



**A Regular Meeting of
 DANVERS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
 Monday, February 12, 2024
 Danvers Fire Department Training Room**

Title	Name	Present
President	Amy Cangiano	Yes
Vice President	Sharon Clement	Yes
Treasurer	Janet Gargan	Yes
Secretary	Dayna D'Angelo	Yes
Registrar	Des Wynott	Yes
Dir of Intramurals	Tim Burrill	Yes
Director of Travel	Andrew Godfried	Yes
Asst. Dir of Travel	Brendan Piscitello	Yes
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	Yes
	Stephanie Dicristoforo	Yes
	Mike Shea	Yes
	Deep Shrestha	Yes

Call to Order

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

I. Welcome

II. Business Updates

Secretary

- Motion by Tim B to approve January 2024 minutes. Sharon C second. All in favor. No opposed. Motion carries.

Treasurer

- DIT budget was sent electronically prior to tonight's meeting. Sharon C walked the board through line items and variances from 2023 budget vs actuals and proposed 2024 budget.
- Desiree W motion to accept the 2024 DIT budget as presented. Janet G second. All in favor. No opposed. Motion carries.

Registrar

- OPEN REGISTRATIONS:
 - Top Soccer – current 6 players
 - High School – current 26 boys and 9 girls – deadline is end of Feb per Essex County
 - Fundamentals – 220 total registered
 - Futsal – 5 on wait list
- Apparel set up and ready
- 2 more players registered for travel – more have been sent links but not registered
- 7 new intramural players
- First Mass Youth Soccer submission due in two weeks
- Amy C working with town liaison to register 2 emergency assistance children – ongoing

III. Directors Reports

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

- Looking at first Saturday of April for coach clinic. Mike B spoke to Mass Youth Soccer - possible to have a rep come on 3/30 for a coach session. Mike to follow up.
- Email discussion has taken place on a few items including sending a communication to parents re: conduct, development process etc. Looking to assemble committee for in person meeting soon.

Director of Travel (Andrew)

- Structure for new upload is complete
- Breaking up one 5-6 girls' team – team was low on numbers and attendance was poor – being spread out to the remaining 5-6 teams. One team will have 20 on roster. Andrew does not foresee problem.
- High School – likely not enough to field a girl's team. Boys might have 1 large team. Another email will be sent to HS players
- Travel committee will meet soon: tryouts will be earlier in season; structure to be discussed.

Director of Intramurals (Tim)

- Spring rosters are thin. An email for new registrations has gone out in effort to pad teams.
- Grades 1 and 2 number of teams same for Spring as Fall
- Might lose one grade 3-4 team on boys and girls' side for Spring
- Beverly is putting all their teams back in the mix for Spring – ability based – has been made clear that we don't want them in the cross-town program if teams are not balanced.
- Tim is set up to do the cross-town schedules for Spring – to begin mid-March
- Tim inquired about rewards for coaches – possible apparel reward – golf shirt/polo or plaque. Intramural committee to discuss at meeting

Director of Safety and Compliance (Jon)

- Per Tim will be 4 new coaches for Spring. Looking for a grade 1 boy parent to be head coach. The current candidate is undesirable
- Request from Jeff C for in town coaches to have credentials or something to identify coaches. Mentors would check them and direct anyone without away from the player side to the spectator side. Legal requirement is color credential. Discussion re: procuring a color printer for this purpose.

Director of Fields and Equipment (Sean)

- Sean is working with Travis (from town) to set new goals in place at Thorpe and DHS.
- DYS is only paying for one set of goals at Thorpe.
- Still working on replacement of netting behind goals at Thorpe lower
- Permits are in – fields on open 4/15
- Essex county starts on 4/6. Travel director submits fields to county
- Discussion re: approaching town about use of fields before 4/15 as not in line w Essex County start. Amy C to follow up with town reps
- Goals are included in the budget, but pop ups are not. Mike R requests info re: cost of these ASAP for finance committee

IV. Committees

Referee (Jeff)

- Will send availability email out soon
- No new platform for assigning has been identified yet
- Winter Futsal
 - Session starts in 2 weeks - 18 registered straight away, 7 more have come in. 5 on wait list. Session is capped at 20. Will open second if enough interest.
 - Tim B will put teams together.
 - Should have enough refs

Scholarship (Daryl)

- Committee met in January.
- Application is up at DHS
- Connecting with Essex tech re: publicizing
- Created a Gmail account so that DHS and non-DHS grade 12 students can have access to apply. Will start publicizing: post on web, social media and email grade 12 students

Danvers Invitational (Sharon)/Saluting Soldiers (Brendan)

- Danvers Invitational
 - 6 teams have registered
 - Committee to meet following board meeting – sponsorship, registration and equipment work to do

Special Events (Mandy/Dayna)

- Committee met to begin planning 40th Anniversary Event. First objective to secure venue.
- DYS free player ticket night at New England Revolution will be 5/18/24 vs Philadelphia. More to come.

TOPSoccer (Sharon)

- \$500 grant from USYS has been received to purchase adaptive equipment
- There is an event on 5/18 in Lancaster for families
- Sharon proposed possible event at DIT for TOPSoccer kids in our region

Apparel (Mike B/Amy C)

- Uniforms are available to purchase – after current inventory is depleted will move to solid blue and white shirts. Will be varying uniforms for a period of time as we change over.

V. New Business

- Monthly newsletter – first one was published. Amy C looking for a volunteer to take this responsibility. There is a template to follow along with. Directors would provide and update at the end of each month of what to share with parents that would be published in the newsletter.
- DanversCares approached DYS about renewing our ad in the 2024 Health and Safety Guide. Andrew G motion to approve a budget line item for a ¼ page advertisement at \$300.00 in the guide. Desiree W second. All in favor. No opposed. Motion carries.
- DYS Season Tickets to NE Revolution. Discussed what to do with unprecedented tickets to the Miami (Messi) game on 4/27. Amy C to follow up to board to gauge interest.
- Patches – question was raised about changing the design. Amy C delegated patch discussion to tournament committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted,
Dayna D'Angelo
Secretary
Danvers Youth Soccer

Next BOD Meeting – March 11, 2024 at 7:30pm, Firehouse training room