

Four Corners Youth Soccer League

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12th 2023

Call to Order: Doug called the meeting to order at 7:15

Proxies:

Kali Warner for Terra Lacey

Welcome Guests:

Andre Selvestry

Mika Robinsen

Minutes: Minutes read a motion to accept the minutes as ready was made by Vickie
Seconded by Curtis.

Financials: None

Board Reports:

Chairman Report: The head of the disciplinary committee Red card meeting Thursday at 8:15 virtual will contact parents tonight. Stephanie was hired since the last meeting. Thank you Stephanie.

Vice Chair Report: Doug has put in a lot of time lining the fields, feels as though we finally got a handle on it and will step into help with fields in the future. Finally got the goal to Kirtland and the other clubs seem to be going well. We did lose access to the concessions. Will contact the City to check on the contract and see if we can have food trucks at our tournaments. Ask Bree Hostine about the vendors for socctoberfest and about parking in their lot. Question: would it benefit to have a rental for storage? A thank you to Doug

Secretary Report: Thank you for the emailed reports and items for the agenda

Treasurer Report: Not here

Scheduler Report: Stephanie it's taking a while and learning the process. Lots of head coach conflicts and duel rooster conflicts. Does have some ideas for moving forward. Its done but there are a few things that need to be moved around a bit. We need to publicize our registering process on the web site. Need to adjust the U10 girls Classic to get them more games. Friendly games for teams on a bye week should go to league teams first before going outside the league. Start telling players now when tryouts for classics are and set dates now so we can build it better for next year.

- ★ Add to next month's meeting agenda a work through Classic discussing what has worked and what does not work. Bring to meeting a list of Pros and cons of classic

Director of Coaches:

- Had 7v7 U15 Coaches meeting- Report we had our meeting last Thursday we had a good conversation and dialogue about how to use 7v7 for advancements of a technical level. We have talked about some things we can do to help. Many teams are interested in having some 11v11 games scheduled in
- Andre from Brazil played in France and China he has coached some high school players keepers. He plays in Durango 6v6 and 7v7 is very competitive and spoke about 7v7- lot more touches keepers here are very afraid of the ball and a 7v7 will help them with gaining more confidence. In high school tryouts we players are afraid of the ball and if we do a 7v7 format players will get more touches on the ball and more play time to help them with their ball skills. We need the kids here to be more assertive and confident in their plays which 7v7 supports. 7v7 has a lot more short bursts of energy. It will improve technique when the United player came to work with highschool players he started by talking about 5v5 not jumping into the 11v11 format.

Referee Liaison:

1. **7v7 referee's-** we have had some complaints from parents being linemen and some teams have had players from other teams doing lines. The coaches need to understand we are short staffed and we need some help. We need to adjust the culture of the coaches to a growth mindset. We are here to build players first and winning is a bye product of that. Put some training info on the Facebook page and put it out in emails. We need AR for most of the refs so the coaches need to provide refs. Ideas have some of the new ref come do lines as training they do not get paid for but the game adds to their games for their bonus. Maybe send out a video on the off sides for parents Stephanie to look into that.
2. **Coaches Conflicts-** We have a few teams that coaches are at each other's throats during the game. Need to address coaches behavior at a club level tell them this behavior is not tolerated.
3. **Referee Abuse-** Last 2 weekends we have had some ref abuse. We had a coach yelling at a ref about not agreeing with the call made and then gave attitude toward the ref and they played on. Some ref training to help the refs know how to handle the zero tolerance policy. Had another coach yelling at a ref telling her she was terrible and had no business refereeing it was coming from the winning team. Have the referee write a report that can then be sent to the local club to take care of their coaches on a personal level.

- 4. Ref Uniforms-** The referee association has a kit but they are taking a bit longer getting them to the refs so they have been telling them to wear a black shirt. Maybe order a few referee shirts for them to use until their kits come in. Ask the state if they can give a few kits to have on hand and then send off the paper work as it comes in. Armando will contact the state tomorrow. They offered to come to do a free referee training if Armando would be the mentor for across the state and go to the state training for referees.

