

**A Regular Meeting of  
DANVERS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
February 3, 2010**

**Members in Attendance**

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✓ President	Jeff Chambers
✓ Executive Vice President	Janet Gargan
Treasurer	Maureen Merritt
Registrar	Sharon Clement
✓ Secretary	Rosa Kowalski
✓ Compliance Officer	Charlie Martins
✓ DIT Director	Janet Gargan
✓ Director of Publicity	Bob Gilmore
✓ Director- Special Events	Mike Pelletier
✓ Vice President of Operations	Greg Unczar
✓ Fields and Equipment Director	Rich Sterchle
Safety Officer	Chris George
✓ Vice President of Travel	Loren Rocker
✓ Player Development Travel	John Barrows
✓ Boys Travel Program Director	Frank Missett
✓ Girls Travel Program Director	Al Gianetta
U16-U19 Travel Program Director	Dave Kamens
✓ Vice President of Intramurals	Tracy Smith
Player Development Intramural	Manny Lopes
✓ Intramural Tournament Director	John O'Connor
✓ U10 Boys Director	Brian Jordan
✓ U10 Girls Director	Mike Blanch
✓ U8 Boys Director	Frank Rossito
U8 Girls Director	Dave Thomson
U7 Boys Director	Kevin Wood
U7 Girls Director	<i>open</i>
U6 Director	Kerry Eon
✓ Member	Bob Gabel
✓ Member	Ellen Chambers

**Call to Order**

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- Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM by Jeff Chambers
- Jeff did not receive any confirmation from Bruce Eaton if he was coming or not. There will be no presentation. There are a group of veterans who are trying to put a restriction on the Memorial tournament. They want it to be a day for us to give respect to those who have given their lives for our country.

**Secretary's Report**

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- January 2010 minutes reviewed.

- Bob Gilmore makes a motion to accept the January minutes, Loren Rocker 2nds it. All approve no objections.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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- Maureen Merritt not present. Jeff Chambers read the report that Maureen had presented to him for the meeting. Loren Rocker gave a motion to accept. Greg Unczar seconds it. All accept no objections.

### **DIT Report**

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- Janet Gargan has 82 teams registered, of which 5 teams are from Danvers and 24 from Beverly. In March she will send out an invitation to see if anyone wants to join in the small sided games.
  - Should we drop Aggie? People have been saying it's too far away from the rest of the tournament
  - Do we want to drop the Prep because of the cost \$1500?
  - How about Beverly? Near Cherry Hill
    - Beverly might want to get some experience in having their own tournament and this would be a good way to show them and in return we get a field and some help. Is it okay to talk to them?
  - Should we have games Friday night to open up some fields?

John Barrows asked what if we gave up Aggie and Plains and picked up a field in Thorpe and Beverly. Janet wanted to know if we would still have the small sided fields at Plains. John responded that Thorpe is a 2 small sided. Mike Blanch brought the idea that we should have small sided games at the Aggie. It would be great to keep everyone there and no one would have to drive in between fields. John Barrows wanted to know what is the process with Beverly. Janet responded that have to talk to their board and have to ask the town of Beverly if it is okay. Board approved contacting Beverly, Janet will follow up. John Barrow's said that we should keep the Prep especially since we do not know what will happen because of High School construction the next couple of years. For this year, we should have the high school; Prep, Thorpe, Gates and possibly Beverly would be a nice set up. Jeff Chambers wants us to work on this and be ready to talk next board meeting and finalize these items.

### **DIT Concessions Report**

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- Tracy has gotten a lot of numbers of what has sold and what we have left in inventory. She has spoken with Sharon, Mike and John to get ideas. She wants get away from having too much variety. Keep it simple! Next meeting she will have some bids together. Some ideas were have the patch design on the t-shirt, funky shirts, tie dye shirts, and world cup theme? Sharon Clement had stated via email she did like the Champions idea, like we had at the Festival. Mike Blanch brought up the point that we may want to sell a spot rather stay with a percentage of the sales?

### **Registrar's Report**

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- Sharon Clement not present Jeff Chambers read her report with current registration numbers.

### **President's Report**

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- Jeff Chambers commented about the e-mails that were going back and forth from Sunday and Monday. If anyone personally at any time now and going forward thinks that any relationship with any prior board members compromise his ability to run the DYS board let him know, in case he doesn't see it. Please tell him. He was elected as the president of DYS with no opposing figure. Janet has no problem with Lynnfield, just what was posted on our website. There are no rules in the by-laws that say we have to have children to be a member. Tracy stated that she is very happy with Janet that she is on board.
- Jeff Chambers brought up the importance of the Finance Committee. We need to keep the ball running. We need to establish an investment policy. What are we going to do with the money? We need a shed at Gates. We need to define a capital expense and a process to be applied. John O'Connor suggested that we develop a capital improvement plan / budget and fund a replacement reserve bank account each year in an effort to save funds for these designated improvements.
- We need to make sure we cross communication. Jeff is very happy about the committee reports, we just have to keep in mind that going forward we are not smaller groups, very important to pass

information. Thursday, 2/11, we are going to meet regarding field usage. Greg, Loren, Tracy will be there.

