



FC EXETER

Monthly board meeting

May 14, 2024

Via Zoom

Welcome and meeting minutes

Maria Proulx opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Patrick Garrity made a motion to approve the April minutes, seconded by Jessica Costa. The motion was carried unanimously.

Team formation for the fall

Evaluations were held May 11 and went off without a hitch. It was a very positive day overall, with great work from the Seacoast United evaluators. Jenn Young has already input all of the scores and the team formation committee will begin work building rosters.

Registration remains open for most age groups and can be capped by age group when the optimal number of players per team is reached. Those optimal roster sizes will be:

- 11 for U9-U10
- 14 for U11-U12
- 16 for U14 and above

Registration will close for all age groups except U9 by May 24.

(Amended 6/11: Current registration numbers are 367 active entries, on par with fall 2023)

Roster formation will be conducted over the following month with board member leads by age group. Drafts of rosters presented to coaches June 4. Final rosters will be presented at the June 11 board meeting and announced by mid-June.

College scholarship

The annual Stephen Arkell Memorial Scholarship has drawn nine submissions. Maria, Jason Faria, Luke Martell, Jenn Young and Michael Hill will serve as an ad-hoc scholarship

committee to choose a winner of the \$1,000 award. Luke will make the presentation at the Exeter High School awards banquet.

Year-end celebration

The club will hold an end-of-season gathering at the June 18 Seacoast United Phantoms game. Players can once again register to join the Phantoms on the field for the anthem and then play a halftime pick-up game. Jenn will set up registration on FCExeter.com.

Fields

Patrick reported that the Brentwood 11v11 field has become unplayable due to poor condition of the playing surface. The remaining eight games scheduled for the field will be relocated to Stevens Park in Stratham. Nets will need to be added to goals on-site and Greg Bisson has agreed to line the field.

Patrick is looking into alternative fields for the fall season, including the 11v11 field at Cooperative Middle School.

Financials

Jenn reported that she has filed our annual report and IRS form 990 with the state.

NNESL update

Maria delivered a brief updated on the Northern New England Soccer League. The NNESL playoffs are unsettled. Most 9v9 games will be in Epping, but the 11v11 sites are not set. Patrick will ask Exeter and Stratham rec departments if their respective fields are available on June 8 for hosting semifinals. The league is seeking volunteers from its clubs to serve as on-site administrators. Maria will distribute a sign-up sheet.

Matt Caffelle has told the clubs he will not serve in the administrative role after the spring 2024 season. Ed Royer, New Hampshire Soccer League president, will present options about the NNESL clubs returning to NHSL.

Adjournment

Eric Kelley moved to adjourn. Jenn Young seconded. The motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

