

## Dynamos Annual Board Meeting January 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm Northfield Elementary School Mini- Gym

Meeting Started at 7:10pm – Started with Tyler Renaud Norwich Women's Coach speaking about his plans for a soccer/lacrosse first week of August 9-1:30pm. His player's are helping with the program and offered his players help. Camp is ages 6-15. Question regarding boys Tyler will speak with Kyle the men's coach. He will notify us if the will offer a camp for boy's.

### President's Report –

2007 Year in Review given by Shannon Doney as Mark Bean resigned from the position November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

2007 was a very productive year for the Dynamos Soccer Club. The newly elected board immediately took on the challenge of writing the proposed by-laws for the club. A sub committee spent countless hours reviewing other clubs by-laws and came up with a set of by-laws they hope will help govern the club on a more consistent basis. Our spring season was our biggest yet with teams ranging from U8 to U18. It was our first year competing at the U8 level and had a successful season enjoyed by all. At the close of the spring season the board was able to present all players with participation awards thanks to the craftsmanship of John & Brandi Dewey and a donation from Barry T. Chouinard one of the clubs' most generous benefactors. We appreciate Mr. Chouinard's continued support of our club and it felt good to give the players the recognition they deserve as spring soccer demands a high level of commitment from both players and parents. Our U8-U14 teams participated in the annual Essex United Tournament at the Essex tree farm. No trophies but lots of smiles! We sponsored a high school summer program in 2007 which brought us into the fall soccer program with one of largest turnouts in a few years. We had multiple teams at almost every age level and the PreK-1<sup>st</sup> grade had a lot of fun this fall as well.

The organization has become a full time club with soccer programs offered 8 months out of the year and the 4 months off are spent preparing for the next 8 months. The current board approved the rental of a storage unit at Videos N More in an effort to streamline the inventory of equipment for the club. We also purchased a PO Box in order to keep a consistent address for all club correspondence. We had great dinner fund raiser at the American Legion and look to have another this year. We appreciate their support of our program. The board did a considerable amount of self-evaluation. Our focus was “How do we get more kids to play soccer and to continue playing soccer?” We held an open forum during the year to get feed back from the parents and coaches as to how to do this. The board decided that in order to work within our mission statement we needed to do our best to provide any child with a desire to play soccer a place to play. We took the word “Select” out of spring program and changed it to Spring Travel Team in hopes to attract more players and to better represent what the program is and does. We tired a different approach having spring evaluations vs. try-outs. We learned a lot from this year and hope to take what we learned to improve upon the process. The board is still in the process of reviewing the information gather via the evaluations. We plan to offer teams again from the U8 level thru High School. The next goal of the board is to stream line club policies into an easy to read document and have that published on our website. We are now having sign ups for Futsal the new indoor soccer program starting in March. We want to thank you all for coming this evening and look forward to another great year of soccer in Northfield!

Treasurer's Report- given by Lori McLellan  
ref school high school kids over the age of 13 we will pay

Discussion of By-laws

Heidi Passalacqua moved to accept by-laws Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup> by-laws accepted.

No seats were contested on the board the following people were elected to positions:

President – Joe Hatch

Vice President – Billi Higgins

Secretary – Shannon Doney

Treasurer – Lori McLellan

Registrar – Vacant

Fundraising Coordinator – Barbara Amell

Equipment Manager – Michael Hourigan

Parent At Large – Michele Langley

Website Coordinator – Toni Raftery

Rugby field will be our spring field for this year but not until after Norwich Rugby is done. Lori spoke on the U17 teams and use of fields. In 2009 we will need a field as Norwich would like to be our back up.

We need Spring & Indoor coaches. Discussion of Norwich soccer players possible helping we need coaches finalized by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Indoor: U10 girls – Brian Albee

Roster's for Spring will be done by March 1<sup>st</sup>

Indoor is first come first serve

Meeting closed. 7:55pm