- MYSA will be having 2 people running for presidency. The voting will take place at the 4 point Sheraton in Leominster. It's all based on the number of registrations we have in the fall. One person can vote but they will need a letter from the DYS president.
- We got some festival appreciation letters. One was from the Dept of Navy – thank you Heidi. Bob Gilmore/Charlie wants to frame it and put it on our web site. On 3/6 there will be a troop dinner

### **Uniform committee**

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- Jeff Chambers reported that Brian Harrison offered to continue his work on the Uniform Committee to develop a new intramural uniform program. The BOD agreed to continue this committee and take Brian up on his offer. Loren Rocker stated that Brian Harrison worked with him on getting the uniforms. Tracy might want to join in?
- Neatco has requested that we sign a contract with them. The contract needs to have duration, a cap on how much the inventory should be at, and a window of time that we must give to terminate. Jeff to follow up with NEATCO, develop an alternative contract and send to Charlie Martin for review.

### **Donation Requests**

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- Highlands's school is requesting a donation of apparel for their auction. Jeff Chambers suggested that DYS should donate \$50 worth of items to them and Mike Blanch will use his discretion. We will donate a knit hat, soccer bag and blanket that we already have in inventory. Motion passed without objection.
- Essex County challenged its member towns to match their donation of \$100 to Red Cross for Haiti. Loren Rocker makes a motion to make a donation of \$100. Loren withdraws his motion so we could make a donation of \$250. Charlie Martins seconds it. All agree no opposition. DYS is also going to send all excess DYS apparel to Haiti. Al seconds it, all agree except for Bob Gilmore abstained.

### **ITC report**

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- John O'Connor said that ITC starts this week. Starting to get some feedback on who is coming back. He is in the process getting an updated rating from Tracy and other intramural directors. John will be reaching out to all intramural directors in the next few weeks.

### **Safety Report**

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- Chris George was not present but Jeff reported that he is in the process of scheduling CPR/First Aid training for our coaches. Greg Unczar is organizing one for the end of the month for little league and wants to know if we want to join in. Greg will contact Chris to make arrangements.

### **Fields and Equipment Director**

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- Greg has met with Cheryl Marshal for the spring season and we have the same field permits as last year. Has met with Farrell and has given him some instructions on what has to be done at the fields. Smith the brush has to be cut back. The Gates parking lot has to be graded. Jeff Chambers brought up the point that Greg has to work on is the shed at Gates and a long term solution for the Thorpe shed issue (storage). Greg wants to have in mid March a clean up day for the Plains shed. He wants to pull everything out check to see if has expired (the emergency kits) and take inventory so we know exactly is stored there. The structure at Gates he wants an online survey (survey monkey?) to be done and ask questions. The temporary storage is going to check with the town and see what we can do for now. He is looking to get some bids for field painting and he is open to suggestions.

### **Travel committee**

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- Loren Rocker met with the travel committee last week and talked about moving U14's to Thorpe and U12 at Gates. He needs some numbers for the U14 jr B team and U14 jr A. He proposed to move a U14Sr B player keeper to U14jr A team, conversely moving a U14 SR A, who is grade appropriate to U14 jr A team. He also wanted to bring up 2 U12 SR players one whole age group up. These two players were on a U12 team and left because of club obligations and or because of the coach. Loren Rocker did state that the purpose of the move up was for the U14 team to have a goalie. Charlie

Martins did ask if this is a usual practice to move kids around mid season and Jeff Chambers did respond that it was not. Rosa Kowalski spoke up and said that she thought it would not be appropriate for the coach of the team that they left, DYS rarely plays up a child a whole grade (we have always stuck to the appropriate age group that DYS guidelines) and this would create a big problem within DYS with the club kids. It might give an impression that DYS does play kids up because they are club they can. Rosa Kowalski also asked Loren what would the other U12sr player be doing when the other one was goalie and his response would be that she would be playing the field and vice versa. It was decided to leave the teams as is. DYS is having open registration at the end of February and we do not know who is enrolling.

- Loren Rocker is having free clinics to coach's on 3/28. There is a U14 boy who is moving to Danvers that needs to be looked at for a try out.

### **Intramurals**

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- Tracy Smith is promoting a town wide Intramural town wide with all coaches. Open registration will be at end of month. Tracy nominated Sue Dirks for the U7 girl's director. Loren Rocker 2<sup>nd</sup> s the motion all agree. Right now we have 8 teams for U10 girls and 5 U10 boys. U7 referee program we have 19 kids to sign up right now. Manny sent out one for MPS training Saturday mornings for the U7's. There games are only Sunday afternoons only.

### **Director of Publicity**

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- Bob Gilmore has sent information to the Herald and Salem News. He will be sending out some information so the kids can take something home in their backpacks. He will be doing a touchline and his banner down town. Wants to hand out some magnets. He's working on the open house on 2/27, 10-12, Saturday at the high school.

### **Website committee**

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- Loren spoke for Sharon Clement; they looked at Tribal web site out of Topsfield. The nice thing about their web site that it incorporates all sports on one click of a tab. We need to dress it up. Team pages need to be set up. The website committee is planning to meet with Mark Jones to get some ideas. Looking at having a coach's corner, code of conduct, mission statement, Neatco link and apparel link.

### **Special Events**

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Mike Pelletier reported on his plan for this year:

- Revolution game in May, have to look at a day for a Breakers game
- Parent/child game at Strike one
- World cup event
- Open activities up to other towns
- Dance in the fall

Jeff Chambers brought up the point that we did incorporate DYS in 4/84 and missed the 25th anniversary last year, maybe we could do something this year to acknowledge it even if late?

### **New Business**

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- Mike Blanch did say that he is trying to focus on getting more U8 and U10 kids playing. 40 kids have signed up at North Shore United for training.

### **Adjourn**

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10:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Kowalski, Secretary, DYSA.

Minutes prepared by Rosa Kowalski Secretary, DYSA

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**Next Meetings**

March 3, 2010 at the Polish Club