

## East Central Executive Board Meeting

Call in

Monday, April 20, 2020

### **East Central Executive Board Members**

- President – Jay DeBruin (TASK)
- Vice President – Scott Frisch (United Hurricanes)
- Secretary – Doris Schommer (NEW United)
- Treasurer – Noe Smart (KASA)
- District Registrar – Kevin Otto (FC Menasha)
- TOPS – Wayne Stoflet
- Games Comm. – Chris Billstrom
- Adult League Comm.- Vicki King (NEW United)
- Recreation Comm. – Mike Buman (HOV)
- Referees – Mike Jones (Neenah)
- Academy Comm. – Sean Breitzman
- Director of Operations – Sue Ann Evers

### **Summer 2020 Soccer Season**

Link to Badger Bounce Back Program

<https://www.tmj4.com/rebound/gov-tony-evers-to-announce-badger-bounce-back-program-monday>

Discussion took place as to what East Central should do about the upcoming summer soccer season. Many ideas and comments were shared.

- Midway District is talking about canceling the season and they were wondering what East Central was going to do.
- Given the current order of things, there is a hope to start things up in June. Before games can be played, our community would have to enter into Phase 2 of the Badger Bounce Back Program.
- East Central could condense the classic season just to get the players back to thinking about soccer. Giving them touches and something to look forward to.
- There is just so much uncertainty. How late do we really want to play into the summer season? Suggestion to cancel summer season and go full force in fall.
  - Clubs can still do training and friendly games with other clubs.
  - We are concentrating on safety. A club to club schedule will be more flexible. If clubs have teams that want to play this summer they can submit their team names and coaches can contact each other to setup the scrimmage session.
  - Scheduling concern is that some clubs start to pull teams from the summer scheduling process, then we may have lopsided competitions. How do we address this?
    - Going back to the friendly scrimmages. They could even be 5 v 5
- Tryouts are an issue. WYSA is still trying to figure out what to do with tryout policy. The tryout dates will have some bearing on the summer season and how long we want to play into July. WYSA has not addressed this issue and are focusing on summer 2020.
- Maybe we should cancel recreational soccer for this summer and concentrate on the classic season.
  - Others felt that we should have the recreational teams play. Recreational teams can play into the summer.

- Adult League: We have hosted adult league and have done this for several years and we feel we should continue to do this. Adults teams could also play into August.
- If kids cannot go to school. East Central should not have kids going to practice.
- Some clubs are using public parks and may not be allowed to use them
- East Central has a large geographic area. Different parts of our region may not be able to play soccer because of local government orders.
- It was felt that East Central needs to make a decision as a group and show solidarity in the decision making process.
- It was suggested that East Central put a plan in place, so that we don't have to keep revisiting the issue over and over. Make a schedule and stick with it. If we need to drop the first few weeks of games, then we drop them.
  - Is there a drop dead date where we concede that there will not be a summer season?
- Clubs do not want to look like they are pushing the season just to collect money
- If state league teams have their season canceled and East Central is able to get a season in, the state teams may want to play in our league.

Suggest that East Central put out a survey. Jay will put a list of questions together and ask the East Central Executive committee to review for any missed questions.

- Will clubs be able to find fields to play this summer season?
  - Who has control of the fields the club uses?
- Are players asking to be removed from the team?
  - Classic
  - Recreational
  - Adult
- Are clubs willing to play into July? August?

**Budget:**

- Noe was going through a three-year budget review for East Central.
- The power went out and the call in meeting was disabled.
- Jay sent out a note saying he would reschedule a meeting to complete this discussion.

Minutes submitted by

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