

Litchfield Youth Soccer League Board Meeting

Monday, March 14, 2016, LMS

Attendees: M. Boschi, Z. Duprey, J. Bourque, T. DeCarli, A. Lajoie, G. Barillas J. Craig, J. Jozokos, S. Brown, S. Smith, M. Fluet

- 1.) President's Report—M. Boschi
 - a. Previous meeting minutes with minor adjustments were voted and approved for December 2015, January 2016 and February 2016
 - b. NHSA Meeting Update—meeting was generally informational in regards to upcoming changes through US Soccer. Discussion on status of U15 age group and whether to allow U15 age players in 8th grade to waiver. Discussions with other towns indicate that most other towns are going with age group.
 - c. Concussion policy update also discussed. Policy was sent prior to meeting via email to board and includes but is not limited to changes including U8-U11 not allowed to head (penalty free kick) and U12/U13 limited to heading practice of 20-30 minutes of practice per week. All concussion guidelines to be enforced by refs and leagues. Discussion on whether to adopt US Soccer policy. Motion was made (Jenn/Mike F second) to adopt US soccer guidelines. Unanimously approved. Update to be discussed with coaches by travel coordinator.
 - d. NHSA bill is paid for Spring.
- 2.) Equipment Coordinator Update—T. DeCarli
 - a. White Jerseys are no longer available by our uniform provider. Discussion on how to proceed with existing players and going forward next year. Terri will research further and will discuss at next meeting for next year.
 - b. Discussion on HS uniforms and what is needed.
 - c. Discussion on rec uniforms. Terri ordering 6.
- 3.) Field Coordinator Update—J. Craig
 - a. Training to be set up on 3 days in three 1 hour blocks. Need to group West/Chapman together.
 - b. Currently have 6 spots open at Talent if anyone wants indoor space, contact Jon.
 - c. Discussion on moving nets from Sawmill to GMS.
 - d. Anticipate fields opening on 4/3 if weather cooperates.
- 4.) Travel Coordinator—S. Brown
 - a. Question for the board on player who is currently not on LYSL roster who plays for a team in another league being allowed to practice with HS team. Discussion on merits/benefits/disadvantages. Motion made (J.Craig, 2nd S. Smith) to deny request. Approved unanimously with two abstentions.
 - b. Discussion around whether league should adopt/create any policies in regards to conduct as it relates to teams from Litchfield who play indoor. Decision was made that no such policy will be created but next fall, an email will come from the board explaining that any indoor activities are not LYSL sponsored events.

- 5.) Rec Coordinator Updates—J. Bourque on behalf of K. Schoff
 - a. Discussion on Senior rec and ideas set forth by Karl to work with Manchester to help build senior rec program. Consensus was agreement. Jenn to contact Karl and advise.
- 6.) Age Group Discussion—All
 - a. Discussion around LYSL go forward approach with new US Soccer guidelines as instituted by NHSA in the upcoming season. Discussion included that changing the age guidelines would not impact the ability of the LYSL to move players based on team viability. Motion (A. Lajoie/2nd J. Jozokos) to adopt US Soccer guidelines for LYSL travel season starting fall 2016 and beyond that will divide teams based on birth year (January 1st-December 31st). Motion passed unanimously.
- 7.) Open Discussion—all
 - a. Meeting Day change discussion. Meetings will change to 2nd Wednesday temporarily. Next meeting 4/13, 7pm LMS Library.
- 8.) Meeting Adjourned 8:23pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 13th at 7pm in LMS Library.