**Northwest District**

**Of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association**

May 21, 2025, Heritage Hotel, Southbury, CT

**Attendees:** Nelson Dovale (New Milford), Henry Siemon (Woodbury-Bethlehem), Jay Zalewski (Pomperaug), Dyan Combs (Highlander), Steven Quick (Thomaston), Chad Schaefer (New Fairfield), Stacie DeSorbo (Torrington), Corrado Perugini (Watertown) (Disc), Kristin Swati (Northwest United), Karen Puskas (Admin),

**Not in attendance:** Danbury, Brookfield, Shepaug, Winchester United, CT Impact, Litchfield, Terryville, Wolcott

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Karen Puskas

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Kristin Swati (Northwest United) to approve the minutes from March 2025. Seconded by Dyan Combes (Highlander). All in favor. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Currently 3,500 in red for this fiscal year but expect rebound before year’s end. The district has about $30,000 out in player and coach fees to CJSA which the district gets a portion of. Big clubs that owe include Danbury at $17,000 and New Milford at $6,600.

**Registrar Report:** Scott not present but asked Karen to let clubs know it was a good season.

**State Report: Karen reminded clubs that CJSA will be following US Soccer updated guidelines for the 2026-27 season as they go back to birth year registrations. Registration year will now begin on September 1st instead of January 1st.**

**Referee Report:** John not present but asked Karen to remind coaches to have game day rosters ready to go on paper. Try to avoid using phone. Also reminded clubs that entry level referee course is set to open on July 1st. Signing up after July 1st and finishing all the online assignments and attending a field training will give the entry level ref a license for the rest of 2025 and all of 2026. 18 months for the price of 12.

**Commissioner Report:** Rich not present.

**All-Star Game:**  Nelson stated emails went out to U15 coaches asking for 3-4 players per team. Might have to go back and ask for 1-2 more considering game is after season and school is out and some clubs can’t provide 3-4 players. The girls game is set to kick off around 2:00 pm and the boys around 5:00 pm. Nelson will keep all updated.

**New Business:**

Cory brought up that a couple clubs’ players have received red cards but not all were notified and nobody knows what they are for as there is no explanation attached to the card. Cory is asking either CJSA or state referees to be more clear when notifying and should notify all parties, not just select. (i.e., district disciplinary, club president, coach, etcl)

Dyan Combes (Highlander) brought up the issue about clubs canceling games within the 24 hour game time and the referees starting to get upset as they don’t get paid and lost the assignment. Nothing in handbook about team that cancels has to pay the refs which Dyan believes should happen as sooner or later referees will go somewhere else. Karen made note and will ask District to review for fall.

Reminder June meeting is a zoom.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Puskas