**Northwest District**

**Of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association**

August 20, 2025, Heritage Hotel, Southbury

**Attendees:** Dave Betts (New Milford), Dan McGuirk (Woodbury-Bethlehem), Jay Zalewski, Chris Kennan (Pomperaug), Dyan Combs (Highlander), Jeff Hepp (Thomaston), Patrick Owen (Torrington), Kristin Swati (Northwest United), Alessandra Schmidt (CT Impact United), Daniel Ifcher (Shepaug), Kim Hotchkiss (Terryville), Edgar Cochancela (EC Soccer), Mark Zaccagnini, Mike Desjardins (Watertown), Chad Schaefer, Diego Merino (New Fairfield), Paul Maloney (Wolcott & Admin), Karen Puskas (Admin), John Hester (Ref Admin), Dave Brouillette (State Rep)

**Not in attendance:** Danbury, Brookfield, Litchfield

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Paul Maloney

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Jay Zalewski (Pomperaug) to approve the minutes from June 2025. Seconded by Dyan Combs (Highlander). All in favor. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Current report through June 30th shows the District some $3,900 in the red. Karen reported there is about $15,000 more in revenue that has come in since June 30th for fines and fall registration. With that, there is also expenses for the all-star game ($5,500), spring trophies/shirts ($3,500), website ($460), admin ($2,200). This will bring the deficit closer to zero. Full report through August will not be ready until October to be spoken about at November meeting. Motion to approve treasurer’s report made my Mark Zaccagini (Watertown), seconded by Daniel Ifcher (Shepaug). All in favor. Motion passed.

**Registrar Report:** Scott not present but sent following report read by Karen:

\*38 team rosters have been active, 138 rosters pending.

 \*319 new players have had their proof of age validate for 2025-26 season year.

**Reminder that a legal document is proof of age – passport, birth certificate, adoption record.  Hospital certificates are not valid proof of age.**

**Name on document will match the player**

\***71 Coaches/Admins associated with the clubs have expired Risk Management.  32 of these coaches/admins have been assigned to a team.  A roster cannot be activated without all adults with approved risk status.  Please get ahead of this before the season gets close to starting.**

\*It is always good to put a club board member on the roster in the event none of the coaches can make a game.  There is no limit on the number of coaches – only the number that can be on the sideline at the game (3).

\*When foreign proof of age is presented for the player, the registrar will receive information on the US Soccer Process for International Clearance.  Clubs need to follow this process to register the player with US Soccer.  CJSA/NWD does not prevent the player from participating while the clubs clear with US Soccer.  We have had 16 players this season so far requiring clearance.

**Scott will be out of country 8/23-31.  All rosters/players submitted before that date will be processed.  He will clear the backlog when he returns.**

**State Report:** Paul attended the state meeting for club presidents and registrars recently. There are changes to the laws of the game for US Soccer. Specifically laws 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 which can be referenced online. Affiliations are done in our District and clubs need to acquire certificates of insurance by going to the link on CJSA.org. They will need one for each venue they host games and practices at. Coaches and admins need to continue taking safesport as it is a four year cycle. If you have gone through the cycle, you need to do it again when it is your time. President’s cup has new rules for those clubs interested in registering a team. Grass roots coaching classes are happening and will continue. Clubs that want to sponsor a class just need a classroom and field for one day as all other information and teaching is online. Contact CJSA if interested. Fall 2026 registration is going back to

**Referee Report:** John also mentioned the specific laws of the game that have been updated. Entry level referee course is open as well as recertification. In the near future, referees who are under the age of 18 will be wearing a green badge stating they are a minor. Any referee abuse or misconduct towards referees when they are minors will now be 3x the consequences of the normal punishment.

**Commissioner Report:** Rich not present. Karen presented fall leagues and divisions.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Puskas