

Northwest District of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

August 21, 2019 Wyndham Southbury Hotel, Southbury, CT

Attendees: Corrado Perugini (Vice President), Dave Brouillette (State Rep), Karen Puskas (Treasurer), Ruthie Napoleone (Highlander), Dave Hendy (Shepaug), Sam Olmstead (Litchfield), Laura Anderson (New Fairfield), Kim Maczisa (Thomaston), Kevin Lillie (Winchester United), Paul Maloney (Wolcott), Steve Vetter (Brookfield), Dennis Fowler (Terryville), Ryan Chmielewski (Woodbury-Bethlehem), Kevin LaFond (Northwest United), Mike Diorio (Northwest United), Beth Lahey (Thomaston), Nick Meglio (Bunker Hill), Tom Fitzpatrick (Sherman), James Bishop (New Milford), Mark Ardino (Pomperaug), Jane Girkasky (Woodbury-Bethlehem), Mark Crowe (Torrington), Deb Krayske (Watertown), Tom Krayske (Watertown), Kelly Gereski

Not in Attendance: Danbury, CT Impact

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: The minutes from June's meeting have been posted on our website. If any changes need to be made, please let Corrado know.

Treasurer's Report: Please check the budget document for your club carefully and let us know if the current fall registration numbers for your club look correct. There are some issues with the information that Stack is giving us. Karen is working with CJSA to fix this.

Registration: CJSA is trying to hire some people at the state level to deal with Stack Sports and help the districts. Cup registrations are open now.

Classic Travel: The travel teams were discussed following the meeting to determine the divisions for each age group.

State Report: Josh from CJSA came to make a presentation about SafeSport to help clubs understand the law and their responsibilities. Adults in your club who have regular contact with kids must complete the 90 minute online SafeSport course and the certificate once they complete the course must be uploaded to their Stack account. The rosters will not be activated until the coach has a completed SafeSport certificate. There is a 30 minute annual refresher course. Josh recommends that you identify someone on your club's board who can be

a point person and also a club defined process to handle misconduct such as emotional abuse, bullying, hazing or harassment. Reports of physical or sexual abuse must be made to DCF. Email safesport@cjsa.org and they will email you all of the policies that you need for your club. Josh will also offer a youth training in each district. If you contract with a training company, they should be able to provide successful background checks for any of their trainers.

The state is working on a new budget.

Website/Publicity: The website is doing well. There are some recent updates with new information, especially regarding SafeSport requirements.

Referees: There are many new soccer laws in effect for the fall season. John Hester will go over these changes. The coaches should no longer communicate with the referees during the game. Cory will reiterate at the coaches meeting that coaches are responsible for the behavior of their parents.

Disciplinary: No new report

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be September 18th at 7:30pm at the Heritage Hotel.