

NORTHEAST DISTRICT CJSA MINUTES

MEETING AUGUST 9, 2011

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:35pm with the following members present and a brief introduction from each present:

Chafik Rebai	Northeast District VP / District Registrar (left before the competition committee discussion)
Sean Brierley	Secretary
Marie Stearns	Registrar Bolton
Andrew Halpryn	Vernon
Greg Allard	Lebanon
Bill Tabor	Northeast United
Troy Gladu	Canterbury
Julie Hughes	CWSA
Dan Lawrence	President Marlborough
Peter Faulkner	President Coventry
Kim Humphrey	Brooklyn
Melissa Nichols	Brooklyn
Ken Humphrey	Brooklyn
Laura Krementowski	Tolland
Mike Richards	Stafford Springs SC
John Sahi	NEU
Wayne Seidel	President Andover
Jamie Kirdzik	Registrar Andover
Michael Kirdzik	Andover
Michael Russo	Andover
Michael Gorgone	CWSA
John Peters	Neconn
Carol Waite	Plainfield
Stephanie Gamboa	Plainfield
David Buchanan	Stafford
Mary Bartley	Ellington Parks and Rec.
Gayle Mulligan	Hebron
David Fraser	WAM
Kimberly Ewalt	WAM
Bruce Skivington	Vernon
Craig Krest	Ashford/WAM
Martin Sommer	WAM
Leo Campo	Stafford Springs Registrar
Bob Tedford	Ellington

- 2) Previous meeting minutes. Motion made Sean Brierley seconded by Bill Tabor to accept the previous meeting's minutes. Minutes were handed out and it was mentioned minutes are available on the Website. Members are encouraged to email Chafik with questions about the minutes. Motion passed.
- 3) Treasurer's Report was handed out to attendees. Chafik noted that the CJSA does our bookkeeping and pays bills based on budgeted expenditures. The proposed budget for the next year was handed

out. Chafik stated the plan is to fund soccer activities with extra monies. Members are encouraged to email the treasurer or Chafik with questions about the budget. Motion to allocate up to \$5000 for the creation of U6-U8 skills clinics for district payers by Sean Brierley and seconded by Dan Lawrence. Motion passed. Motion by Sean Brierley second by Andrew Halpryn to approve the budget. Motion passed. Motion by Sean Brierley and second by Mike Russo to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

4) Registrar's Report:

- a) Have about 7,000 players in the district. A club-by-club breakdown was handed out.
- b) Clubs are encouraged to try to load everyone, or large numbers of players, at the same time.
- c) It was noted that the CJSA sends monthly bills. It might not be worthwhile to pay a small bills and better to wait until the CJSA issues a larger bill for more registrations. Clubs must pay, but these suggestions were intended to make use of volunteer resources and the writing of cheques more efficient. If clubs load large groups of players in the spring and fall, they should make about 4 payments a year, or so.
- d) Clubs should make sure all adults involved in their programs take the CJSA background checks.

5) Referee Report: Terry Casey from CWSA is our new DRA beginning this past spring. Chafik distributed "Attitudes Are Contagious" DVD to help with ref. retention.

6) Tolland is going to host a field for referee certification in the coming months. Tom Dennis will work out the details with Chafik, and clubs are recommended to keep an eye on ctreferee.net for upcoming ref. classes. Tom will send details of the ref. clinic to Sean for posting on the cjsaned.org Website.

7) State Board of Directors Report: There is a new rule passed by the CJSA in April, 2011, that prohibits more than 3 premier players of any age from playing on a CT Cup team. At a minimum, Tolland estimates 9 teams are affected, and Coventry has 1 team affected. The reasons for this new rule allegedly include attempts to prevent teams from cheating on their rosters. Clubs with opinions about overturning this rule were advised to immediately contact CJSA President Kathy Zolad and copy Chafik. It was noted that rule changes by the CJSA should be approved by a vote of member clubs and this was not. Clubs are encouraged to actively engage in CJSA activities, including the Annual General Meeting (AGM). This new rule only affects teams in CT Cup competition and does not affect teams in Northeast District league play

8) Competition Committee: Updates have been approved and made to the Northeast District Rules of Competition, which tell the rules for District recreation and competition leagues. These can be downloaded from <http://cjsaned.org>. One significant rule clarification is the playing up rule, which is presented in the Rules of Competition as a table in an appendix. The playing up rule will be enforced strictly to end the practice of shopping around for a registrar to approve rosters. In short, this rule says a team can have a maximum of three players playing up 2 years and an unlimited number of players playing up 1 year. No players may play up more than two years in District leagues. No U7 or younger players are permitted in any District division.

9) New Business:

- a) The U10 Jamboree will be arranged for the first weekend in November. Per Dave Fraser, while WAM lost money last year, the event was well attended and is worthwhile.
- b) WAM is running in-house U8 matches and a U8 jamboree in September. These are open to out of town players and teams. Clubs should contact Dave Fraser for more information or to join the fun.
- c) Clubs need to do a better job of getting rec. team information to Dave Fraser before the deadline. Before the deadline, for each team, please send Dave a list of coaches, with email and phone

number. Problems arise when many teams are announced at the last minute or late, and Dave wants more notice so he can more reasonably set the rec. schedule.

- d) There is a foundation for sports targeting low-income kids forming in the Neconn-Plainfield-Brooklyn area. Their focus is all sports. They are applying for club status with the CJSA. Area clubs should get feedback on this to Chafik. Recently, there has been a growth in the number of clubs and there is concern about the total number of clubs versus the number of available players and facilities.
- e) Chafik handed out supplies, including new pass blanks, pouches, and 2011 handbooks.

10) Registration: Bill Tabor and Chafik reviewed registration for fall 2011.

- Since tryouts are in June, D3 and D4 teams should be known and uploaded already.
- Ages for continuing players should be verified already and only new players will need birth certificates.
- The CJSA is going to provide new blank sheets for printing passes. Before the new system is implemented, clubs can use the old blank sheets for passes, and old blanks are approved for use this fall.
- All premier rosters must be verified at the state level by the CJSA and not at the District level.
- Players changing clubs need to have a change of club form signed by a parent that is sent to the CJSA for approval.
- Be careful of duplicate player entries, as these generate duplicate bills. Duplicate information can happen in online systems when a parent mistypes information, for example.
- Clubs are to start collecting birth certificates for D5, recreation soccer teams that play in district leagues. The focus is U9 and U10 players for the fall, although the intent is to implement this for all ages (U10, U12, and U14).
- At the CJSA level, the Cup roster might be reduced from 24 to 22 players maximum, to comply with US Youth Soccer.

11) For the good of soccer:

- Meet the Huskies on 23rd of September at the Hartford Marriott will honor a former WAM coach.
- Dave Fraser is looking for used soccer equipment for Hartford high-school boys and girls teams and players, particularly shin guards and cleats. Contact Dave Fraser if you have any to donate.
- There are some new assistant coaches and changes in the UCONN soccer program.
- Let's try to show more appreciation for women's soccer at UCONN this fall.
- Tolland Soccer has its 3v3 tournament on the 27th. This is a gateway for a national 3v3 competition in Florida. See <http://tollandsoccer.com> for more information.
- Use the <http://cjsaned.org> Website as a resource for answering questions about District soccer as well as reporting scores.

12) Meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm, motion by Sean second by Bill Tabor.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Sean Brierley
NED Secretary