

# NORTHEAST DISTRICT CJSA MINUTES

## MEETING MARCH 25, 2010

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:15pm with the following members present:

Chafik Rebai	Northeast District VP / District Registrar (left before the competition committee discussion)
Brett Jones	NED Representative to the CJSA
Dave Bachiochi	Comp. Chair / Stafford Springs
David Fraser	Rec. Chair / WAM
Craig Heuitson	Assistant District Registrar
Sean Brierley	Secretary
William Foley	DRA (left after referees' report)
Dave Tyrrell	VP Coventry
Peter Faulkner	President 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.
- b) The following clubs were discussed as not having paid fees for fall 2009:
  - Andover for Recreational Fees
- c) The following clubs have paid fees for fall 2009 since the last meeting:
  - Stafford Springs
  - Brooklyn
- d) Question was raised about how to bill clubs for fines owed, such as failure to report scores. Consensus was that an email notification of the fine would suffice with payment to be sent to the treasurer.
- e) Motion made, seconded, and approved that the treasurer's report be accepted.

- 4) Registrar's Report:

- a) The vice president reconciled the registrations and paid the CJSA approximately \$46,000 in fees based on actual registration numbers.
- b) Club registrars need to register with the new registration system. Four clubs have yet to register with the system.
- c) 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. Adults who do not register will not be issued passes or rosters.

5) Referee's Report:

- a) All referees who are 18 or older must complete the CJSA background check or they will not be allowed to referee matches. 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.
- 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.
- c) Manchester is hosting a course for referees on April 10. See <http://www.ctreferee.net> for more information about referee courses.
- d) Club referee assignors should be aware that linesmen may be related to a field player for cup games.

6) State Board of Directors Report:

- a) 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.
- b) State ODP teams went to a Virginia showcase.
- c) CJSA is going to be invoicing the districts quarterly.
- d) The CJSA is sending two weight bags to every club in the state, courtesy of JPro. These will be delivered to the president of each club. The district will send an additional two bags to each club in the district, for a total of four bags.
- e) A reminder for clubs to check the CJSA Website for state cup tournament information, deadlines, and fees.

7) New Items:

- a) Brett Jones reported that the Northeast District Clinic was a success. About 70 kids attended the one-day event at ECSU.
- b) Motion made, seconded, and approved to send a donation of \$250 to charity in the name of Tracy Sargent.

8) Competition Committee:

- a) The competition committee discussed the following rules for consideration for changes and submission to the executive board.
  - Discussion was held on mandating playing time for competition teams. Consensus was that for competition teams, coaches could bench players and not give them any minimum playing time. Furthermore, this should be decided on a club-by-club basis as the District does not handle the 50% playing rule for recreational soccer. Consensus was that while a club might relieve a coach of his duties for not permitting 50% playing time at rec., such an option was not enforceable for comp. coaches. Consensus was not to include minimum playing time rules for competition soccer. Verbiage suggesting playing time for all players will be considered.
  - The blowout rule was discussed. Consensus was that the rule remain unchanged with the addition of a brief explanation of the rule's purposes.

- Clarification of the score reporting rule was discussed. Consensus was that any team failing to submit a score in a timely fashion would be subject to a fine, and that the Competition Chairman had the discretion to waive fines, such as the first missed score report of the season. U9 and U10 teams will automatically be forgiven their first missed report.
- The rule about playing up was reviewed and discussed. Consensus was that the rule need to be clear about the number of players who can play up and the maximum number of years a player can play up.
- The three sets of field-size-ranges for small-sided soccer were combined to form one field-size range.
- Setting standards for competition team tryouts was discussed briefly, including the possibility of legal action against soccer organizations over tryouts. Consensus was that this should be left to the clubs.

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