**Northwest District**

**Of the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association**

September 21, 2024, Heritage Hotel, Southbury, CT

**Attendees:**  Corrado Perugini (District Discipline) (Watertown), Nelson Dovale (New Milford), Don Ruppel (Woodbury-Bethlehem),Jay Zalewski (Pomperaug), Dyan Combs (Highlander), Ken Gardiner (Terryville), Jeffrey Hepp (Thomaston), Kristin Swati (Northwest United), Paul Maloney (VP) (Wolcott), Karen Puskas (Admin), Rich Zimmerman (League Commissioner).

**Not in attendance:** Winchester United, Danbury, Brookfield, CT Impact United, Litchfield, New Fairfield, Shepaug, Torrington

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by Paul Maloney

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** August 2024 minutes motion for acceptance by Jay Zalewski (Pomperaug) and seconded by Corrado Perugini (Watertown). All in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Nothing to report as end of fiscal year being wrapped up. Hopefully have new numbers by November.

**Registrar Report:** Rosters freeze tonight (September 18th). Player report for fall has 563 new players, 19 international players. Team rosters totaled 161. Scott reported he has made 178 changes to rosters this fall. From Fall 23 to Fall 24, overall registration is down some 12%. (About 400). Most of it coming from the recreation side (1,585). Comp was up by 8 players (2,306). Scott asked to make sure when affiliations are updated that the information the clubs are submitting is correct as he uses that for communication. Please do not just roll over the affiliation if changes have to be made.

**State Report:** Paul spoke about the state looking to take a vote next month to put out grant money to the clubs for major projects. Comes from the reserve in CJSA. Minimum amount to apply for would be $10,000. No maximum that we know of. Paul will report back when CJSA finalizes.

**Referee Report:** John not present but Paul reported he has received zero reports from CJSA about referee abuse or bad game reports.

**Commissioner Report:** Rich presented the league divisions and teams for the fall.

**New Business:**

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: Holiday meeting and volunteer appreciation evening will be Wednesday, November 20th, 6:30 pm at the Heritage Hotel. Each club is asked to bring 2-3 volunteers that have done outstanding service to their soccer community for recognition.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Puskas