East Central Academy Meeting Minutes
Kimberly Municipal Complex
515 W. Kimberly Ave.
Kimberly, WI 54136
Date: January 2, 2020
Time: 7:00 PM
Room: Aspen/Birch

Club	Representative	Club	Representative
DePere Select	Dusty Rhodes	Neenah	Mike Jones
DePere Select	Wade Dozier	Neenah	Tyler Brown
Electric City	Nate Laabs	Neenah	John Pendergast
Electric City	Ross Stainton	NEW United	Andrew Borchart
FC Green Bay	Quinn Ross	Niagara	Jim Laydon
FOX Cities United	Renee Sullivan	Oshkosh	Matt Callahan
Green Bay Lightning	Cory Romdenne	United Hurricanes	Drew Jepson
Goalgetters	Chris Gutman	United Soccer of Allouez	Abdul Nur
Kimberly	Noe Smart	Water Cities Soccer	Eric Leverance
Kimberly	Evan Paradiso	EC Academy Comm.	Sean Breitzman
Menasha	Kevin Otto	EC Academy Comm.	Sue Ann Evers

Introductions around the room

Grievances/Accolades from previous season

- Fall 2019 was a wet season
- Notices from clubs went out promptly about upcoming events and was helpful
- Overall the group thought the season went well.
- Mega Date.
  - Parents and players do not like the long day and some families could be at the event as late as 4 PM
  - Not enough referees to cover the event
  - What is in the best interest of the kids? Kids love the Mega Date, but the parents and coaches do not like the long day.
  - Fall Mega Date is more of an issue finding referees. Possible ideas:
    - East Central holds the Mega Date, but does not schedule referees
    - Concern about safety if the game is not being managed by a referee
    - Referees keep the games running on time
    - Site facilitator- If we do not have referees are at the Fall Mega date, there should have a person in charge of the event to keep things running smoothly.
    - Instead of a center and two side referees, maybe just a center and the coach steps-in to help with game management

- Because of a reduced number of referees in the East Central Referee pool, a pilot program was suggested to reduced referee staff for each game at the Spring Mega Date
  - It was decided that only one referee will be scheduled to center 10U games at the Mega Date
  - If a referee does not show up for their game, each coach referees from the sideline for just their team

Referee Mentoring at Academy Events

- Mentoring program was very successful and the mentored referees showed improvement
- Mike Jones would like two mentoring dates for the Spring Academy Events
  - May 2, 2020
  - June 27, 2020
- Mentors should be versed on East Central Academy Rules
  - Mike suggested a mentoring meeting to make sure everyone know the rules
- Games will be scheduled 1:15 apart for mentoring dates. All other events will have games scheduled 1 hour apart.

Behavior of Parents and/or Coaches

- Team Coach took care of any parents not following code of conduct
- Reminder that new coaches may not understand all of the academy rules. Other coaches should give them some time to understand the rules.

New rule concerning the goal kick

- Discussion as to the need of the buildout line
  - Difficult to call off sides without it
  - Buildout lines for practice gives players a visual point
  - 8U players find the buildout line helpful for training
  - Players need to back up for goalkeeper release

Addressing teams that are unevenly matched at Academy events

- Before the day of the event
  - Teams can be adjusted by moving players
  - Contact the other team and ask the team to adjustment players
    - Issue some parents do not want to change game time
- At the game
  - Ask opposing coach to swap some players with your team
- We need open lines of communication between the clubs to have competitive games.

Spring Dates

Scheduling Time Line

- March 28, 2020 application deadline
- March 30, 2020 First Phase draft - Week 1
- April 1, 2020 First Phase revisions
- April 3, 2020 First Phase schedule posted
- April 4, 2020 Second Phase Draft Weeks 2-8
- April 9, 2020 Second Phase revisions
- April 12, 2020 is Easter
- April 14, 2020 Entire Schedule posted Weeks 1-8

Academy Events – Eight scheduled events

- May 2, 2020 – Referee Mentoring
- May 9, 2020
- May 16, 2020
- May 30, 2020
- June 6, 2020 – MEGA Date Howard
- June 13, 2020
- June 20, 2020
- June 27, 2020 – Referee Mentoring

Hosting clubs should be sending out a Tuesday email to clubs attending their events to review schedule. Field maps are greatly appreciated by the parents. Make sure that you copy Sean and Sue Ann on all communications sent out.

Setting Regulations/requirements for having an academy

- A discussion about how East Central Academy program should be run and standards for clubs being in the program.
    - With so many unique clubs and the variance in size and location it was decided it would be difficult to set up strict requirements.
- Sean is available to training to help clubs that with their academy program. Likewise, WYSA coaching staff Craig and Jim will come to your club for training.
- It was also suggested that East Central create a website page similar to a coach's corner where coaches can see sample training programs, best practices, other resources, etc. Sean will create the information to be placed on this page.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sue Ann Evers

East Central Director of Operations