

# NED AGM – 1-18/12

## Call to Order

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

Attendees introduced themselves.

## Members in Attendance

Chafik Rebai	NED VP
Sean Brierley	NED Secretary
Dave Bachiochi	Competition Chair/Stafford Soccer
David Fraser	Rec Chair/WAM Soccer
Brett Jones	NED Representative to the CJSA
Craig Heuitson	Stafford Soccer/ Northeast United
Ann Brierley	Coventry Soccer
Peter Faulkner	Coventry Soccer
Wayne Seidel	Andover Soccer
Andrew Halpryn	Vernon Soccer
Walter Tokarz	Columbia Windham Soccer
John Sahnas	Marlborough Soccer
Joseph Touchette	NOW
John Peters	NECONN
Peter Bielaczyc	Marlborough
Tom Dennis	Tolland
Bill Tabor	Northeast United
Margie Gottier	
Stan Soper	Killingly Youth Soccer
Bruce Disco	Killingly Youth Soccer
Chris Barnwell	Killingly Youth Soccer
Stephanie Gamboa	Plainfield Soccer
Marie Stearns	Bolton Soccer
Jordan Scheff	Vernon Youth Soccer President
Gayle Mulligan	Hebron Soccer
Todd Woods	Hebron Soccer President
David Vaudreuil	Candidate First VP CJSA
Marc Glass`	Candidate First VP CJSA

## **Guests – Candidates for First Vice-President CJSA**

Two candidates for First Vice-President at the CJSA spoke about their ideas and platforms.

### ***David Vaudreuil***

Grew up in Canton, played for Farmington Soccer Club, played 4 years h.s., played college, played 15 years semi-pro, Mexico, MLS. Been doing professional coaching, youth soccer, including recreational program in San Jose California, LA Galaxy u18 coach, AYSO (travel soccer). Been in Connecticut two years. Associated with Farmington Soccer and CFC Azzuri. Runs 4-5 yo for Farmington, independent skills clinics, co-director for Don Gaspard soccer clinics. Worked with Mr. Bell at CJSA.

Stated should throw out premier designation and have rec. and competition, and then have relegation and promotion for competition.

CJSA needs to put together a plan on how to better serve the district. Need to plan out goals. Concerned Connecticut program is stagnant. Wants to focus on grass roots soccer, more programs for kids, move soccer program in Connecticut forward to compete with other regions.

Asked about proliferation of premier teams, stated that one competitive level of divisions mixing travel and premier. Education is important – about changing perception or coaching model to keep players. Premier designation needs to be refined or removed.

Question about scheduling CT Cup – said Cup takes precedence. Question about raising the focus of rec. players and double rostering.

Question about recruiting 20-somethings with no kids for club and youth-soccer involvement. Dave mentioned licensing model doesn't necessarily work because of scheduling. Wants to get higher-qualified trainers in the field to help coaches and help districts with coaching education.

### ***Marc Glass***

Running for third term. Thanks all volunteers. Platform is on CJSA Website. Was the Girls' Cup Chairman for CJSA until this year.

Asked about proliferation of premier teams, stated the CJSA really cannot stop who parents want kids to play for. Marc stressed he is not tied to any particular team. Payments are also not regulated. Discussion followed about limiting total number of premier teams. Discussion on premier clubs preventing dual+ rostering.

Question about recruiting 20-somethings with no kids for club and youth-soccer involvement. CJSA is a resource for questions about getting into reffing or clubs, including coaching clinics.

Question about 3-player for Connecticut Cup. Problem is that the intent of the rule is different than the perception. Some clubs unregistered with CJSA and registered with US Soccer to get around the rule. Question of rule versus policy and whether changes such as this should go by the AGM.

Question about raising the focus of rec. players and double rostering.

## **Old Business**

Minutes available on the Website. No questions. Email questions.

## Treasurer's Report

Balance passed around. Questions: email treasurer.

