

**Minutes**  
**North Polk United Soccer Club**  
**March 8, 2020**

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of the North Polk United Soccer Club (the Club) was held at The Legend on Sunday, March 8, 2020. A quorum of members being present, the meeting was called to order by the President, Greg Bell, at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were:

**Members:** Greg Bell, President; Kirk Haaland, Vice President; Melissa Keys, Treasurer; Jessica Bormann, Secretary; Jody Einck, Director of Registration; Jason Chelsey, Director of Referees; and Mike Furrow, Director of Coaching.

**Registration**

Spring 2020 registration is now closed and we have 331 rec players and 45 select players. Rosters will be distributed by March 13<sup>th</sup> and a coaches meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Iowa Soccer will be transitioning to Demosphere, a new web platform. This will impact future registration and will replace a variety of systems. The board will share an announcement when details are finalized.

**Field Update**

**Volunteers needed** for Field Set up Day, tentatively scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>.

The board is reviewing options and evaluating space to best utilize fields this spring. A few changes for this Spring:

- Lakeside: 8U and under
- Sports Complex: 9U-12U
- Beautiful Savior: 12U
- High School: 13U and Older
- North Polk Middle School Fields: practice (reserved 5:30 -9)

Porta Potties will be scheduled to deliver March 23<sup>rd</sup> to Lakeside, Methodist Church and North Polk Middle School.

**Future Field Maintenance**

The club is looking for a volunteer “or a few volunteers” to lead/manage field maintenance activities for the North Polk United Soccer Club. If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved, impacting children’s lives in a positive way, and helping to continue to move the NPU soccer club forward, to a better and brighter future, please contact: [admin@northpolkunited.org](mailto:admin@northpolkunited.org)

**Duties include:**

- Organizing seasonal field setup
- Ordering field equipment (nets, flags, paint, etc.)
- Reserving field space
- Coordinating routine maintenance throughout the season other volunteers

### **Coaches Update**

The board discussed feedback from GPS and coaches and will implement a variety of changes this Spring:

- GPS will be 7U – 10U Only
- All coaches will receive the GPS lesson plans
- Coaches will have the option to opt out of the GPS sessions
- U9 & U10 teams will have 1 practice with GPS and 1 practice without to allow time to work on individual team needs
- The board is working with GPS to finalize schedule times and group sizes, the ideal group is 20-25 kids. GPS practices will be held 4 days a week from 5:45 – 6:45, a schedule will be finalized once coaches confirm practice times.
- Board discussed hosting a skills night for 5U & 6U

Greg attended the ISL meeting and provided the board with a recap. Kirk is working with Madrid and DCG to schedule games.

### **Uniforms & Attire**

The board is evaluating current uniforms and exploring options for the Fall 2020 season. There will be a vote on Fall uniform styles mid-April.

P&M Apparel will host a United soccer attire store this Spring with a new collection of fan gear.

### **Referee Update**

Jason Chesley gave an update on referees and expressed concerns with having enough referees available due to the continued education requirements for referees.

### **Adjournment**

Following this action, there being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion made, seconded and voted, the meeting adjourned.

Jessica Bormann, Secretary

