

NORTHEAST DISTRICT CJSA MINUTES

MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2010

1) Meeting called to order at 7:30pm with the following members present:

Chafik Rebai	Northeast District VP / District Registrar
Brett Jones	NED Representative to the CJSA
Dave Bachiochi	Comp. Chair / Stafford Springs
David Fraser	Rec. Chair / WAM
Sean Brierley	Coach
John Peters	Neconn
James Young	CWSA/CWSA Columbus Day Tournament
Mike Richards	Stafford Springs
Dain Perkins	Vernon
Andrew Halpryn	Vernon
Bob Jenkins	Tolland
Peter Faulkner	Coventry

2) Previous minutes were read and approved.

3) Treasurer's Report:

- a) The treasurer was unavailable, but the latest financial report generated for the District by the CJSA was passed around for review, along with a copy of our January statement.
- b) Discussion about the CJSA centralizing all financial functions, budget, expenses, and income. The vice president reaffirmed the intent to spend down any surplus, work with \$5,000 on hand, and focus on spending on promoting youth soccer and participation.
- c) The following clubs were discussed as not having paid fees for the fall:
 - Stafford Springs
 - Brooklyn
 - Andover for Recreational Fees
- d) As a reminder, payments to the district should be accompanied by the payment form, available on the Website: http://www.cjsaned.org/documents_and_forms/TransmittalofFees_NED.pdf. Using the form will help the treasurer and CJSA identify and assign payments correctly.
- e) Motion made, seconded, and approved that the treasurer's report be accepted.

4) Registrar's Report:

- a) We have about 3,351 recreation players, 1,491 competition players, 263 premier players, and 535 adults registered. These numbers are likely inaccurately low, as we usually have 6,500 players and about 1,000 adults. The vice president is doing a final reconciliation with all clubs and will pay the CJSA at the next BOD meeting based on actual numbers.
- b) Blue Sombrero's reports are inaccurate, with many duplicate entries.
- c) Club registrars need to register with the new registration system. An email has been sent.

- d) All adults who will have contact with the children, including board members, need to do the background check at the CJSA. See <http://www.cjsareg.org/choicepoint.html> for more information. This check is done every three years and costs nothing to the adults being checked. Currently, only 30% of adults have done the risk management background check.
- 5) Referee's Report:
 - a) There are about 3,026 referees in the state.
 - b) Tolland is hosting a course for new referees on April 3 from 9am to 3pm. Referees must do the online portion first before the on-field portion. See <http://www.ctreferee.net> for more information about referee courses.
 - c) Existing referees had until last January 31 to renew their license.
 - 6) State Board of Directors Report:
 - a) The CJSA BOD wants to reconfigure the youth coaching module to use an online portion in place of classroom learning.
 - b) Discussion about the CJSA BOD talking more about finances than soccer lately.
 - c) JPro is teaming up with the CJSA to give two free sandbags for goals to each club. Additionally, JPro gives CJSA-affiliates a 25% discount and free shipping. See <http://cjsa.org> for more about JPro's programs.
 - d) High school summer league must be called something other than "high school" league, such as U19 league. These leagues should register with the CJSA for insurance benefits. The individual districts will help handle and facilitate this.
 - 7) New Items:
 - a) Brett Jones has set up an indoor clinic in place of an indoor tournament this year. Information will be posted on the Website at <http://cjsaned.org>. The clinic will be March 21st in the Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) gym and run by the men's team head coach, Greg DeVito. Cost will be \$10 per player including a tee shirt. Concessions will be available for purchase. Funds will go to help the ECSU men's soccer program.
 - b) James Young from CWSA is asking whether the CWSA annual Columbus Day Tournament should be moved from Sunday-Monday to Saturday-Sunday. Clubs are asked to provide feedback.
 - c) Fines for score reporting. Motion made and passed with 9 in favor and 2 opposed to fine clubs for teams that did not report all their matches in the fall 2009 season. The fine is \$25 per game with each and every team being allowed one no-report. Fines were: Canterbury \$75, Coventry \$25, CWSA \$75, Hebron \$75, Marlborough \$50, Stafford \$100, Tolland \$125, and WAM \$75.
 - d) The next District meeting will be Thursday, March 25.
 - 8) Competition Committee Report:
 - a) The competition committee discussed the following rules for consideration for changes. Please get your thoughts to the Dave Bachiochi (d.bachiochi@cox.net), Competition Committee Chairman.
 - District-mandated minimum playing time for division 4 and division 3D competition teams. Ideas included 20-minute or 25% minimums, to serve as guidance for clubs that do not have such rules. It was discussed that some clubs, including Vernon, Tolland, and WAM, do enforce such rules.

- Changes to the blowout rule will be entertained. (See page 8/31 in the current Rules of Competition on the Website, http://www.cjsaned.org/documents_and_forms/NEDCompRules.pdf.)
- The rule about playing up will be reviewed for clarity. (See pages 7/31, 11/31 and 17/31 in the current Rules of Competition.)
- There was a discussion about consolidating the three sets of field-size-ranges into one field-size range for small-sided matches. (See pages 15/31, 16/31, and 17/31 in the current Rules of Competition.)

9) Meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

If you think this report contains errors, please note them and discuss them at the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Sean Brierley
NED Secretary