

Annual Meeting of  
Danvers Youth Soccer Association  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
November 2, 2009

**Members in Attendance**

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Charlie Martins  
Tom McNulty  
Jennifer Kelley  
Frank Rossitto  
Kerry Eon  
Michael Blanch  
Janet Gargan  
Jeff Chambers  
Ellen Chambers  
Greg Unczur  
Tracy Smith  
Bob Gilmore  
John O'Connor  
Mike Pelletier  
Al Gianetta  
Sharon Clement  
Maureen Merritt  
Manny Lopes  
Dave Kamens  
Rosa Kowalski  
Frank Missett  
Loren Rocker

**Call to order**

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- Meeting called to order at 7:43 by Manny Lopes

**Secretary's Report**

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- Rosa Kowalski requested a motion to accept 10/07/09 minutes. Brian Harrison makes a Motion to accept the secretary's report, John O'Connor seconds, and all accept no opposition.

**Treasurer's Report**

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- Maureen gave the finance report for the month of October and year to date. Any player that hasn't paid will not be rostered for the spring season. Jeff Chambers makes a motion to accept the financial report, Brian Harrison seconds. All approve no oppose.

## **Intramural: Director Intramural Coach/Player Development**

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- Many Lopes got trophies in the round robin  
The U8's regular season finished strong  
U10 Lynnfield trial, worked out well. There were some kinks, overall it worked well  
We need to do a time adjustment on slots
  - 6 vs. 6
  - 7 vs. 7Coach's evaluation of the program:
  - Lynnfield-rosters are too big
  - 6 vs. 6 is the standard
- Manny said that Lynnfield had to stick to tournament rules, which are 6 vs. 6.  
Loren Rocker asked if Saugus would be coming in. Dave Kamens pointed out that there are too many issues with Saugus at this moment and right now they are not.

## **Fields**

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- Thorpe field will replace Plains
- Frank Missett said that we will have to:
  - get temporary storage
  - corner flags
  - goal set to playground and shed to contain it
  - Key to unlock to 2<sup>nd</sup> exit?
- Essex Aggie:
  - we are keeping field split with lacrosse
  - fields are in good shape
- Smith and YMCA:
  - The front fields are good shape; there is no action on improvement, at the moment. There are no town resources because of Thorpe cost. All we can do is weed control which occurs when school is out.
- John George:
  - Fundamentals are played at John George because of the town's necessity to use the High school on Saturday's in the spring.
- Gates
  - Shed issue, we have volunteer architect who will work with us and hopefully we will have something soon. The ultimate decision will have to be with the next board.
- A big Thank you to:

- John Barrows, Brian Harrison, Tom McNulty, Manny Lopes and everyone else that helped thru out the year.
- Brian Harrison asked if Essex Aggie had a fee. Frank Missett replied that they did and he directs any money to the town.
- Next year Lacrosse fields will be in the front @ Thorpe.
  - U12 and U10 have back field? Additional field?
  - U14 could be front field if the lines are put down correctly.
- Brian Harrison points out that someone needs to sit down with lacrosse and figure out practices @ Gates and Aggie. Frank Missett said that the Recreational department is the ultimate decision to maker on who gets what and when.

## **Travel**

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- Dave Kamens said that the U16 travel letters went out. The 1<sup>st</sup> years have not. The final letter will be on Saturday. We will be collecting ID's and turned in rosters. We are getting photos.
- Players can not register without photos, they have to have them.
- We try not to move players but there will be conversation.
- There is a \$50 late fee.
  - 12/20 is the deadline without the late fee.
  - 1/1 is the deadline with the late fee.
  - 1/7 is when the registration is due.

## **DSSSF**

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- Jeff Chambers thanked everyone for helping out with the setup on Friday. Brian Harrison was great! The replay will be this Sunday, 20 teams are coming back.
  - We need help Saturday afternoon.
  - refs
  - Champions will be back
- Approximately \$5k donation
  - Girl Scouts sold \$304.25 at the DSSSF and donated the funds to Operation Troop Support
  - Team from Topsfield \$500

- DYS did have one check bounced because the team withdrew 48 hrs before tournament. The team had done a stop the payment. Jeff Chambers said between last night and this morning he got the \$250 and the \$50 bank fee from the team.
- Every year a group from Longmeadow bring with them Christmas stockings that are filled and drop them by.

## ITC

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### Fundraising & Apparel

- There are 90 orders at the moment. If ordered before 12/18, the apparel will be in before Christmas 12/18. He has gotten good comments about the quality of the merchandise.
  - Danvers apparel- Danvers banners

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- Bylaws changes that were proposed on 10/23.

#### Proposal 1

New language inserted in ***bold italic*** to clarify the process for casting a single ballot for all uncontested positions; and add language to provide for a third director to assist with the tally and oversight of the ballot process for contested positions; capitalize the title of "President":

#### **ARTICLE IV Meetings**

Section 1a. Nomination and Election - A nominating committee appointed by the President shall provide a slate of directors, for the Annual General Meeting, which shall exclude Immediate Past President which is automatically granted to the outgoing president. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, by any member in good standing at the Annual Meeting. Election shall be by secret ballot. A majority vote of the members with voting rights as defined in Article III, section 4, is needed for election. A motion and second will be made from the floor ***and passed by a vote of the majority of voting members present*** to *(strike-"ask")* ***direct*** the Secretary to cast one ballot for all uncontested positions ***on behalf of the voting members present***. All contested positions will be voted by secret ballot to be tallied by the Secretary and ***two other*** Directors designated by the ***P***resident. ***Alternate election overseers shall be appointed if the Secretary or one of the designated directors is a party to a contested election.*** The ***P***resident shall abstain from the voting unless there is a tie. In the event of a tie, a second vote will be cast to include the ***P***resident. The newly elected board of directors shall commence their roles and responsibilities at the conclusion of the AGM.

