



**A Regular Meeting of  
DANVERS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, September 11, 2017  
Polish Club, Danvers, MA**

Title	Name	Present
President	Brendan Piscitello	YES
Vice President	Sharon Clement	YES
Treasurer	Janet Gargan	YES
Registrar	Desiree Wynott	NO
Secretary	Megan Chambers	YES
Director of Safety and Compliance		
Director- Coaches Education and Player Development	Mike Blanch	YES
Director of Travel	Loren Rocker	YES
Assistant Director of Travel	Dawn Price	NO
Director of Intramurals	Nate Lamar	YES
Director of Fields and Equipment	Tim Gray	YES
Director- At Large	Sean Dunn	YES
Director- At Large	Andrew Godfried	YES
Director- At Large	Steven Gargan	YES
Director- At Large	Lindsay Demsey	YES
Director- At Large	Michael Randall	NO
Director- At Large	Anthony Ferullo	YES
Associate Director	Frank Rositto	NO
Associate Director	Elvir Celikovic	NO
Associate Director	Jeff Chambers	NO
Associate Director	Kerry Eon	NO
Associate Director	Rob Licata	YES
Associate Director	Mike Graves	NO
Associate Director	Jason Navarro	NO
Associate Director	Greg Conklin	YES
Associate Director		
Associate Director		
Director Of Coaching	Edgar de Leon	YES

Other members present: Brian  
Guests:

## **I. Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order at 7:36 PM by President, Brendan Piscitello.

## **II. Secretary's Report**

- Motion made by Loren Rocker to accept the August minutes as presented. 2nd by Tim Gray. All in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

## **III. Treasurer's Report**

- August financial report will be reviewed at the October board meeting.

## **IV. Registrar's Report**

- Fall registration numbers: Little Falcons have 33 players, PreK has 58 and K has 62. There are 235 intramural players registered.
- Special Kickers registration is still open. We currently have 16 players and 29 buddies!
- Winter Skills Training registration is now open.

## **V. Intramural Report**

- Nate Lamar discussed the numbers in the Grade 1 and Grade 2 boys teams, currently there are 60 players and 6 teams. Looking at reshuffling teams, but some concerns regarding combining the two grades. Grade 1 is just being introduced to the game format while Grade 2 has a year of experience. Finding coaches for Grade 2 boys has been difficult. Nate will contact the coaches and discuss options.
- Day light issue- groups will start at the same time instead of one after the other. Travel will move to Thorpe on Mondays and Thursdays allowing grade 3 and 4 to stay at Gates field.

## **VI. Director of Coaches Education and Player Development**

- Mike Blanch reported that the Coaches Education session held at the end of August was successful, with almost 30 coaches in attendance. They encouraged coaches to get their F license by taking an online course. They discussed the importance of volunteerism, being educated and involved.
- A round table will be planned next. There are a lot of new coaches this year so evaluations and how to rate players should be discussed.

## **X. Travel Report**

- Loren Rocker discussed the meeting that had been held for new coaches. The importance of evaluations was stressed, as well as zero tolerance policy for referees. Referees need to make several decisions each game, and as most of our referees are still learning, mistakes can happen. Fear of getting yelled at by coaches and parents have caused young referees to quit. Nate Lamar suggested allowing referees playing on a team to referee a scrimmage during practices.
- A couple roster issues were noted, including pulling younger players up, and teams with only 1 sub. We need a coach to replace an outgoing coach this spring.
- Games are starting later and needing to be staggered due to low referee numbers.
- Loren would like travel coaches to have a minimum of an F license. Mike Blanch will look into setting up an E license training.
- Thorpe nets need to be moved off the field after playing.
- Match reports should be send in after every game, not only when there is a negative report. ECYSA looks at all the reports to help improve the program.

## **XI. Fields and Equipment**

- Tim Gray reported that kick off went well this weekend. Fields were all lined Friday, and will be relined as needed for the intramural fields.
- Equipment distribution has been difficult this year and there are a lot of requests.
- The DIT needs corner flags for the turf fields.
- Positive feedback regarding the colored flags and signs, and set up at John George park. Parents were glad to talk with Edgar de Leon on the first day about expectations for the season.
- Mike Blanch reported that the top field at Thorpe has been too overwatered. Tim will contact Chuck.

## **XII. New Business**

- 6 Danvers teams played in the North Reading tournament.
- High school Grade 2 nights- Girls Friday 9/15, Boys 9/21. Parents are excited.
- Revs night will be held on September 30th. We have 50 tickets to sell.
- Mike Randall set up Picture Day- 10/14 Little Falcons, PreK and K will have their pictures taken, 10/15 will be Grades 1-5.
- Andrew Godfried discussed the social- hoping for 11/17 or 11/18. The committee wants anyone who wants to help fundraise and get sponsorships. There will be team baskets similar to last year. Andrew will email Kerry Eon to get access to email the membership.
- DIT 2018- Sharon Clement informed us that the application is being submitted for \$350.
- Update on Gates field- Sharon explained the concerns and process. The notice of intent has been filled out, the next step is to draw the proposed field. We are getting close to the 35 foot mark from the wetlands. If we need to break into the 25-35 foot zone, we will need state approval.
- Grade 10+ registration should be opened to start recruiting. Sharon has emailed Desiree Wynott.
- DSSSF- Janet Gargan reported that all travel teams received information in their envelopes, and some teams have already been reaching out. Andrew Godfriend suggested sending out flyers, there are a few interested towns.
- As the October meeting would fall on Columbus Day, Brendan Piscitello will email the board with a new date of either 10/10 or 10/16.

## **XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 PM.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Megan Chambers  
Secretary  
Danvers Youth Soccer*