



**A Regular Meeting of
 DANVERS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
 Monday, January 8, 2024
 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
	Mandy Blodgett	Yes
	Josh Messenger	No
	Kristen Poto	Yes
	Alicia Ramsdell	Yes
	Mike Randall	Yes
Associate Directors		
	Mike Blanch	Yes
	Jeff Chambers	No
	Stephanie Dicristoforo	Yes
	Mike Shea	Yes
	Jon Sherman	
	Deep Shrestha	Yes

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm by President, Amy Cangiano.

I. Welcome

- AC read thank you note from Town Select League (TSL) re: using Gates field for a portion of their fall practices

II. Business Updates

- Motion by Sharon C to move Mike Randall to Director at Large from Assistant Director and Mike Blanch from Assistant Director from Director at Large in compliance with Mile R being chair of the Finance Committee. Sean C second. All in favor. No opposed. Motion Carries.
- Motion by Sharon C to add Mike Shea as an Assistant Director for 2024. Mike R second. All in favor. No opposed. Motion carries

Secretary

- Motion by Desiree W to approve December 2023 minutes. Jon S second. All in favor. No opposed. Motion carries.
- Motion by Jon S to approve November 2022 AGM minutes. Kristen P second. All in favor. No opposed. Motion carries.

Treasurer

- Mike R thanked those who provided information to Finance Committee. He is meeting with Lou this week to review and send data to those that have requested.
- Draft budget will be ready by end of next week and presented to the Finance Committee and to Board at the February meeting – this will include operating and discretionary budgets.
- Sharon C thanked the committee for their work.

Registrar

- OPEN REGISTRATIONS:
 - Top Soccer
 - High School
 - Fundamentals
- DYS Winter Futsal will be open soon – waiting on permit and fee decision
- Intramural and Travel inquiries for Spring will be directed to Tim or Andrew, respectively, and they will provide unique registration links if there is availability
- DYS does not prorate fee if only playing for one session of the season.

III. Directors Reports

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

- A college student from Endicott reached out about working with our program. He has 2 USSF certifications. A big Yes! Would like to utilize him for travel; as well as, intramural.
- Waiting on Nate to confirm committee meeting – an email was sent to committee to schedule – Amy C to follow up with Nate
- Discussion re: parent/coaches education. Coaches/Parents are not adhering to DYS policy.
- Alicia reiterated that parent education at grade 4 level for the transition between intramural and travel is a pivotal year
 - Suggested that Andrew G would be a good person to pull the parents aside at grade 4 travel tryouts and educate

Director of Travel (Andrew) no report

Director of Intramurals (Tim) no update

Director of Safety and Compliance (Jon)

- Need to keep track of those HS volunteers that turn 18 so they complete necessary trainings and compliance requirements

Director of Fields and Equipment (Sean/Jon)

- Waiting on goals
- Discussion of Spring season start date – High School vs Intramural/Travel

IV. Committees

Referee (Jeff)

- Winter Futsal
 - Jeff would like to increase fee from \$30 to \$35 – all in agreement
 - Season supposed to start in February pending approval from the town re: space
 - Limit to 20 players in grades 1 and 2 then waitlist. If an additional 20 are waitlisted another session will be added
 - Players must already be registered DYS players for regular season play to participate in winter futsal

Scholarship (Daryl)

- Committee meeting on Jan 18 for first time

Danvers Invitational(Sharon)/Saluting Soldiers (Brendan)

- Danvers Invitational
 - DIT application just approved. Will be submitted tomorrow. Mass Youth Soccer waived the application fee.
 - The first sponsor check has been deposited – 1K from Herb Chambers
 - New logo was shown – 32nd annual DIT – now that this is complete sponsorship work can begin
 - Registration is ready to go – looking to get 115 teams for the Memorial Day Weekend tournament – dates May 25, 26, 27
 - Discussion of who is doing documents: paper release, medical release, fliers, checklist – Sharon C will take a first pass at these

Special Events (Mandy/Dayna)

- Committee will begin planning 40th Anniversary event – first order of business – select a date and location that includes a dance floor. Will be at the end of the 2024 fall season in line with Anniversary.
- Other items committee is working on
 - Spring - town clean-up event
 - Fall/Spring - team/individual pictures
 - Revs (ongoing) – there will be a youth night this Spring – details TBD

TOPSoccer (Sharon)

- Received a \$500 grant from United States Youth Soccer (USYS) for equipment: sensory balls, bowling kit, equipment bag, parachute
- Sharon is talking with Beverly (Ryan Reed) about taking on the older age groups for this program
- Registration is open – marketing to go out
- Committee to meet soon

Apparel (Mike B/Amy C)

- Thanks to Mandy and Sharon for helping with the holiday Spirit wear orders
- Need to finalize apparel ordering in SE
 - Orders will go directly to Mike B's email
 - Need to work on the module to specify order details i.e.: choose size, number
 - Need to include photos and data from the old site
 - Will put together a dummy module and see how it goes – may need a separate, unique platform for ordering

V. New Business

- AC received inquiry re: 4 students living in the motels who wish to play soccer. Group in agreement that we can waive the fees for these children; however, transportation to practices and games may be a complication. In addition there is a language barrier in communicating with these families. Sharon to follow up with Danvers Director of Diversity and Inclusion to see if there are any resources to help with transportation and language to make this happen.
 - Two players would be 3-4 intramural, one grade 6 and one grade 8 all boys
- Desiree W informed that she has secured turf and DHS will hold pre-season travel clinics for grades 5 to 8 on March 23 and 24. This will be done again in the fall.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,
Dayna D'Angelo
Secretary
Danvers Youth Soccer

Next BOD Meeting – February 12, 2024 at 7:30pm, Firehouse training room