



NM Rapids Durango-----Board of Directors Meeting Minutes FINAL

Wednesday, February, 5 @ 6:00 pm — Wells Group Durango

In attendance: Kate Kelly, Marietta Linney, Allison Wall, Joanna Tucker, Melissa Casillas, Jimmy Hall, Kathy Anderson Wilson, Julie Smith, Steven Bayer, Jessie Sigillito, Sean Ackerman, Becky Eisenbraun, Hayley Hollenga

Proxies: None

Absent: Tom Geyer

Guests:

Meeting Called to Order at 6:03 by Allison Wall

I. Approval of December 2024 Minutes - Sean motioned to approve the Minutes and Steven seconded. Approved.

II. Club Business

- 1. Communication from the Audience** -none
- 2. Facilities / Fields update** – Kate indicated that the fields at Smith have been assigned. Coaches and managers will be notified of practice space tomorrow. Field use is not allowed to be on the lower Escalante fields. There may be a conflict on Shootout Weekend at Escalante for an unknown track meet. The Club is working closing with the 9R on the scheduling conflict now.
- 3. Board Structure and involvement with DOCs during hiring and decision making processes:** This agenda item will be bumped to the next Board Meeting as the Board Member who wanted to discuss the issue was not present at this meeting and clarification about the agenda item is needed.

III. Executive Director Report—Kate – See attached Report. The sponsor drive has gone really well. Kate has already met budget and fundraising is not complete. In response to the motion made at the December 2024 Meeting: **Tom made a motion to have Club Directors look at some alternatives to create more competitive options within the Club while allowing for flexibility for age groups, numbers and situations. Julie seconded. Approved.**

- Kate has been working extensively on how to create more competitive opportunities for the membership. There will be tryouts for U11 and above and an effort to form Select Teams in those age groups.
- Kate met with Matt Baldridge to arrange 3rd night of practices for age groups. These are at no extra cost. Matt is coordinating this extra programming. Information regarding the 3rd night of practice will be released in the next week.
- Other additional trainings in town will be held on Sundays. There will be an extra fee for these trainings which will be offered as day camps. Matt Baldridge will be coordinating and coaching these sessions as well. He is already looking ahead to Fall 2025 scheduling options for the day camps.

Several decisions will need to be made on team formation given the varying number of players in each age group. Working on indoor space and reservations – scheduling accordingly. All teams will start practice 2 weeks prior to their 1st competitive event. Four Corners 1st game is scheduled for March 1st. Futsal League going well – 3 weeks in. Futsal equipment is wearing and tearing and being patched Ray Nause will be coming in April. There will be another parent information session and it will be added to Team Snap schedule for each team. Notifying managers and getting the word out is important. There have been 3 referrals from United Way who were placed on rosters for the Spring – on full scholarship from United Way. Mini Kickers – advertising went to elementary schools. Kate attended New Mexico Soccer Annual meeting in NM.

IV. Director Reports

a. U9-U12--Hayley Hollenga - Created a 2nd U10 Boys team. Hayley is getting up to speed. Looking for additional assistant coaches for Nino's U10 Boys. There are no more waitlisted players for the younger age groups as all players were placed on rosters.. Some players are playing up and there was some movement of players to accommodate all the waitlisted players.

b. U13-19--Jimmy Hall – Jimmy has been focusing on managing groups that are starting early. Most teams are starting in March. Currently, he is wrapping up the coordination of coaching assignments. There are some floater coaches who will be assisting this season; filling in from the community. Ray Nause asked some of RRDSC boys to join tournaments in NM. The middle school aged-high school boys are getting opportunities in NM.

c. Director of GK Report--Hayley Hollenga: Another Winter Age Group Goal Keeper Training was held with 9 total participants. Hayley may look at holding a training in Pagosa. Trainings are being held outside this weekend since the weather is cooperating. Spring schedule will be available soon now that the other practice schedules are dialed in.

e. Mini-Kickers Director Report--Hayley Hollenga: There are 52 kids registered. Expecting 80 players. 9 coaches. Hayley has been successful in securing field space at the Fort. Hayley is seeing a lot more younger girls sign-up (2020 birth year)

V. Committee Reports

-Executive Committee (Marietta, Kathy, Becky, Allison, Tom) n/a

-Fields Committee (Jimmy, Kate, Tom, Julie) n/a

-Survey Committee (Kate, Jimmy, Marietta)- Marietta reached out to one parent requesting a call from a Board Member, but the parent has not contacted Marietta.

-Parent & Player Liaison / Disciplinary Committee (Kathy, Marietta, Becky, Melissa C)- n/a

-Scholarship/Refunds Committee (Melissa C, Joanna, Julie, Steven)) 4 scholarships awarded. There is still funding available for families in need.

-Expansion/Club Goals Committee (Kate, Allison, Tom) n/a

-Risk Management Committee (Joanna, Kathy, Tom) n/a

-Budget Committee (Kathy, Kate, Joanna, Allison, Jessica)- The Budget Committee will start meeting at the end of the month.

-Durango Shootout / Durango Soccer Awards / Publicity PR Committee (Kathy, Kate, Melissa C, Jessica, Steven) Registrations are already coming in mostly from Park City and Arizona. Escalante Field space was an issue – but seems to be resolved. Durango Teams need to register using the same title. Follow the team name on the Roster. Encourage DGO teams to sign-up now! Suggest to managers that volunteer options will be assigned by category to teams.

-High School Sub Committee (Jimmy, Melissa C, Allison, Sean, Steven) Meeting next Thursday

VI. Financial Reports: See Attached. Financial Statement of Activity – Fall 2024 billing for Duke City still has not been processed by Duke City, but should be processed together with Spring 2025 billing for Duke City. About 30% of Volunteer Deposit Funds are refunded after the Shootout. Kate moved to employee W-2 status as of January 1, 2025 and it took a little bit of a work around to reflect compensation while setting-up the financial line items under the new structure in the Budget.

Marietta Motioned to Adjourn, Sean seconded. Adjourned at 6:52pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 @ 6 pm— Location: Wells Group Durango

Board Members: Allison Wall (President), Becky Eisenbraun (Vice President), Marietta Linney (Sec), Kathy Anderson Wilson (Treas.), Melissa Casillas, Tom Geyer, Julie Smith, Sean Ackerman, Jessica Sigillito, Steven Bayer

Club Coach Staff: Kate Kelly (EXEC. DIRECTOR), Joanna Tucker (ADMIN / Operations), James Hall (DOC), Hayley Hollenga (GK&u9-12 DOC/Mini-Kickers)

2024/2025 Voting Members = 10 2024/2025 Quorum = 6

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