

**North Central Strykers Board Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 27, 2016**  
**6:30 p.m. Thrivent Financial Office**

Board Members Present: Doug Dodd, Jen Dodd, Amy Ites, Jill Vierkandt, Kenzie Schoby, Mike Truesdell & Sara Truesdell

Discussion was held by the board on the following topics:

**CISL Meeting:**

Sara shared that she and Jordan had attended the CISL meeting on Wednesday. The main focus of CISL this spring will be sportsmanship. The commissioner encouraged all communities to continually share this emphasis with parents, players, and coaches throughout the season. CISL would really like parents and players to be supporting and encouraging referees during games.

In addition, a change was made at the national level regarding player birth dates and teams. Instead of using a class/grade level cut off, players will play at a level based on birth year. CISL teams discussed the possibility of “grandfathering” in teams, but also discussed how this would affect tournament play. After much discussion, Doug and Jill suggested that the Strykers stick with the national ruling effective next registration. The board will do our best to keep teams together, and have the ability to bump kids based on skill, regardless of birth date.

CISL also shared that they plan to enforce no sweepers/goalies for U6-U8. There will also be no headers in games or practices for U6-U12.

CISL Scheduling – The board made a decision to host our first home games for CISL on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. All games prior to that date will be played away. Games schedules will likely be distributed at the end of the week pending changes with CISL and the NEISL. Jill spoke with the NEISL and is working to find a neutral location for the Decorah games (either Waverly or Denver). Jill will also be adding Nevada to the schedule when it fits.

The Strykers will be working with Eric Wood, Director of Referees for the Ames Soccer Club, for all our home games. All U6 games will be reffed by high school players and those certified in previous years.

**Field Maintenance and Equipment:**

Discussion was held about the mower and the ability to mow lines. Doug though lines would need to be mowed 3-4 times this year, as well as painted. A motion to purchase mower from Alex Janssen at the City Mower Clinic. Kenzie made the motion, Amy Ites seconded. Motion passed. Dough will call the Janssens to make the purchase. We will host a field night prior to our first home game at which Doug will show how/where to mow lines.

Mike shared that he had a conversation with Nate Forshyth, Ellsworth AD, and he is willing to share the college’s line painter with us for the soccer season. We will plan to paint lines 3-4 times prior to home games. Doug and Mike will work together to schedule times to do so.

The board also discussed Strykers equipment. After much discussion, Doug will contact Mike Lancaster about constructing one set of U8 goals and one set of U12 goals, to be painting by board members. The board will purchase to sets of 6X18 nets to accompany those new goals.

The club also need new field flags for U8-U14. We would like these to be the flags that are more sturdy and have the coil bend. Jordan will make the purchase of flags prior to the first home game.

Mike presented financials and photos of the flags for sponsorship recognition and games. After reviewing financials and discussion a variety of options, a motion was made by Doug Dodd to purchase all three 20ft/20ft/25ft with installation location decided after the company looks the field. Jen Dodd seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kenzie discussed the concession stand and the details of running the concession stand for home games. A decision was made to open the concession stand from 9 AM – Noon on the Saturdays with home games. Kenzie will look into what needs to be purchased. We will pull volunteers from the list provided with registration.

Next meeting is Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Thrivent offices.