Register Report: 1,525 players there are concerns' about parking at the complex and people are parking in the driveway, where people can not get out. Stephany drafted an email to the city to let them know that they can be towed if they do not park in the designated area. In the complex only parking and in parking places. In the street follow signs.

We have younger players hanging on goals and we need to address the parents to keep off the goals. Kyle, can you ask Steve to communicate to the kids and parents in the academy about staying off goals?

★ Next year wants to address a mandatory volunteerism at registration

Tournament Director: Maka got a form for PV fields. It looks like it is \$5 an hour with restrooms open and a janitorial fee for Socctoberfest. Yes, go on and reserve the field. We can set the times we want it to be open. No light so no evening games. Credential check in asks Terra to get a room at the college for the night before and for the out of town teams at the field. Trunker treat idea good ideas and looks into finding a parking lot. Will try to have a meeting next week. Have each club bring in sponsors just a push to bring into sponsors. Mika will be more than happy to talk to business for sponsors. Give a kick back to clubs for what they bring in for sponsorship like %25 to go back into the club. We are sitting at 4 teams registered and 3 teams pending.

Top Soccer: Kali made a motion to table till next meeting seconded by Vickie

District Commissioner

Rep Reports:

Aztec: None

Bloomfield: None

Farmington: One of the registarts resigned so they will combine it into one. Also a treasure resigned and we are combining that position also.

Kirtland: Had our board meeting Sunday the field situation is getting better. We had coaches and parents get involved to help reach out to the CCSD board to

get the field maintained. We had vandalism on our storage unit and on our small pvc goals, a police report was filed.

Work/ Planning Session:

None

Old Business:

- 7v7

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Discussion: The kids are only going to get out of it what they put in. Not one person who was against the 7v7 from the coaches meeting showed up to this meeting. Out of the rec-teams 4 of them don't want to do 7v7 ,1 has a lot of experience that is maybe open to 7v7 and 2 of them do not have a lot of experience and they are open to it. From week 1 to week 2 there has been a huge amount of difference in the players' play. More want to stay at 35 minute half and disallow drop kicks. We need to have very comprehensive coaches and parent training.

We are good with 7v7. We will be keeping it the same for this season.

- Ideas for soccer deadlines and how to get people registering on time. We can address it through email tomorrow. Discussion to be continued on topic.
- Pagosa Home games Spring- discuss the specifics for home games in Pagosa in the Spring we let durango teams go to Pagosa and that solved that.
- Constant Contact (Vickie) NMYSA and Stack about the constant contact and see what it will cost to go with that. Vickie will look into that before the next meeting. Will keep calling on this one and she will take care of it.

Tabled Item:

- Rules and Regulations Review- Kali made a motion to table Curtis seconded item tabled till the next meeting.
- Top Soccer- Special Election- Director/ volunteer assignments Tabled to next meeting

Tressa -Sycamore park community center can partner with FCYSL they have parks that are set up for soccer. This may be a very good partnership, the arc could be a great way to get the word out with flyers.

New Business:

- Coaches had goalie training and were supposed to bring it back to do local training . and if we could get them to come back and do some training, and that was part of the agreement of us paying for it so we need to follow through with having them do their training. Farmington soccer clubs have a training session on Wednesday.
- Next meeting:
 - ★ Mika has been working on a master plan for soccer and he would like to present it to the board some time.
 - ★ 7v7 challenge we have people missing the communication work on getting the word out. WE are looking at constant contact to get the word out and we have Stephanie to help with this
 - ★ Idea to help the parking plan would need to be presented to the city. Can send it over to the board Via email
- Any bylaw changes need to be submitted by the November board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned:

Armando made a motion to adjourn Curtis seconded no discussion meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.