



**A Regular Meeting of  
 DANVERS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
 Monday, April 8, 2024  
 Danvers Fire Department Training Room**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
President	Amy Cangiano	No
Vice President	Sharon Clement	Yes
Treasurer	Janet Gargan	Yes
Secretary	Dayna D'Angelo	Yes
Registrar	Des Wynott	Yes
Dir of Intramurals	Tim Burrill	No
Director of Travel	Andrew Godfried	Yes
Asst. Dir of Travel	Brendan Piscitello	Yes
Director of Fields & Equipment	Sean Ciancarelli	Yes
Director of Coaches Education and Player Development	Nate Lamar	No
Director of Safety and Compliance	Jon Sherman	No
<b>Directors At Large</b>		
	Daryl Achilles	Yes
	Mandy Blodgett	Yes
	Josh Messenger	Yes
	Kristen Poto	No
	Alicia Ramsdell	Yes
	Mike Randall	No
<b>Associate Directors</b>		
	Mike Blanch	No
	Jeff Chambers	Yes
	Stephanie Dicristoforo	No
	Mike Shea	Yes
	Deep Shrestha	Yes

Non-Board attendee: Andy McLlarky

## **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm by Vice President, Sharon Clement.

### **I. Welcome**

### **II. Business Updates**

#### **Secretary**

- Motion by Andrew G to approve March 2024 minutes. Desiree W second. All in favor. No opposed. Motion carries. Approved minutes have not yet been posted to DYS site.

#### **Treasurer**

- No budget presented yet
- Motion by Andrew G to spend up to \$16,000 on required operating expenses for DYS pending approval of budget. Expenses include equipment, sports engine fees, futsal referees, PO Box fee, portable bathrooms. Essex County Spring registration fees. Brendan P second. All in favor. No opposed. Motion carries.

#### **Registrar**

- No new update, no new registrations
- Registration for 24/25 will open 3 to 4 weeks before try-outs. Andrew G moved to open 24/25 registration on April 17, 2024. No pricing change for next year.

### **III. Directors Reports**

#### **Director of Coaching, Coaches Education and Player Development (Nate submitted via email)**

- “On Saturday, March 30th, approximately 40 coaches met for a brief coaches education meeting about the upcoming season before many attended the MYSA coaching clinic. Topics covered include:
  - Emphasis on player development over team results. We are training players for the 11v11 game.
  - Avoid pigeonholing players into a position.
  - Focus on shape and spacing over position.
  - Play players in all positions on all intramural teams and play players in various positions at the travel level. Not everyone needs to play as the center back but it shouldn't only be one or two players all the time. Look for opportunities throughout your season to stretch players to play in positions that they are uncomfortable with.
  - Practice plans at all levels should follow a progression of individual techniques, technique within a group, technique with pressure, and finally elemental understanding of how that technique fits within the tactics of the game.

- Make the practices fun and engaging by infusing competition into the practice. Stress competition in the practice rather than the game. The game is competitive enough.  
I believe that is the heart of what was discussed.”

- The leader of the Mass Youth Soccer presentation was supposed to send materials to Nate and Mike B to forward on to attendees. These materials have not been received yet. Please send.

#### **Director of Travel (Andrew)**

- The Director of Travel, position will be open in November
- Travel not going well. Approximately 77 reschedules happening due to weather and field conditions
- SC asked for feedback re: the county virtual meeting(s) – some issues with zoom and users having technology issues, nothing remarkable to report

#### **Director of Intramurals (Tim)**

- No report from Tim
- From Jeff C – crosstown schedule is done: Danvers lost a team, Beverly is back in all teams, Salem stayed the same
- Intramural Futsal ended last week. 29 paid players. Positive feedback.

#### **Director of Safety and Compliance (Jon)**

- No report

#### **Director of Fields and Equipment (Sean)**

- Gates shed was cleaned out and organized by Sean and crew
- Town is taking back our space at Plains shed. No hard deadline to be out, but “soon”. On Sunday a group met and started going through materials. Assistance is need from the building supervisor to deal with the remaining materials which consists of coaches’ equipment, tournament materials, financial paperwork and other. We must keep financial records dating back 3 years. Discussion of possible options for housing remaining inventory that will exceed space in the Gates shed. The original plan for the town to build us a shed in place is no longer an option
- Sean responded to inquiry from Dave Mountain re: portable bathroom stations
- New corner flags were purchased for the high school. They were used for first game last Saturday then disappeared for later games. Need to locate.

#### **IV. Committees**

##### **Referee (Jeff)**

Spring availability form has been sent. Responses due by 4/15

### **Scholarship (Daryl/Alicia)**

- Received 4 applicants. None outside of DHS.
- Committee will be meeting later in the month to select recipients.

### **Danvers Invitational (Sharon)/Saluting Soldiers (Brendan)**

- Danvers Invitational
  - 44 teams have registered. Registration closes 4/22
  - Desiree W sent email to contacts in an effort to increase registrations
  - Rosters will be locked by 5/17
  - Referees will be checking rosters – process to be discussed
  - Food trucks and sponsors have been secured

### **Special Events (Mandy/Dayna)**

- DYS night at Revolution is underway. Ticket redemption emails have been sent. Promotion will be ongoing until event on 5/18
- Town wide cleanup on 4/20. DYS will cleanup Gates and Thorpe fields. Mandy creating sign up genius to mobilize volunteers. Great service opportunity for middle and high school students.
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event – next steps on hold pending budget approval and available funds

### **TOPSoccer (Sharon)**

- Currently have 8 players and 7 buddies. Ideally would like to reach 20 players. Will reach out to families from fall session that haven't re-registered for Spring.
- Sharon C was approached by Peabody to go to SEPAC meeting – they would like to offer our program to Peabody.
- Beverly did not get their TOPSoccer program off the ground this session.

### **Apparel (Amy C/Desiree W)**

- No report – all apparel is up for discussion

### **V. New Business**

- Summer Training – Mike B putting together summer training for DYS to offer. Similar to prior years.
- Social Media Coordinator – need for someone to “own” the website and Facebook who don't have children aging out of DYS. Deep S. offered to take this on. Amy to elaborate on specifics at next meeting.
- Daryl A was approached by a middle school teacher re: transitional students who expressed interest in playing soccer. We recapped the prior discussions including transportation issues, language barrier, etc. Further discussion about inviting the students to practices and potentially adding to rosters if specifics can be obtained re: gender/grades and ability to get to games. DYS is willing to do as much as we reasonably can to involve these students.

- Desiree W reported that the high school clinic in late March had positive feedback – approximately 120 players participated in the clinic.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Dayna D'Angelo  
Secretary  
Danvers Youth Soccer

**Next BOD Meeting – May 13, 2024 at 7:30pm, Firehouse training room**