

Northfield Soccer Association

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2015

I. Call to order

Nate Adams, President of the Northfield Soccer Association, called to order the regular meeting of the Northfield Soccer Association at 7:07 pm on 11/16/15 in the fellowship hall of the Northfield United Methodist Church.

II. Roll Call

Quorum was present with the following board members in attendance:

Nate Adams – President

Dave Wieber – Vice President

Tom Brice – Treasurer

Gerald Young – Fundraising Coordinator

Board members absent: Tonya Sauer

Other members present: Tammy Seymour (NSA Administrator)

Kim Gubeli

Nathan Knutson

Phil Kasten

Neil DeBuse

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from 10/12/15 board meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

V. Community Comment

Nathan Knutson stated he hopes the NSA has community gym time or time at Shattuck St. Mary's and would be okay with it being later in the evening on Tuesdays. Nate stated that he hasn't heard back from Shattuck so he isn't sure it will be happening this year.

Phil Kasten stated he would like the NSA to field traveling teams for U9 and U10 players. He felt the Academy program was too elementary for some players. Last year was the first year to offer the Academy program and the DOC will be working to make some changes to improve the program. Nate stated that the NSA will be waiting until U11 to field traveling teams.

Neil DeBuse suggested the NSA contact the elementary school gym teachers to promote the NSA programs. Neil said he really liked the pairing of a younger coach (college assistant) with an older coach and felt that it benefited the players on his son's team. Neil feels the soccer program is doing a great job. Neil stated that he was disappointed the way fall players were registered within in such a short time window. Nate explained the MYSA rules regarding registering and that the NSA has no other option.

VI. Officer Reports

Tom Brice, Treasurer, gave a uniform presentation to the board members and membership in attendance. Tom e-mailed a survey to all players registered for the 2016 traveling season. 140 surveys were sent out with 60 responses. The survey asked questions regarding price, colors, brand name importance, etc. The NSA doesn't have a formal relationship with the high school so color can be our decision. Not all kits are available with maroon as an option. People gave good comments and Tom feels the survey was helpful. Some of the survey results were that name brand is not important. First choice for color was white and maroon jerseys, second choice was light gray and maroon. First choice for price was \$50-60 range, second choice was \$40-50 range, third choice was \$60-70 range. There will be a price jump from what the NSA was charging previously as the NSA hasn't changed the rate that the players were charged for many years and inflation has brought the cost of uniforms significantly higher. We are looking for longevity with the new uniforms and all players will need to purchase one starting in the spring/summer 2016 season. Going with a uniform that has a male and female cut would also be preferred. There are several vendor choices including Soccer.com, Planet Soccer, Under Armour, Inaria, Nike and Challengerteamwear.com. Tom had asked for volunteers to join a uniform committee in hopes that the committee would submit a recommendation to the Board but no interested parties came forward. The 4 members that were present at tonight's meeting were asked to let Nate or Tom know if they thought of anyone interested in joining the uniform committee. Nathan Knutson stated that he likes the on-line ordering option and he thinks choosing one that comes with a male or female cut is important.

Nate Adams, President and Field Coordinator gave an oral report. Jorge and Nate have met to discuss coaches for traveling teams. Nate asked Jorge to get commitments from coaches by the end of December so we know which teams will still need coaches.

Nate stated that Gabe Korteum has been offered the position of Assistant Director of Coaching who will report to Jorge, the DOC. The Assistant DOC will be responsible for overseeing the In-house and Academy programs. Jorge's main focus would then be on the Traveling side of the NSA. Gabe has not committed to the position yet. The Assistant DOC will receive less compensation than the DOC.

Jorge and Nate have discussed requiring traveling coaches to take the MYSA E license course. It would benefit some of the coaches to learn the mechanics of the MYSA and where soccer is heading. The MYSA is happy to hold the course in Northfield. Nate is

working on finding a place to hold it – most likely the middle school in late February. NSA has paid for the training fee for its coaches in the past.

Nate stated that the fields have been closed for the season. The weeds were sprayed and the muddy mess in front of the rebound wall was taken care of by Gleason.

Dave Wieber, Vice President and JJSO Co-Coordinator, gave an oral report. Dave attended the MYSA meeting for tournament directors. Applications are now done on-line. The due date for the application is December 9th. Dave and Tammy will complete the application through the tournament center by the due date.

Tom Brice, Treasurer, gave an oral report. Tom would like to have an e-mail vote by Board Members regarding NSA bookkeeper, Dennis' monthly stipend. Tom will e-mail members with the proposal with a dollar amount for the vote.

VII. Coordinator/Committee Reports

None

VIII. New Business

- a) Nate met with Dennis and signed checks. NSA needs to move investment account at Charles Schwab Corporation to a local bank. The task will be put on a to-do list. Previously it has been difficult to get this done because of all the steps involved in the process to leave Charles Schwab Corporation.
- b) Gerald will be getting together with the previous Fundraising Coordinator, Erik Nelson, to get Erik's files so Gerald can start his own contacts list.
- c) Andrew Pillsbury from Positive Coaching Alliance will be coming to the December 14th board meeting. He'll be presenting their training program.

IX. Open Issues

- a) Registrations need to finish up for summer 2016 traveling teams. Tammy will send out another reminder e-mail to parents to get their players registered if they plan to play summer traveling.
- b) CAC – Tom will e-mail Kathy to see if anyone has come in to start the payment plan offered to help ease to burden of the lump sum due at the beginning of the traveling season.

X. Adjournment

Dave Wieber motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gerald Young seconded the motion. Motion approved. Nate Adams adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for 12/14/15, 7:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Tammy Seymour, NSA Administrator

Minutes Approved: 12/15/15