

Minutes for NTWSA Fall EOS 2024 Captains Meeting

Date: 4 November 2024

Call to order: 7:01 pm

Adjourn: 7:48 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

Executive Board: Christi Chapman – President
Gayla Kirk– Vice President
Linn Hanusa – Secretary
Lori Stalbohm – Treasurer
Patti Callahan – League Commissioner
Melissa Raymer – Field Coordinator

Introduction: Board members introduced. August Meeting minutes are posted on the NTWSA Website. Aug 12,2024 Captain’s Meetings Minutes approved.

Reports from Executive Board Members:

- President:
 - The season is almost over at this date. Due to rainouts, some games are still scheduled to play which will determine final standings for several divisions. This is holding up prize ordering.
 - Player pool access: the player pool spreadsheet is private and access is given to Captains. If you need access to it, reach out to secretary@ntwsa.org.
 - Entering game details. Some captains are not finalizing games in Sports Engine app which delays the update of standings. For the standings to be accurate, captains must enter the score in the app and finalize the score.
- Vice President:
 - Game Sheets: Captains asked to fill out game sheet completely and verify that it is correctly scored by the referees before signing off on it. Also make sure the image is high quality and writing is legible.
 - Captains need to review their duties with respect to reporting red/yellow cards, submitting game sheets within 48 hours, noting injuries, and putting team name and division in subject line of email to gamesheets@ntwsa.org.
 - Referee comments: of the 107 comments listed,58% were positive, 42% were negative. 59 yellow cards and 9 red cards were given.
- Treasurer:
 - Financials packet was included with agenda. NTWSA lost \$795.54 in the 23-24 soccer year with the goal of trying to break even. Rates were raised this season to prevent us from losing more money moving forward.
 - Financials were provided through Sept 30th but do not provide an accurate picture as we have \$9K in income but have not paid for fields or other expenses that will be due by season’s end. A more in-depth financial packet will be provided in the spring.
 - Form 990 for North Texas was filed, approved and submitted.
- Secretary:
 - Too many divisions are not determined yet, so prizes have not been ordered. Prizes are size specific and will be ordered as soon as all divisions are completed.

- Spring Captains prizes for minimum number of players. To be eligible for the prize, all players registered must be paid in full and have paid their annual insurance fee. New players to the spring will have to pay for their insurance.
- Field Coordinator:
 - Reach out to Melissa as soon as possible if there is an issue at the field such as no referees, no lights, etc.
 - We lost PIT Plano. Please reach out to Melissa or Christi with any potential contacts for new fields as scouting for new fields is a continuous process.
 - Ref fees will increase in the Spring season in order to remain competitive with other leagues.
 - Open/O30/O40 Sunday will be \$88/team/game (\$80 Center/\$48 per AR total).
 - Wed O40 will be \$66/team/game (\$56 Center/\$38 per AR total).
 - O50 Sun & Thurs will be \$58/team/game (\$50 Center/\$33 per AR total).
- League Commissioner:
 - Wednesday night Over 40 is moving to 35 minute halves. Ref fees have been adjusted for the extra ten minutes.
 - Over 40 Sunday will likely make in the spring.
 - Team registration opens Dec 1st through 10th. Player registration will open on Dec 15th and minimums must be met by Jan 25th. Player registration will end March 15th due to state deadline of reporting being April 1st. First game is Feb 23rd. Spring Captain's meeting is Feb 17th.
 - Player registration will be sent to captains to forward to players they are inviting to play.
 - Color conflict of jerseys: If the away team wears their alternate jersey which causes a color conflict with the primary jersey of the home team, the away team must change jerseys. The home team only needs to change jerseys when the primary colors of both teams conflict.
 - Home vs Away clarification on Sports Engine App. When the app reads Team 1 vs Team 2, the Team 1 is home. When it reads Team1 at Team2, the Team 2 is home.
 - Spring Byes: Spring season is a ten-game season with a limited number of weekends to play. Mother's Day is a game day. Registration will allow Captains to request a bye that Sunday, but it is not guaranteed. Easter Sunday is an automatic bye. Spring break and tournaments add additional bye requests which create scheduling issues that can compress timeline. Captains advised to discuss anticipated byes with their team.
- Question and answer session
 - Why are we losing fields? Melissa addressed 3 main issues. There is an increase in youth play. We also compete with men's leagues as well. Lastly, many cities do maintenance on Sundays. NWSA is still addressing finding and retaining fields.
 - Can a player play on a Wednesday O40 team and a Sunday O40 team? Yes. They are on different days.
 - What is the time frame for the Sunday Over 40 league? Over 40 games will be played at the same times as Open and Over 30. They will be done by 5 and will not conflict with Sunday O50.