



Exeter Youth Soccer Association

Minutes of a meeting of the board of directors

Held at 7.00pm on October 13, 2020 via Zoom video conference

1. Chairman welcome

The Chairman, Marc Chabot, noting that the meeting had been convened properly and that a quorum was present opened the meeting at 7.00pm. Also in attendance were Patrick Garrity, Jenn Young, Maria Proulx, Amy Farnham, Brian Melick, Luke Martel and Stephen Osborne, Secretary.

2. Minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting held on September 1, 2020, having previously been circulated, were approved.

3. Fall season update

There was a general discussion about the ongoing fall season, the board noting that Seacoast coaching support had been provided well and, for the most part, coaches had benefited from the program. It was noted that there were only two more weeks of Seacoast support.

It was agreed that, despite there not being matches, coaches should provide player assessments for their age groups. With age groups having been practicing together, it had been a good opportunity to view each player in comparison to their peers. Maria will ask Seacoast for any additional feedback on the EYSA coaches this fall.

4. Indoor teams

There will be a guidance note to player families regarding EYSA's position with the Seacoast indoor leagues and them being subject to Seacoast United's safety protocols and the responsibility of individual teams, not arranged through EYSA.

Jenn confirmed that there were no insurance consequences for the club, if players wore the EYSA uniform. It was agreed that, for clarity, coaches should be asked to not their teams names including FC Exeter.

Marc will draft the note to all members to emphasize the separation between FC Exeter and the indoor coaches.

5. Spring season

Maria reported that at NNESSL, the fall league was going well, with COVID instances being limited to one known case. Spring registration deadlines will be forthcoming.

Luke will get web content for High School from the previous website, Blue Sombrero along with the records of competition wins. He will work with Jenn to get the High School program information more visibly accessible on the new website.

6. Equipment

Based upon current review, the goals were noted as being as follows.

Brentwood has:

- 2 9v9s, one in great condition and labelled. One is less good but OK and not in use
- 11v11 nets are tattered and wheels are broken.
- Given Brentwood has a 7v7 field, we should have 7v7 goals there too.



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Exeter has:

- We have 2sets of 11v11s
- There is 1 set 7v7s and we could do with one more set
- There is 1 pair of 9v9s goals.
- In storage there is a set of wheels

There may be Pugg nets with coaches. It would be helpful to restore the Pugg nets back to the shed, if Laura could contact coaches from the recent past.

Patrick and Brian will assess field and equipment needs for spring.

7. Fields

It was noted that lining fields had been slow this year, especially given the season started later than usual. Patrick will research options for field lining.

By way of recap, Patrick noted that Stratham Hill had worked out OK, as an addition option. At Stratham Memorial School, there was a need for goals. CMS changed its mind about the availability of fields for EYSA, and had not been an option. Exeter has worked out very well and at the Brentwood field, overall conditions should be improved.

8. Financials

Jenn reported that there is \$66,897 cash on hand versus \$82,993 at the same time last year. This is with some expenses yet to be paid (fields use at Stratham and Brentwood, Seacoast for coaching, and field lining).

There had been requests for financial assistance for fall subscriptions and the board approved these for 2 players at \$130 and 2 players at \$105.

9. Other business

Maria advised that Durham Oyster River, who had also restricted their program to non-travel, had approached EYSA for possible intra-town scrimmages at the end of the season. After a vote, the board declined the offer to take part, 6-2 against.

Marc noted that there had been an action to have a call with Chuck following the high school game that was played against Oyster River in September. Chuck had not been available to meet immediately following the last board meeting and after a brief email exchange, no further discussion had been held.

It was agreed that coach development and recruitment and placement should be a future topic for review ahead of the spring.

Jenn will select end of season medals for the Academy players.

There being no further business, the Chairman called the meeting to a close at 8.15pm.