

**CYSC Board Meeting Minutes**

**July 28, 2020 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Agenda:**

**Greeting**

Meeting commenced at 6:40pm. Casie Winton, CYSC President, called the meeting to order.

Attendees included Christine Leggett, Casie Winton, Dave Youlen, Evan Barquist, Ty Fitzgerald, Christine Lombard, Annika Preiss, Natalie Bradford, Mary Beth Richards, Chad Ahern, Brian Murray, Betsy McGowan

**Agenda**

-GotSoccer Training

VSA has spent the last three weeks rolling out a new got soccer program which Casie has been training on via zoom meetings. Natalie has looked at some of the zoom meetings (that are recorded) as well.

**-Vermont Soccer Guidelines**

Return to play Games within the state of Vermont with Vermont teams ONLY

• No restriction on training session

• No Sharing of water

• Recommend social distancing practices still be maintained by all.

• Pre-game team meetings should be designed to accommodate social distancing

• Face mask use by players and coaches shall be in accordance with local guidelines. Recommended before and after activity.

Physical contact allowed but should minimized

• No sharing of water

• Groups not to exceed 25 participants or in accordance with Governor (currently 50)

Considerations for our town league (Per Colchester parks and rec):

-No gatherings of more than 150 people at the field (includes parents)- this would allow us to have 1 to 2 games at a time.

-Pack in/pack out garbage

-Hand sanitizer needs to be available at all times (we could stash some in the shed)

-Coaches need to have masks.

-Might not have more than two coaches per team and not allow coaches to coach multiple teams, this way if we have to shut down one group of kids or isolate them we would not have to isolate multiple teams???

-I think we can do this if we are flexible with our practice structure and game structure. Maybe we can start practices earlier in the day for kids that didn’t have school that day?

Some ideas for practice and game structure to limit the amount of people on the field at one time:

* We could spread out our weekend games to include Saturday and Sunday. If we play the younger groups on Sundays, then it will less likely conflict with the travel teams.
* Use two different fields (Airport Park & Fort Ethan Allen)
* Limit number of kids that can sign up (60 per age group?)
* Limit the number of adults that can come to games with each kid. Might be difficult for parents who have multiple children
* If we spread out age groups across both weekend days, will we have enough referees?

-Fall Rec League

* There will be no jamboree
* Registration- Decision to not limit number of kids and then try to limit the number of teams that play at any given time; We have been asked to not open registration yet until regulations finalized; Might need to advertise a little more (have signs from last year, list in Colchester Sun?)
* Start on 9/12, and have 7 weeks of games; Or should we delay to 9/19 and only have 6 games;
* Casie to add a new form (liability release for any communicable diseases) to the registration form stating that there is risk in playing soccer, including new requirements (in confirmation email), that players and parents will have to sign
* Health screening: Requirements are for parents to screen temperatures and sanitize gear before practices/ games; Requirements to be added to website also; It would be preferred to ask basic health screening questions
* Referees: Typically 2 per game; Grade 1 can be handled with 1 ref, 2/3 & 4/5 grades should have 2 referees since they will play on U10 fields; Chad to help Ty with refs this season
* Game Structure
  + Do we continue with the 5-8 age group? We should find a way to ensure the 5th graders can play.
  + Split into K (co-ed), 1 (co-ed), 2/3 (split by gender), 4/5 (split by gender)
  + If we split each grade level, Saturdays would be 9-4:30 and then Sunday would be 9am- 1:30pm
  + Does combining grades negate the social distancing requirements that schools are putting in place? Soccer deemed to be a low risk activity for Covid transmission since kids will not be in close proximity for long periods of time
* Practices
  + 5 groups that would need practices (Grade 1 Coed, Grade 2/3 Boys, Grade 2/3 Girls, Grade 4/5 Boys, Grade 4/5 Girls)
  + Maybe ask parents to not stay on field for practices so more kids can practice at the same time
  + Potential to use a different field (Hazelet’s, Fort Ethan Allen)
  + All kids will need to bring their own gear (would need to be labeled); We would need to provide soccer balls, or ask them to bring their own
  + Could we use high school kids with no seasons to play in the fall to help coaches with practices

-Fall VSL-

* VSA has not announced a fall season yet.
* Open registration to see what the numbers might look like for interest and then start practices based on that.
* Dave asked the group about the possibility of running a U16 girls team through our CYSC league; If there is no middle school season, then we would have the numbers. Would need to find a field (middle school/ high school?)
* Tryouts?

-Fall Tasks

assign/delegate tasks to start the season-

* Uniforms- Would need to order uniforms, low on inventory; Some uniforms for VSL, but might need to order some more there as well
  + Should we just order reversible uniforms for everyone for the fall season, and then decide at each game light/ dark teams; Might be slightly more expensive, but easier for ordering
* Field set up and lining- Should be 8/29 or 9/5; Might not need to line as many fields (2-4) if we only have 2 groups at the same time; Would need 2-3 people (Dave, Natalie, ); Need paint also (2 cases)
  + Email blast from old GotSoccer program asking for volunteers → Dave
  + Request volunteers for field lining/ prep on 8/29 9am on website→ Mary Beth
* Balls- Brian could help distribute balls for week 1
* Creating teams- Will need to see about registration numbers first
* Recruiting coaches
  + Hiring UVM connected coaches to help with practices again, but might not be practical if we are practicing in multiple locations on multiple nights
  + Nordic reached out about helping with coaching this fall (free)
* Practices/training sessions with UVM coaches- Feedback from last year was that this was very helpful for coaches last year;

-Recruiting New Board Members

* Need to find Vice President, Digital Director, VSL Coordinator
* Possibilities: Ty Pratt, Emily Peters

Next meeting 8/11 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Meeting minutes are the writer’s understanding of the meeting as discussed. If there are any issues, corrections or comments, please forward them in writing within 48 hours of receipt of these minutes, otherwise these minutes will stand as record. Writer: Christine Leggett- cleggett8982@gmail.com