



EYSA – Meeting of the Board of Directors 7pm February 11, 2025 Exeter Recreation Department

Welcome

The February 11, 2025, EYSA board of directors (the “Board”) meeting was called to order by Maria Proulx at 7:00pm. There was a quorum with Patrick Garrity, Eric Kelley, Matteo Taormina, Cathy Golden, Ben Bailey, Jenn Young, Maria Proulx, Jason Faria, Shane Bradt, Jessica Costa, Jon Fagan, Brian Keane and Josh Johnson.

There were apologies for absence from Scott Craig, Michael Hill & Christie Farris.

Guests

Craig Riotto, Founder and Matt Glode, Turf Director of New England Sports Hub in Somersworth came to talk about offerings at the new sports facility. Indoor golf, baseball, soccer. Just added a restaurant and bar. Thirty-two-minute drive from Exeter, behind Hilltop Fun Center. No walls on the soccer field. Pre-season jamboree for U9’s and 7 v 7 teams. Making turf available to NHSL for early season. No affiliation with any club. NESH wants to be a neutral place where teams can play, especially in the winter. Looking at camps and programs in the summer. Want to have adult leagues available. Patrick asked if there would be one-off blocks of time on the week of March 4 for training. Matt said baseball/softball/lacrosse are also looking for time. Matt could do it on an hourly rate. Jon asked about fall jamboree. Matt said they are open to try anything if it fits. Also trying to alternate on different nights than SUSC leagues. Garrison City has a lot of teams playing there. **We will send a blast out to members/coaches to let them know there’s availability of leagues and fields. Patrick will follow up about possibly blocking off some days for training in March.**

Executive Session

Shane made a motion to go into executive session, Seconded by Patrick. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:25pm.

Jessica made a motion to return from Executive Session, Matteo seconded. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:38pm

Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on January 14, 2025, having already been circulated, were approved. Motion by Patrick, seconded by Matteo.

Jason asked that Board members review the Annual Meeting draft minutes and send any corrections to him so it can be accurate for presentation at the next Annual Meeting.

NHSL Update

No fee increase has taken place yet. Patrick attended the NHSA Annual Meeting. Ed Royer introduced the League Operating Committee and invited volunteers to be part of it. Maria reached out to Ed about it. Birth year vs. school year will continue to be debated but no decision likely until next winter. There will be a massive tournament on Memorial Day weekend. **We will ask Laura to offer it as a tournament for our coaches.**



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Committee Review and Assignments

Patrick updated it on the website for current status. Ben will take over Team Formation. Cathy and Mike took over Equipment. New Board members will choose before the next meeting.

Calendar Review

Laura and Jen Sherman took a look at important dates for the club. Board members should review the calendar and make suggested edits. This has been useful in the past to help guide us through the year.

Spring Update

With three weeks to go, we have 208 youth players. Coach registrations are going well. Matteo will reach out to the Boys and Girls Boosters to increase HS numbers. EHS has a class on coaching and refereeing and wants to match students as assistant coaches. **Jason is in touch and will work with him.**

Thursdays will be Academy day pending schedule with Brentwood Rec. The new pickleball field will create some congestion, so we will need to paint new lines. Patrick has reached out to CMS about fields, but there's a transition in AD position. We may need to reach out to Chris Andriski about how to secure those fields. East Kingston is available. **Ben will reach out to SUSC about getting a coach for Academy.**

Equipment/Uniform update

Cathy Golden and Michael Hill went to the shed. There are 50 new soccer balls there. Coaches' jackets being embroidered (100 of them). Uniforms were put out. Cathy will get samples to try on at Eval Day. Anything to get rid of from the shed will go to Eval Day. Anything left will be donated.

Evaluations

Patrick securing the field for May 10 in Brentwood. **Maria will secure the coaches from SUSC.** No communications about it until Spring registration is done. **We need to ask Scott to send out a signup Google Sheet to get volunteers signed up. Ben will get the final evaluations from Laura and go through them.** Jon suggested that LeagueApps has a mobile eval tool and maybe we could do it through Sports Engine and eliminate clipboards.

Coaching and Academy

54 of the new registrations are brand new to the sport. We should be clear with families that they will need to buy a new kit in Fall and should keep that in mind when purchasing in Spring. Laura has stock language she uses to communicate this.

Safety

The Board discussed that an emphasis on concussion awareness and other safety is necessary. We will emphasize it at the Coach Meeting. We can ask Christie if she can prepare something for the Coaches Meeting. **Jason will also ask folks at EHS and Access if they are willing to come talk about concussions at Coaches Meeting.**

Communications/External Affairs

Website is staying fresh, and Patrick is working well with Laura on communications going out.



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Financials

Spring Youth registration is up 40% from last year. High School is 50% below last year. Expenses are in line. Almost flat year over year. Maria brought up that fees may be increasing so we may need to adjust our registration fees. Jenn said fields and tournaments are the drivers. Tournaments are 20% of our budget. Referee fees may be increasing. **Jenn will put together a more detailed year over year look at those costs so we can look at whether fees need to be adjusted.**

Scholarships

We will need a committee in April.

Adjournment

Jon made a motion to adjourn at 8:37pm, seconded by Matteo. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting:

7pm, March 4, 2025, at Exeter Recreation Department.

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