$625.

Luke will get the Spring uniforms back on the website. For the uniforms, it was confirmed that the logo/badge should be consistent across youth and HS. So for High School this means red shirts - white logo on red. For white shirts - red FCX and blue ball/ stars.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm