



**A Regular Meeting of
DANVERS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, September 23, 2024
Gordon Room, Peabody Institute Library**

Title	Name	Present
President	Amy Cangiano	Yes
Vice President	Sharon Clement	Yes
Treasurer	Janet Gargan	Yes
Secretary	Dayna D'Angelo	Yes
Registrar	Des Wynott	No
Dir of Intramurals	Tim Burrill	Yes
Director of Travel	Andrew Godfried	Yes
Asst. Dir of Travel	Brendan Piscitello	Yes
Director of Fields & Equipment	Sean Ciancarelli	Yes
Director of Coaches Education and Player Development	Nate Lamar	Yes
Director of Safety and Compliance	Jon Sherman	Yes
Directors At Large		
	Daryl Achilles	Yes
	Mandy Blodgett	Yes
	Josh Messenger	Yes
	Kristen Poto	No
	Alicia Ramsdell	Yes
	Mike Randall	No
Associate Directors		
	Mike Blanch	No
	Jeff Chambers	Yes
	Stephanie Dicristoforo	Yes
	Mike Shea	Yes
	Deep Shrestha	Yes

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:36pm by President, Amy Cangiano.

I. Welcome

II. Business Updates

Secretary

- Motion by Andrew G to approve August 2024 minutes as amended. Tim B second. All in favor. No opposed. Motion carries.

Treasurer

- No report

Registrar

- No report

III. Directors Reports

Director of Travel (Andrew)

- Addressing issue with Grade 6 girls' teams. Parents are upset about large rosters. There are 2 upcoming parent meetings.
- Addressing Grade 6 boy parent complaint re: coach
- Kids are having fun, no issues at games.
- 2 yellow cards given: one grade 8 boys and one grade 6 girls.
- A player that did not make grade 4 travel team is playing for a different town. To be revisited next year if/when this player returns to try out.

Director of Intramurals (Tim)

- Season is underway – 3 weeks in
- Some complaints about practices being cut short due to darkness.
- Most teams well balanced
- Crosstown games have been reasonable.
- Saving last week of season as rain date for makeup games for cross town
- Grade 1 and grade 2 games all booked.
- No coach issues on field
- Problem with Beverly complaining about referees – Tim B to follow up with Katie Doyle
- Challenging getting number of coaches needed especially grade 1 girls. 10 coaches dropped out after teams were announced.
- Work to be done on retaining coaches.

Referee (Jeff)

- 20 returning referees from Spring 2024 out of 23 age eligible (6 aged out). One not available until spring.
- 5 returning earned waivers to become certified, 2 completed, 2 in process, 1 no action to date.
- 18 new registrations, 1 dropped, 1 incomplete training. 16 others have all worked at least one game so far.
- 8 returning mentors (lost 2 to college), one in training and one will be by end of season.
- First pay will be issued after 9/29 games.
- Uniform/Equipment will be over budget, had to order all new due to temporary misplacement of extras (now located)
- No issues of note, coaches seem to be working well together and are respecting the referees. Good feedback via coach reports which are being completed at about 70% rate.
- Request for team and spectator lines for Grade 1 to keep coaches, players and spectators off the touchlines (in some cases, off the field).

Director of Coaching, Coaches Education and Player Development (Nate)

- No coach education in Fall. Goal is for in person training in Spring.
- After observing grade 3-4 games there will be revamping of curriculum at that level to focus on shape in the second half of the year
- Grassroots update: Great numbers for Little Falcons, numbers down for PK and K

Director of Safety and Compliance (Jon)

- 2 out of 97 coaches have not completed compliance.
- About 75% of intramural coaches at JG and Smith have been displaying credentials

Director of Fields and Equipment (Sean)

- 7-8 Frames are in and fully built at Thorpe and DHS
- Moved various frames from Thorpe to DHS
- Need to go through inventory of goals at Gates.
- 3 boxes of clip boards were found when Plains was cleared – plan to give to coaches at Spring coach meeting.
- Will be evicted soon from Plains storage space. A group met recently to organize and clear it out. Will everything fit at Gates? Is another shed possible if there is no foundation like what is there now? In summary if we got rid of everything that is not needed any longer, we will have enough room at Gates. Ideal time to do this is during DIT when most of the shed is empty, but challenging to devote time to this when most of our resources are working on the tournament. Ongoing.
- Discussion of grade 4 frames: how many are there? How many needs repair? Do we have enough for Saluting Soldiers and DIT?
- Sweatshirts and golf shirts for intramural coaches are in Gates Shed

IV. Committees

Scholarship (Daryl/Alicia)

- No report

Danvers Invitational (Sharon)/Saluting Soldiers (Brendan)

- Saluting Soldiers
 - Deep updated websites
 - Will be held 11/9 and 11/10. No change in format from prior year – 3 games played on one day or the other.
 - Contact at ECYSA allowed email to be sent to towns in the league.
 - Registration will be open soon for teams and individual players. Will close registration 10/25 or 10/26
 - Will talk to Jeff/Janet about refs.
 - Portables and lining will be donated.
 - No decision on food yet
 - Will reach out to high school age kids for volunteers.
 - Tournament patches and dog tags TBD
- DIT
 - Co-chair is needed. Discussed emailing families to see if there is any interest in a non-board member chairing.

Special Events (Mandy)

- 40th Anniversary event – headcount is 84. Goal is 100. Room max is 220. Final headcount is due a week or two before event.
- We have a DJ.
- Need people to spread the word.
- Décor will consist of centerpieces and memorabilia table.

TOPSoccer (Josh)

- Currently have 10 players and 15 to 20 buddies
- Josh is confused about registration. Needs to speak with Desiree to go over non-registered players, setting age limits for buddies and players.
- Current age rang for players is 5 to 12 age range.
- Buddies should ideally be grade 5 and up (there are currently three 4th grade buddies from Middleton)
- Discussion why more players don't sign up.
- Need shirts for buddies and medals for players.
- Need to utilize the Top Soccer committee.

Apparel (Amy C/Desiree W)

- No report

V. New Business

- Nomination Committee
 - Amy appointed Tim Burrill to Chair Nomination Committee
 - Tim walked us through a synopsis of his proposed spreadsheet of possible new board members with regard to short term and long-term planning. Proposal includes diversity, expertise in accounting/finance, a more equitable split of male and female members and those whose children are at the younger levels of DYS.
 - Note: some of the proposal would require vote for change to current by-laws

- Amy C circulated the by-laws to be voted at AGM in November

- **Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm**

Respectfully submitted,
Dayna D'Angelo
Secretary
Danvers Youth Soccer

Next BOD Meeting – October 21, 2024, at 7:30pm, Gordon Room Peabody Institute Library