

Minutes from NLYAA Soccer Meeting June 19, 2007

Website <http://www.nlyaa.homestead.com/Soccer.html>

The soccer organization is looking for ways to promote the NLYAA soccer website. All people in attendance were encouraged to use the website and to pass the website along to family, friends and fellow soccer players. It was noted that all cancellations will be updated on the website in an "as-timely-as-possible" manner.

Fundraising

Fundraising discount cards tentatively are scheduled to be distributed in August. There will be a lottery fundraiser held in October; each player will be responsible for selling two (2) tickets. Tickets will be \$10.00 each, more information will be provided at a later date. The fundraisers help cover the costs of updating equipment, providing uniforms for players and providing skill building clinics.

Team Coaches/Responsibilities

Ken Patterson has volunteered to organize and run the instructional soccer program. The teams will play 3 v 3 for U6 and 4 v 4 for U8. The objective is to keep the teams smaller to allow for basic skill building. At the present time there will be approximately ten (10) teams.

Traveling soccer will consist of eleven (11) teams. There will be a coaches meeting within the next 2 to 3 weeks.

Evaluations

There are enough players for the U12 and U14 girls to field 2 teams for each age group. The objective this year will be to evaluate the girls and make an A and B team. Evaluations will be performed by four (4) or five (5) coaches.

Team Parents

This was a new idea started last soccer season, overall it went well. The team parents help to alleviate the burden of miscellaneous items from the coach allowing the coach to focus more on coaching the team. The team parent is mainly responsible for helping with fundraising, distributing any correspondence, coordinating pictures, etc.

Risk Management

All travel soccer coaches and assistant coaches must complete the risk management form. When complete, the form must be printed and a copy brought to the carding clinic. This form must be filled out each year, regardless if you coached in the past.

Carding Clinic

Coaches carding clinic will be held at the Eagle's Nest on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 6:00 pm. Remember to bring your printed copy of the Risk Management Form.

UK Soccer Camp/July 12 coaching clinic

UK soccer camp will be held July 9 through the 13th from 4-8pm at the Eagle's Nest. Information to register is available online at www.uksoccercamp.com.

July 12, 2007 there will be a coaching clinic at the Eagle's Nest. All coaches and assistant coaches are encouraged to attend.

Tournament/Parade/Equipment/Food Stand

Looking for volunteers to help with the tournament, parade, equipment, and food stand. The more people who volunteer will help make the soccer program run smoother.

First Aid Kits

Looking for donation to help replenish and update the existing first aid kits. A recommendation was given to check with Northern Valley Ambulance to see if they can provide any help.

Pictures

www.lvphotogroup.com, this is the website of the photographer used for soccer photos. Something new this year ~ photographers from the Lehigh Valley Photo Group will be traveling around to different soccer games this year and taking action photos. All photos will be posted on their website and available for purchase through their website.

Individual pictures and team pictures will be scheduled throughout the regular season, more information will be available at a later date.

Field Coordinator/Locations

Mike Czarnicki has volunteered his time to prep the soccer fields. Contact George Gavalla for practice field assignments. All coaches should be in contact with him as to field availability for practices. All teams will be given a half (1/2) of a soccer field for practices. Should the coach want to scrimmage, he/she is responsible for working with the team on the other half of the field.

Field locations will be at the Eagle's Nest and there will be a back up field available at Victory Park. There will be no soccer fields at the Emerald ball fields this year. Some soccer nets are in place at Eagle's Nest and are ready for use.

Summer Tournament

For any interested coaches, Palmer is having a summer tournament held August 26 and 27. The deadline to register is August 2. See George Gavalla or Wes Beltz for additional information.

Miscellaneous

Coaches clinic: NSCAA State Diploma-Wind Gap, held on June 23, 2007. The NLYAA Soccer organization will pay for any coach who would like to attend, please contact George or Wes for additional information.

At the end of June the NLYAA will be hosting a website clinic. This clinic will provide instructions on how to update the NLYAA website. If anyone is interested in attending please contact George or Wes for the details.

Next NLYAA soccer meeting will be on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at the Eagle's Nest.