Any discussion, none

Brian Harrison makes the motion to approve the bylaws change, John O'Connor seconds. No one opposes.

- Proposal 2

Change title of “**Purchasing Agent**” to “**Fields and Equipment Director**” and modify the description to better describe the function and expectations.

### **ARTICLE III Membership**

Section 6. ....

Current:

7. Purchasing Agent The Purchasing Agent shall oversee the inventory and maintenance of the association's equipment (nets, balls, cones, etc.), be responsible for the purchase of new equipment and for the distribution of equipment to coaches under the supervision of the Board.

Proposal- Replace item 7 with:

***7. Fields and Equipment Director The Fields and Equipment Director shall serve as an assistant to the Vice President of Operations-Fields and shall oversee the inventory and maintenance of the association's equipment (nets, balls, cones, etc.), be responsible for the purchase of new equipment and for the distribution of equipment to coaches under the supervision of the Board.***

Any discussion, none

Loren Rocker makes a motion to accept the proposal 2, Tom McNulty is second. All agree and no one opposes.

- Proposal 3.

Add the named position of “**U16-U19 Travel Program Director**”. The U16-19 age group is unique from other travel groups in how DYS handles registration, timing, coach recruitment, team formation, roster size, and seasons in play. Position would be responsible for coordinating all the above in concert with the existing VP, Boys and Girls Travel positions.

### **ARTICLE III Membership**

Section 6.....

***26. U16-U19 Travel Program Director- The U16-U19 Travel Program Director shall be responsible for the oversight of the U16 and above travel teams, in accordance with Travel Team policies***

***as specified by the Board. The U16-U19 Travel Program Director shall conduct their activities in compliance with policies that may be prescribed by the Board.***

Any discussion, none

Loren Rocker makes a motion to accept proposal 3, Tracy seconds. All are in favor, no oppose.

▪ Proposal 4

**Add the named position of “Special Events Director”. DYS has numerous opportunities to host/sponsor/participate in special events each year, some presented to DYS and some initiated by DYS. These events, while worthwhile, invariably become an additional duty for a sitting BOD member.**

**ARTICLE III Membership**

Section 6.....

***27. Special Events Director- coordinate and communicate DYS sponsored events as approved by the Board of Directors, such as group outings to professional games, high school nights and dance/social evenings. Support tournament, jamborees and similar activities as applicable.***

Any discussion, none

Brian Harrison makes a motion to accept the proposal 4 change. Tracy seconds. All are in favor, no oppose.

▪ Proposal 5

**Housekeeping issue to amend Article III Section 6 in the event Proposal 3, Proposal 4, or both, are adopted by the Board of Directors.**

Current:

**ARTICLE III Membership**

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall consist of the 25 positions as defined in paragraphs 1-25 below. If needed, the Board of Directors may add titled or at-large positions through a motion by a director, present at the meeting and supported by a two-thirds majority vote of the present directors. At no time shall the Board exceed a total of 30 directors.

Proposed:

**ARTICLE III Membership**

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall consist of the **26 (or 27)** positions as defined in paragraphs 1-26 (**or 27**) below. If needed, the Board of Directors may add titled or at-large positions through a motion by a director, present at the meeting and supported by a two-thirds majority vote of the present directors. At no time shall the Board exceed a total of 30 directors.

Any discussion, none

Loren Rocker makes a motion to accept the proposal 5 change. Brian Harrison seconds. All are in favor, no oppose.

Jeff Chambers wants to table the in-town referee program until the next meeting.

Invite Bruce Eaton to next meeting.

## **Old Business**

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- Brian Harrison needs to sign a commitment to NEATCO. Do we want a 2 year commitment? 3 year commitment? 4 year commitment?
- John O'Connor got a call from Rachel Hanson about the tickets for Revolution Jeff Chambers said that Rachel was inquiring to see if DYS wanted the 8 seat tickets. Should we renew the Breakers?
- Janet e-mails people when the tickets are available and it's on a first come first serve basis. Tickets get distributed and rarely does it go to the same individuals.
- Jeff Chambers makes a motion- up to \$1500 (above discretionary/special events budget item) to renew our Revolution season tickets. Bob seconds the motion, all in favor, no one opposes.
- Janet asked Brian Harrison if the Polish Club is an option. No charge? Brian H will get more details.
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> will be here at the Church.  
Tracy Smith- fire station?
- Motion to floor, Jeff Chambers to cast 1 vote.  
Loren seconds it. This motion is to accept the slate of unopposed candidates: the following individuals were voted to the 2010 Danvers Youth Soccer Board:

President - Jeff Chambers  
Executive Vice President – Janet Gargan

Treasurer – Maureen Merritt  
Registrar – Sharon Clement  
Secretary – Rosa Kowalski  
Compliance Officer – Charlie Martins  
DIT Director – opened position  
Director of Publicity – Bob Gilmore  
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 – Kerry Enos

- We need majority vote according to the bylaws:
  - should be a director
  - been to 4 meetings
  - 7 of 12 meetings
  - All are in favor, no one opposes.
  - Loren is first and Frank is second.

## **Adjourn**

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9:05

Rosa C Kowalski, Secretary, DYS  
Minutes prepared by Rosa Kowalski, Secretary, DYS (1/2010)

Next meeting: December 2, 2009

