

Northwest District of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

August 15, 2018 Wyndham Southbury Hotel, Southbury, CT

Attendees: Corrado Perugini (Watertown), Dave Brouillette (Wolcott), Rich Zimmerman, Craig Richardson (Sherman), Laura Anderson (New Fairfield), Kim Maccicza (Thomaston), Beth Lahey (Thomaston), Mark Crowe (Torrington), Paul Maloney (Wolcott), James Bishop (New Milford), JCari Boucher (Highlander), Jay Geise (Watertown), Alex Mendoza (CT Impact United), Nick Meglio (Bunker Hill), Steve Vetter (Brookfield), Mike Diorio (Northwest United), Dennis Fowler (Terryville), Jay Zalewski (Pomperaug), Joe Abdella (Shepaug), Ryan Chmielewski (Woodbury/Bethlehem), Kevin Lillie (Winchester), Sam Olmstead (Litchfield), David Shannon (Litchfield)

Not in Attendance: Danbury

Public Comment: None

Minutes: The minutes from June's meeting will be posted on our website. All were asked if there were any changes to the June minutes as they were posted and there were no changes.

Registration: A few clubs are pending affiliation: CFC West, Litchfield, Middlebury/Pomperaug, Woodbury/Bethlehem, and CT Impact United. Please go into Stack Sports and update your affiliation. We have a new club, CT Impact United out of New Milford. They have four teams for the fall season. Alex Mendoza and Riccardo, the two club leaders introduced themselves. There have been a few issues with Stack Sports. Make sure that all of your coaches are registered through Stack Sports. Cory recommended a person who is the registrar in Guilford who can help your club if you need, talk to Cory and he will give you his information. You need to make sure that your affiliation forms are in by September 1st.

It was proposed at the last meeting that we get rid of the roster freeze. Are there any objections? Paul from Wolcott made a motion that we no longer freeze rosters. Joe from Shepaug seconded the motion. All approved.

Litchfield proposed that roster sizes for U9 and U10 be changed to 25 players only 14 players can play at any given game. This will need to be self-policed, we do not want to ask the referees to manage this rule. Please make sure to educate the coaches. Sam from Litchfield made a motion that we increase the roster size for U9 and U10 teams to 25 players with only 14 players playing per game, Dennis from Terryville seconded the motion. All approved. Both of these new rules will be added to the district handbook.

State Report: Our executive director had a medical issue, he's going to be fine and doing well. We're moving forward with all of our initiatives. We are working to iron out any issues that we're having with Stack Sports. We encourage your teams to play in State Cup/CT Cup. Remember we reimburse for coaching licenses, please encourage your coaches to get their licenses. If your club is interested in hosting a licensing course, let us know and we will help you with this.

Treasurer's Report: No new report

Classic Travel: Coach's meeting has been moved from August 27th to August 30th. Girls' coaches at 6:30pm and Boys' coaches at 7:30pm. Please make sure that your coaches attend this meeting. It's really important that all coaches hear the same message and meet the other coaches in their division.

Premier: No new report

Training: Our District Developmental Program is going to happen. Southbury will provide a field with lights and coaches. Once a week, probably on Mondays, there will be a training session. The fee will be \$350 for 5-6 fall sessions and 5-6 spring sessions as well as possibly a trip to Massachusetts to play a competitive game in both seasons. An email will go out next week with the details. We would like to get 20 or more players. If you also have a venue with lights, let Dave know and we will set up a second location. The rule is that the player must be on a Northwest District club, this is supplemental training in addition to their training within your club. To start, we will be offering this program for U9 and U10 boys and girls and we will build the program from there. There will be an evaluation, this should be for the top three or four kids from your teams. Litchfield stated that they would have field space on Mondays, but do not have lights.

Website/Publicity: Send anything that you would like posted on the website to Karen Puskas.

Referees: No new report

Disciplinary: No new report

Other: Dave and Cory would like to hire someone to be a Director of Coaching (DOC) for the district. This person would be a liaison with the state DOC and a resource to all of the clubs in our district. This would also be someone who can support your travel coordinator and coordinate coaching education. There are four clubs who have a DOC in their clubs. They will provide a write up at the next meeting with a description of the job and a salary and we can discuss it more at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be September 19th at 7:30pm.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, August 30th – Fall Coach's Meeting (Girls' Teams – 6:30pm; Boys' Teams – 7:30pm)

Wednesday, September 19th – District Meeting (7:30pm)

November 14th – District Meeting and Holiday Dinner (6:30pm)