



**A Regular Meeting of
 DANVERS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
 Monday, December 11, 2023
 Danvers Fire Department Training Room**

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

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:05pm by President, Amy Cangiano.

I. Welcome

Welcome Deep Shetha and introduction of Board

II. Business Updates

- Committee Review – Amy C provided sign-up sheets and reviewed each committee and related responsibilities.
 - Directors at Large are required to chair 1 committee and serve on 2 others
 - Assistant Directors are required to serve on 2 committees
- Committees were formed as a means to alleviate long meetings. The committees individually flush out the details of their items and present solutions to the board for approval
 - Can be held quarterly, annually or as needed by each respective chair
 - There are three types: Limited, Standing and Ad-hoc

Secretary

- Motion by Sharon C to approve November 2023 minutes. Jon S second. All in favor. No opposed. Motion carries. Need to vote the 2022 AGM minutes at next meeting.

Treasurer

- Lou looking for some assistance to run financial specific report in Sports Engine.
- Amy and Mike R to identify SE contact for assistance

Registrar

- DYS old website is functional through 12/15
- OPEN REGISTRATIONS:
 - Top Soccer
 - High School – open, but not promoted
- There has been lots of intramural e-mail inquiries
- Sheila Oulette and Des to email high school players re: registration

III. Directors Reports

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

- Is there a training planned?
- Mass Youth Soccer is offering free training in the month of March. Potentially looking to see if the can schedule for a Saturday at Sportsplex. Mass Youth Soccer would pay the fee.
- Discussed that If there are multiple trainings scheduled, the one offered by Nate including “roundtable” session would be mandatory and Mass Youth Soccer offering optional/supplemental.
- Feedback that the round table session last year was very informative for new coaches particularly those moving to travel

Director of Travel (Andrew)

- There have been a few new 7/8 grade level new player inquiries
- Contacts have been changed with ECYSA; need to be updated with Mass Youth Soccer

Director of Intramurals (Amy C for Tim) no update

Director of Safety and Compliance (Jon) no update

Director of Fields and Equipment (Sean)

- New box has been delivered to Smith
- Will move smaller box to Gates
- Beige box at Gates has hula hoops for fundamentals
- Need to have the netting behind goals replaced at Thorpe before Spring season – Sean to follow up

IV. Committees

Referee (Jon for Jeff)

- Jon S presented proposed increased to in-town referee pay rates that would be covered by the recent registration fee increase.
- Increases would be \$3 per game for game referees; \$5 for mentors and lead mentors totaling \$1,810 annually presuming all games are fully staffed

- Discussed the success of our grassroots program, the importance of officiating and the need to retain current and attract new refs.
- Will vote on this increase during budget approval vote in January and would be effective Spring 2024
- Fall was difficult to cover Saturday 12/1230 time games. Will look to adjust the crosstown schedule to make it easier for Jeff to cover games
 - Can we be flexible with # of refs for crosstown games to help this issue i.e.: not having an assistant ref?

Scholarship (Mike R) no update

Danvers Invitational/Saluting Soldiers (Sharon)

- Discussion of offering incentive for the 50 teams from Saluting Soldiers tournament to enroll in DIT as a reward for attending both tournaments.
- Early registration would be month of March, but most town make new teams for Spring and wouldn't likely be ready to register before mid-April
- DIT committee will meet separately and make a decision

Special Events (Mandy/Dayna)

- Amy C requests an event to commemorate DYS upcoming 40th Anniversary

V. New Business

- Apparel – Mike B working on holiday Spirit orders. Needs help with apparel. A committee sign up was included tonight.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Dayna D'Angelo
Secretary
Danvers Youth Soccer

Next BOD Meeting – January 8, 2024 at 7:30pm, Firehouse training room