



Minutes of the Board of Directors
Aug. 16, 2023
Exeter High School

President's welcome

Maria Proulx, president, called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. In attendance were directors Mateo Taormina, Eric Kelley, Patrick Garrity, Geoff Meadville, Porter Hayes, Jason Faria, Luke Martel.

Absent with regrets were Christie Farris, Ben Bailey, Scott Craig, Jessica Costa, Jennifer Young, Shane Bradt.

Minutes

The minutes from the June and July meetings were approved unanimously.

Fields + Equipment

Patrick Garrity delivered a report on the status of fields and equipment going into the new season. Six fields in five communities are available for coaches to choose for practices. Games will again be held at Brentwood and Exeter rec fields, which will combine to offer seven pitches – 3 7v7s, 2 9v9s and 2 11v11s. Patrick is continuing to seek alternative field space to give coaches flexibility.

The board discussed the purchase of several pop-up canopies to cover benches and protect players from the elements. Canopies can be purchased for <\$100 each at Walmart. It was proposed that the canopies could be left in the sheds at the respective rec fields and the responsibility of the coaches to set them up and take them down.

NNESL update

Maria provided an update from the league meeting, specifically on the discussion of roster-sharing within divisions. There is a proposal, seemingly prompted by Exeter, that guest players could no longer be borrowed from within divisions. FC Exeter strongly opposes the measure, as it ultimately will limit opportunities for our players and potentially force us to either field bloated rosters or even make cuts. The measure was tabled for the fall 2023 season but will be brought back up for discussion for the spring season.

Academy support

Maria is in discussion with Seacoast United about their providing a roving instructor for FC Exeter's U9-U10 training sessions.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was passed unanimously at 6:54 p.m.