

May 2020 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Brian Smith, Ryan Patterson, Lars Jensen, Gioia Perry, Darla Cole, David Montgomery, Brent Sloan, Patrick Fisher, Hope Geist, Aimee Petrarca

Staff Present: Mary-Jo Thompson; Tim Blodgett

Coronavirus Impacts: NCYSA Official Statement - No Youth Soccer activities ATT until June 1st (fluid opening date)

Safety Protocol: Face Masks on and off fields, but not during practice. Players and Staff must remain 6Ft Apart, no sharing equipment (Balls, bags, shoes, etc). Board concerned with how not to share equipment and need to communicate to staff regarding encouraging social distancing through signs etc. Need to keep communal areas clean (more requirements coming).

Results from Coaches/Parents on return to play, the numbers are not fully in yet. Key Responses were that parents will not let players play if mask is required. Mask will cause unnecessary respiratory issues. Players are not conditioned for heat or masks after 3 months of no play.

Return to Play concerns: Who will take Financial Responsibility for sick/injured players. No way to guarantee protection of players or contact tracing. Board wonders if we can acquire appropriate cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer.

Three of our CRA clubs so far are not having Fall seasons. Wilmington is changing structure for the season. AC Sandhills is on hold. Fusion is changing structure and will not be holding Tryouts.

Documentation will be needed in order to keep track of: cleaning (need volunteers for daily cleaning); Waiver's will be required prior to stepping on the field; Signed Parent Docs stating they will follow NCYSA safety protocol; Signed Coach Docs stating they will follow NCYSA requirements.

Board is considering whether the limited play and work by board members is worth the play time, and is the cleaning process for volunteers worth the risk every day after play. Decision to be made at next board meeting.

Tryouts will be held for 11/12U June 15-July 31.

Motion made to Cancel Fall Recreation Season for 2020; Don made the motion, Darla seconded, all in favor - 6 members. Motion carried.

Motion made to follow NC Fusion Model for Tryouts of allowing players currently on travel remaining in the program, not necessarily on the same team. David made the motion, Darla seconded; motion carried by 6.

Board made decision to shut down Northview Optimist Park Soccer Complex to limit exposure.

Board made decision to ask Members to donate reg fees, and receive Tax Donation form as opposed to receiving a refund or credit for following season.

Concerns to be discussed at June Meeting: Will Travel teams be penalized by NCYSA for not playing; will we need to pull funds from GBP to repay May 2021.

Admin will draft letter to Members regarding REC Canx, and create Google Commitment Letter with a due date requirement for Travel Players.

Club Administrator

Recreation, Travel, Youth Academy Update

Play suspended by NCYSA until June 1, 2020. Youth Academy/Travel Tryouts tentatively scheduled for mid June pending Board approval. If holding tryouts admin will need exact Dates/Times per age groups ASAP to update the Registration and for Marketing. Will also need Additional Waiver Terminology and Parent Responsibility Form for Registration.

Need Club Wide Waiver for Parents/Players; Form for Coaches, Parents to sign acknowledging their separate Responsibilities to ensure NCYSA COVID Safety Protocol is acknowledged and followed.

With Summer Program &/OR Tryouts: Will need board members to play active role in ensuring communal areas disinfected, and players/parents/coaches are following guidelines during play

Future Footballers Update

Need tentative start date

Courses of Action to Return to Play (Requires Board Decision)

Season Canceled by NCYSA or SASL

Provide Vouchers to all players based on % of Spring Play. Only Refund non returning players for Fall (those aging out). Parents requesting refund instead of Voucher receives 50% of voucher amount.

Modified Season Continued by NCYSA or SASL

Provide Vouchers; refunds only to non returning players. Ensure Waivers for Coaches and Parents are signed before stepping on the fields. Put together decon team post every night practice and game day. Create strategic notification plan for parents and NCYSA. Restructure Teams; Practice Schedules; Game Schedule

Registrar

Need ALL Coaches/Board Members to complete Risk Management in new system, and there is a new requirement to complete SAFESPORT training for all persons over 18.

Financial Update

First Citizens Bank shows a collection of \$18,847 as of today.

Assuming no Funds expended in May (Last month of FY) other than bills, the ending cash balance is \$14,963. Requesting that we hold off on any spending until June 1st which will push everything (vouchers/refunds/summer program dues) to next FY. This will allow us to create a Budget that will include all losses for that specific year as opposed to tackling two separate budgets with the financial challenges.

Normann Financial Group has decreased to \$97,773.

Scholarship Committee: \$3785 of \$5656 paid out.

Referee Update: NSTR

Fields Update: Fields need reseeded; irrigation needs fixed.

DOC/Player Development: NSTR

Sponsorship Update: NSTR

Additional Items:

Board will be determining officer positions at the June meeting. Admin will be updating the full budget for review in June, but requires one or two additional board members to review prior to.

Next Meeting will be held on June 8th, 2020 @ 6:30PM.

Adjourned 7:30PM