

NPSL Meeting Minutes– June 15, 2010

Below are the meeting minutes from the NPSL meeting held on June 15, 2010 at NYSA office in Bothell.

Attendees:

EYSA: Brian Curl, Lisa Getzendaner

LWYSA: Yousef Habash

NYSA: Jane Shumway

SYSA: DJ Yasui, Michael Murphy

SSCYSA: Bob Gregory

North County: Naomi Johnson

Not Present:

Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom, Whidbey, Snoqualmie.

Meeting called to order at 7PM. Past meeting minutes reviewed/approved. Introductions of all participants were made.

Steering Committee

All member associations do not yet have representatives assigned to the Steering Committee. Murphy agreed to contact member associations without representatives and request appointments. Murphy recommended that the Chair of the Steering Committee, to be filled by D1 will remain open until the full Steering Committee is seated.

- ACTION: Murphy to compile formal list of membership from each NPSL association.

Finance Committee Discussion

The need for establishing a Finance Committee was discussed and it was voted to establish this new committee. The first action of this new committee would be to establish a Pro-Forma Operating Budget for this coming year. Additionally, the Finance Committee will need to work towards harmonizing the two current price schedules for league play in time for the 2011 League Season. Naomi Johnson agreed to assist with this committee.

Competition Committee Topics

Girls HS Subcommittee

NPSL will ask Tom Hill (EYSA) to chair the Competition Committee's Girls High School Subcommittee.

- ACTION: HABASH to discuss role with Tom Hill.

League Registration

The next topic discussed was registration. There was discussion about the incorrect data that was compiled during registration, specifically contact information from D2. There needs to be standardization of the data to help with this issue. Naomi Johnson agreed to share with D2 (Jane Shumway) the data format of the excel file that gets exported from the D2 Registration system. The same data will be captured by D1 in its form-based registration so that a consistent database of information exists across both district registration processes.

- ACTION: Johnson to email excel file to Shumway.
- ACTION: Shumway to draft form for capturing common team information during registration.

Placement

The league placement process was discussed. It was determined that it would be best to get advance input from each association about its teams and prepare a preliminary placement model. It was agreed that a minimum data set could be supplied for each team: (a) Number of Returning Players; (b) Coach Assessment as to Whether Team is Stronger/Weaker/Same.

The group agreed that the associations will be responsible for adequately representing their teams at the 2010 League Placement Meeting (Wednesday, August 11th, 6PM, NYSA Offices). For some associations this may be a single association representative. For other associations, this may be association representatives as well as representatives from member clubs.

Schedule

The group discussed the planned league schedule. It was determined that the fall league would start the weekend of September 11th and conclude the weekend of December 11th and include 12 matches. Because NPSL will be partnering with D3 for hosting a Girls HS fall league, it was mentioned that D3 registration deadline will be July 31st (fee of \$95 for 12 matches). Registration for NPSL fall/winter league will be in September.

The following league schedule was agreed to along with the associated milestones.

Milestone	Date
Registration Opens	Monday, June 28 th (Girls HS: September)
Registration Closes	Tuesday, July 20 th
Preliminary Placement Model Released	Monday, August 2 nd
League Placement Meeting	Wednesday, August 11 th
League Data to Association Schedulers	Monday, August 16 th

Schedules Posted	Tuesday, August 31 st
League Play Starts	Sat/Sun, September 11 th /12 th
League Play Concludes	Sat/Sun, December 11 th /12 th

Marketing/Communications Committee Topics

It was recommended that the NPSL highlights in its materials and on its web site the successes of its teams in the 2009 Commissioner's Cup (Quarter-Finalists, Semi-Finalists, Finalists, Champions).

- ACTION: Murphy to add to site

It is necessary to bring the web site current with the developments of the NPSL (Girls HS Season, Older Boys League Play), to post timelines and direct people to registration. It was suggested that the Marketing/Communications solicit input from NPSL teams regarding their successes. It was also suggested that we add links to the site to post the successes. Finally, it was recommended that we send a message to past participants thanking them and giving them a league update.

Disciplinary Committee Topics

Yousef will contact East King County Referee Association to ensure the NPSL is properly entered in their system so get accurate disciplinary reports this year. Naomi Johnson will coordinate similar with D1 referee bodies (or via the associations).

- ACTION: Yousef and Naomi to make necessary communications as noted above.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 21st at 7PM in Redmond, at which time we should have a good idea of registration for the league.