## Registrar's Report

Rec. and adult numbers down. Some clubs have not registered rec. players. Please email questions about registration, especially rec., to Chafik. Clubs are encouraged to verify rec. players. Bill Tabor suggested that online verification needs to be accurate – if previously registered and comes up unregistered, there's probably a typo. Registration errors for birthdate and name can only be corrected by the CJSA at the state level. Chafik thanked Vernon Youth Soccer for meeting deadlines. Please try to register players before the deadline.

## Referee Report

DRA Terry Casey was absent. Ref. classes online. Hosted one ref. class at Star Hill; 75 showed from as far as Fairfield. Dave Bachiochi questioned the reason for any deadlines with ref recertification being online. Tolland, WAM, Vernon, Hebron are good resources for refs if clubs need them.

## State BOD Report

Confirmation that the 3-premier-player rule rescinded for the spring season. Passed all in favor with one abstention at CJSA.

There will be a town hall meeting with Kathy Zolad at the AGM. The purpose is for the clubs to raise their concerns directly. Time to be determined.

Everything for the AGM is online at [cjsa.org](http://cjsa.org). Whoever is listed as club rep or president can vote, otherwise club has to assign a proxy. Maximum 3 proxies per club. Deadline for proxies is 23<sup>rd</sup> of January.

President's dinner – Presidents invited free. District has a table. CJSA honouring Hebron coach this year. Each club is encouraged to submit nominations for ref, coach, etc., of the year to the District; from there, goes to the CJSA-state level.

CJSA gives five \$1,000 scholarships. Receive essay from players or former players.

## Competition Report

The spring calendar was discussed.

- ◆ Thursday, February 9, Competition Committee Winter meeting and rule change discussion, beginning at 7:30pm at Star Hill in Tolland
- ◆ March 31 Deadline for Div 3 and 4 submissions – please email requirements to [d.bachiochi@cox.net](mailto:d.bachiochi@cox.net) and include team contact email addresses
- ◆ Planning session April 3, 7:30, at Star Hill in Tolland
- ◆ April 5 deadline for Div 5 – please email requirements to [dfraser15@hotmail.com](mailto:dfraser15@hotmail.com) and include team contact email addresses
- ◆ Scheduling meeting Wednesday, April 11, Division 5 at 6:30, Division 3 and 4 at 8pm, Division 3 and 4 sign-in begins at 7:45
- ◆ Season opening April 21/22

- ◆ June 2-3 – U10, U12, U16 Division 5 Marlborough Jamboree
- ◆ June 16/17 last weekend of spring play
- ◆ No games Memorial Day weekend

Clubs with suggestions for rule changes please get them to Dave Bachiochi. Executive committee approves Comp. Committee recommendations for fall.

Rule changes include penalty kicks for U11-U12 champions in the fall, redefinition of playing up rule, and what to do about a lack of a U13 division in District league play.

## **New Business**

Discussion of creating youth skill academy for U6+ age players. Plan for District to sponsor two clinics in the District. Chafik will work with Dave Bachiochi.

CJSA gives one free clinic instruction per District per year. Clubs are encouraged to apply for free clinics for coaches.

Question about reimbursements for coaches attending clinic at Mohegan Sun.

Question about over-14s who don't play school soccer. Plainfield-Killingly-Brooklyn currently has U18. Tolland, Marlborough, and WAM usually have programs for pickup games for high-school age players. Hosts encouraged to contact Sean with times, ages, and contact info for posting on Website. Use meetup.com to arrange soccer practices. Email meetup.com information to Brett and crew.

## **VP Election**

Chafik Rebai nominated for District VP by Sean Brierley, second by Brett Jones. Chafik accepted the nomination.

Nominations closed with no other nominees.

Members encouraged to contact Chafik ([crebai@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crebai@sbcglobal.net)) if interested in stepping up to help with scores, recreation, or competition leagues.

## **Adjourn**

9:12. Motion Sean, second Brett, approved.