

# Litchfield Youth Soccer Board Meeting Notes

October 6th, 2014  
7:30 p.m.

**Attendees:** M. Boschi, Z. Duprey, C. Labatt, G. Barillas, J. Craig, M. Fluet, J. Kohm, K. Schoff, S. Brown, J. Bourque, T. DeCarli, R. Fitzgerald, K. Schoff, Lauren Tanguay, Ben Cote, Evan Bacon

**Facilitator/Note Taker:** Z. Duprey

**1.) Sophomore Project Request—(Ben Cote)**

Ben requesting approval to Assistant Coach with Mike Zimmerman and Mike Brown’s U10 Boy’s team for fall outdoor and winter futsal sessions. Ben has been with LYSL travel program for 8 years. Vote to approve. Unanimous. 12-0.

**2.) Sophomore Project Request—(Lauren Tanguay)**

Lauren requesting approval to Assistant Coach with Chris Wagner and Zach Duprey’s U10 Girl’s team for fall and spring sessions. Lauren has 11 years soccer experience playing and 3 years with LYSL. Vote to approve. Unanimous. 12-0.

**3.) Sophomore Project Request—(Evan Bacon)**

Evan requesting approval to Assist with 6X6 Senior Rec coach J. Druin. Vote to approve. Unanimous. 12-0.

**4.) President’s Report—(M. Boschi)**

- Vote to approve September Meeting Minutes Unanimous. 12-0.
- Rec Commission/Field Use Update—Several requests by schools to utilize Sawmill and Innes for games/practices over the past few weeks. School is refusing to utilize Darrah field as field is not lined. Rec Commission refused requests for Sawmill due to concerns with field overuse and asked that schools utilize Darrah. Suggestion to proactively work with High School AD in regards to Spring field utilization with the HS Lacrosse season.

**5.) Treasurer’s Report—(on behalf of M. Duprey)**

<b>• Prior Ending Reconciled balance-checking</b>	\$51,475.69
	(455.00) Field lining
	(2,250.00) Field lining paint
	(100.00) Travel refund
	(528.51) Equipment & Supplies
	(1,779.00) Rec uniforms
	(1,400.00) Travel tournament fees
	(4,345.00) Fall training/Coach cord
	(6,691.00) NHSA fall fees-travel&rec
<b>Current Ending Reconciled Balance-Checking</b>	<b>\$33,927.18</b>

- All fees collected.
  - Spring tournament fees expected to be higher. Anticipated EOY balance around \$12K.
  - Discussion on four outstanding Spring HS travel players who each owe \$365. League to write letter (Maggie/Mike) and send to outstanding players on balance due informing them of balance. Also, any Spring team must be paid in full before they will be issued player cards and allowed to play this Spring.
- 6.) Equipment Coordinator Update—(T. DeCarli)**
- All rec shirts ordered. Rec coordinators to let current coaches know to give back any extras at end of season to save for future use.
  - Also ordered mesh bags, cones and size 3,4 and 5 balls.
  - First aid kits and ice packs available from Terri.
  - Discussion on ordering new small nets for rec for GMS for Spring. Terri to research.
  - Motion to approve the purchase of 8 new mesh nets for GMS for Spring. Unanimous. 12-0.
  - Discussion on recognizing coach's for their participation. Decision made to recognize all Rec Coaches for LYSL in HLN article. All Rec coordinators to send list of coach/assistant coach to Jenn Bourque by 11/1 for article following week.
- 7.) Field Coordinator Update—(J. Craig)**
- Field Clean up day Saturday 11/8. Jon Craig to send out details.
  - All coaches should clean up after themselves after last games.
  - Rec Coordinators to ensure nets are along edges of fields and all other equipment is in sheds after last games of season.
- 8.) Travel Report—(C.Labatt)**
- Rosters frozen after 10/10.
  - Last league games weekend of 11/1 and 11/2. Playoffs following weekend for applicable teams.
- 9.) Rec Coordinator Updates—(M. Fluet;K. Schoff, R. Fitzgerald)**
- Karl inquired about trash at Brickyard. Carried out 2 bags of trash himself. All fields are carry in/carry out in regards to trash. Karl volunteered to remove current barrels at Brickyard.
  - No updates on 4X4 or instructional. All coaches/players doing well.
  - Discussion on 6X6 tournament and what was needed for nets. Decision was made to split the tournament into 2 divisions and play 30 minutes games to eliminate the need to move any nets to Sawmill.
- 10.) Open Discussion Items**
- Closed discussion on incident that occurred during travel game with Litchfield coach. Board was presented with the facts of the situation and information was gathered from State, parents at game and the coach himself. After a thorough review of the facts, the board voted unanimously (13-0) to remove coach's suspension.
  - Subsequent discussion arose around how to handle future issues involving any type of coach misconduct. A review of the by-laws indicates that we should have a committee of

individuals who are charged with reviewing any issues of this type on a case by case basis. Motion was made to elect a committee for review consisting of Ref Coordinator, Vice President and Travel Coordinator (with President acting as substitute should one of the aforementioned be the coach in question). This committee would be charged with reviewing the facts of the case and presenting their recommendation for action to the board. Motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 13-0.

- Concussion policy discussion around the adoption of a formal league policy for how to handle athletes with concussions. Mike created policy (attached for reference) which includes information from the CDC, NHL and NHA on best practices for concussion. Also discussed consequences for failure to adhere to said policy and it was determined that this would be reviewed by the newly formed disciplinary committee as stated above. This policy will be voted on to be adopted at our next meeting.
- Meeting schedule going forward will change to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.

**Next meeting Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the LMS Library**