



EYSA – Meeting of the Board of Directors

7.30pm May 14, 2019

Exeter Parks and Rec Building, 32 Court St, Exeter

Chairman welcome

The May 14, 2019 EYSA board of directors (the Board) meeting came to order at 7.30pm. There was a quorum with Randall Skaal, Luke Martel, Dave Slifka, John Boisvert, Maria Proulx, Marc Chabot, Brian Melick, Matteo Taormina, Mike Drunic, Chris Sera, Stephen Osborne and Jenn Young present. Marc Chabot was chairman for the meeting.

Marc welcomed Matteo onto the Board and thanked him for volunteering.

Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on March 5 2019 having already been circulated, **were approved**. The meeting held in April was not quorate.

NNESL

John, who reminded the Board is also the President of the NNESL, reviewed matters that had recently arisen at NNESL amongst the member clubs regarding the ongoing participation of Maximum Velocity FC (MVFC). There is a disagreement between the member clubs about the suitability of MVFC's operating model. Some members believe the operating model works against the mission of the league and is affecting the sustainability of the traditional town based clubs. MVFC's model is distinguished from other clubs' models where players generally compete on a club team in one league and compete on a town team in NNESL.

John explained that at the recent NNESL AGM there had been a long discussion without resolution. The AGM was extended and since then other ad hoc meetings have been held.

While members of NNESL acknowledge that MVFC has not broken any league rules they are working to either revise the NNESL by-laws to explain the member clubs' position to non-town teams or to negotiate a solution with MVFC that does not require a rule change.

The Board discussed the MVFC situation and various additional experiences within NNESL where certain coaches had reported that referees had failed to apply game day rules about guest players, double rostered players, players playing down ages and divisions and the failure to check player cards and rosters. John encouraged individual reports to be forwarded to himself. It was also noted that referee shortages and no shows had affected games.

John noted that to date, no motion has been proposed to the NNESL board regarding MVFC's continued participation in the league. In lieu of such a motion, the **EYSA Board confirmed, by vote of those present, that Exeter does not support MVFC being expelled from the league on the grounds that MVFC appears to have acted in accordance with the current rules and bylaws and that MVFC should not be expelled unless it is found to be in breach of the league's bylaws.**

Marc said that he would advise the other NNESL club presidents of the Board's position.

John confirmed that for the U9/10s an end of season jamboree is still being arranged, although dates had yet to be assigned. It is likely to be in Rochester the weekend of June 8 and 9.



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Evaluations

Following the recent fall season evaluations in Brentwood, Jenn is processing the Seacoast evaluators' scores and cross referencing them with the fall coach feedback. The scores will be available for the Board to propose an initial approach towards team formation on May 23, 2019. Here the focus is on the number of teams at each age group and an appropriate strategy towards team selection (e.g. 2 balanced 'B teams' or an A team and a C team).

It was agreed to engage with the fall 2018 coaches on May 29 to discuss the initial proposals and finalize team numbers and make up.

Then, during the week of June 3rd, the Board will determine and invite the Fall '18 coaches for their respective teams.

Players placement will be announced during the week of June 11th. Players will be advised number and team placement. Full team rosters will not be announced until after the players have accepted or declined their placements.

This schedule allows for families to make decisions players who have also been offered Seacoast United team places.

The approach to the Academy age groups was discussed. **It was agreed** to hold evaluations at Exeter Rec on June 11 and to form balanced teams based upon those evaluations. Registration will be left open for the summer. Late registrations can be reviewed ahead of finalizing the full set of teams. Stephen will advise Laura to promote the June 11 event for the 2008 and 2009 birth years. Maria will recruit necessary assistance.

Brian had circulated a proposal for age group directors to assist with communication between the Board, the coaches, the players and the families. It was not resolved whether the club should move towards formally appointing age group directors in place of, or as a help to the existing roles of the director of coaching, the boys coach at large and the girls coach at large.

American Independence Festival

Between 10AM and 4PM Hawks will have a booth at the festival on July 13, 2019. Maria will ask the Academy coaches if they can help attend the booth for a time slot.

SUSC and EYSA

Academy practices at Exeter Rec have been weather affected this spring: Rob Hadfield and Connor Glenn are supporting.

Maria and Randall are waiting for a proposal for the fall.

EYSA summer camp at Seacoast will be 4 x ½ days. SUSC run it, Hawks simply need to promote it. Marc will contact Rob at SUSC to confirm pricing and dates (likely August 19-22).



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Fields

The rec fields have been terrible due to the wet spring conditions. We have had to rent fields at Seacoast Amesbury to be able to play games.

There is no update on the Memorandum of Understanding with Exeter Parks and Rec. In return for any donation, the club is seeking a seat, Maria has volunteered, on the Rec volunteer subcommittee.

Uniforms

Luke is working with Scott on the switch over to Nike. They intend to put the shirts online at the end of spring season. Luke advised that while there may be benefits in switching the web store from wegetsoccer.com Scott is negotiating.

Stephen confirmed the uniform colors, as previously agreed by the Board: for fall season, the youth teams will also wear Nike Tiempo in red and white. Shorts and socks will be blue.

Luke reminded the Board that there were some additional benefits from Nike. Luke will send the full contract around.

The aim is to have families be able to order uniforms from around mid-June. This will be dependent on the shirt numbers being assigned.

Financials

Jen advised that due to the evaluations being earlier in 2019, compared to 2018, the cash balance is higher than last year: \$118,000 v \$63,000.

Jen proposed that fees for 2019, having being discussed last month, be kept at the same level as 2018. This acknowledges the club is balancing its finances and that families will have additional uniform expenses this fall.

Age	Spring	Fall	Total
U8/9	160	140	300
U10	160	140	300
U11	195	160	355
U12	195	160	355
U13	195	160	355
U14/15	195	160	355
High School		190	190

After some discussion, the Board **approved the fees as proposed**.

Marc will write to the members who had kindly donated to the Scholarship Fund at the same time that they signed up for the 2019 fall season.

Volunteers were chosen, from amongst those present, to review applications from graduating High School applicants. Each of the volunteers will review the 6 applications and make recommendations to Jen,



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before advising the School of the successful candidate. Jen will confirm the date of the award ceremony, so a Board member may attend and give out the honor.

Equipment

No updates.

Other

After previous successful events, Luke is arranging an end of season coaches' and volunteers' appreciation evening. He will confirm the arrangements so that Laura may promote it to the members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9.25pm.

Next Meeting:

Board – 7pm, June 11, 2019 at Park & Rec Building