

Northwest District of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association

January 16, 2020, Heritage Hotel, Southbury, CT

Attendees: Karen Puskas, Nick Meglio (Bunker Hill), Deb Krayeske (Watertown), Kevin LaFond (Northwest United), Tom Fitzpatrick (Sherman), Mark Crowe (Torrington), Ryan Chmiezewski (Woodbury-Bethlehem), Jay Zalewski (Pomperaug), David Cardoso (New Milford), Beth Lahey (Thomaston), Margherita Luzzi (Litchfield), Joe Abdeku (Shepaug), Kevin Lillie (Winchester United), Christian Ayala (CT Impact).

Not in Attendance: Brookfield, Danbury, Highlander, New Fairfield, Wolcott, Terryville.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: There were no minutes for November 2019 as this was the holiday dinner.

Treasurer's Report: Karen – There are still some issues with reporting and invoicing properly reflecting the actuals on the Northwest District account. Karen provided a copy of the detailed account activity for the Webster bank account for the district. It shows withdrawals for a total of \$46, 189 for the district's Fall 2019 registration fees to the State. The ending balance reflects an amount of \$98, 704.96 which is what the district should be at for this point in time.

Registrar Report: Karen speaking for Scott - There will be a seminar for training on the new system at next week's AGM meeting. Clubs are encouraged to send their registrars to this training.

Commissioner Report: Karen speaking for Rich- The Spring 2020 season will run from Saturday April 4, 2020 through Sunday June 22, 2020. There will be no games scheduled on the weekends of April 11-12 (Easter) or May 23-24 (Memorial Day).

Last day to report game results will be on June 24, 2020.

Team registration opens on February 1 and closes on March 1. Teams may still be added until March 4th (a late fee will be issued).

Any team placement concerns must be communicated to the district board no later than March 11th.

The league scheduling and placement meeting will be held on Wednesday March 18th.

The coaches meetings will be held on Wednesday March 25th.

The other Spring monthly meetings will be held on April 15th and June 17th.

Details for all meetings can be found on the Northwest District website.

State Report: Karen speaking for Dave – The AGM meeting will be the weekend of January 24-25, 2020. Note that the location for the meeting has been moved to the DoubleTree Hotel in Bristol. The information for the schedules for these 2 days can be found on the CJSA website.

As previously mentioned, the DOC stepped down last Fall 2019. There are 17 applicants submitting for the position. The new DOC should be announced by April.

Referee Report: Karen speaking for John – new referee Grassroots training and referee recertification training are open effective January 15 through March 20. Any person 13 years of age or older is eligible to train. Website is ctreferee.net

The CJSA requires that every club use a certified referee assignor. As of right now they have not enforced this requirement. Going forward they will enforce it and non-conforming clubs will be fined. Typically there is a training offered every fall to become certified. There is supposed to be an added course offered this spring. Please check the CT Referee website for further information.

District Business and News:

Stack Sports: The CJSA recognizes the limitations of Stack and are bringing on board the Blue Sombrero platform to try and make the websites more user friendly. CJSA will be hiring an administrator to assist clubs with their websites with this transition. They are hoping to have this in place by March 2020. CJSA is looking to have total migration by Fall 2021.

Adult Coaches in Stack Sports: Any adult who is coaching for your club must be registered in Stack for each season just like players are registered for each season. CJSA is looking to close the loophole that allowed unregistered coaches to coach previously. Unregistered coaches are not covered by insurance so we need 100% registration.

Team Handbook Addendum: It was brought to the board's attention that there is no mention of proper player attire in the NWD handbook. There will be an addendum for this Spring 2020 to add information for proper player attire and that no jewelry will be allowed to be worn by players during matches.

New Business: No report.

For the good of soccer: No report.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be March 18th at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.