

NP United Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2014

In attendance: Brian Bielicki, Brad Borgess, Bobby Lillard, Karen Hatch, and Kyle Shepherd

- We would like a website volunteer. Someone that has the time to update the site with the clubs events as needed. It's not a difficult thing to learn, but it does take time. Please put the feelers out so we can get things going on this. Scott will be involved and help also, so you wouldn't be alone on this.
- Outstanding debt to Sportline is down to about \$250. We are still working on the rest. Thank you all for taking care of this!
- Code of Conduct will be emailed to all coaches and board members for review. Please bring suggestions to the March board meeting as we will forward with this.
- The club's Tshirts are be designed by Scott. He has sent me a couple samples and says he will have a couple more soon. We may go with a different tshirt color to change things up this year. I would like to place the order after the March board meeting so the kids can have them before spring league and the start of the tourney season.
- Jaide Sutton will continue his contract with the club as Tournament Director. He has also agreed to take on the Club Coach position. Thanks Jaide!!
 - o Jaide will start to look at the Got Milk and Kick It tournaments for next year. Jaide will also start talking with the city about renovating/improving the facilities at the park. Karen said she would also keep an ear out for possible assistance in this process.
 - o A tournament committee will be formed in September or October that will include a volunteer parent from each team. We need the support to make this a success! Start thinking about who can help us out! Jaide will head this up. Thanks again Jaide!!
- Sideline jackets will be ordered early next week. A final list of coaches and sizes will be emailed out to ensure it is correct before it is placed.
- Diadora contract: There has been a huge change in how they are looking at us as a club. A new rep has been placed and he is really looking at helping us out. We will be gearing up for a club shoe order soon. Diadora will set up a website through a third party where we can order from. Shoes will be 30-40% off, with some being available at wholesale prices. There will be running and athletic shoes offered also for coaches and parents (and kids) as well as a full line of soccer shoes.
- I have a group sales point of contact for the Colorado Rapids if anyone would like to put together a team order. Real Cup tourney offers them directly, but Stenger tourney does not. Let me know if you want the number.
- Sara would like everyone to mark their calendars:
 - o June 17-19 Bulldog Youth Soccer Camp.
 - o July 22-24 UNK Soccer Camp. Age 7-High School
- State License and Clinic dates needed. Grant is checking into the Hastings and Creighton Soccer camps. As soon as we have those dates, we can move forward with the states clinics and license stuff.
- I need a list of players, U11 and above, that are interested in refereeing again this year for AYSO. It's a great learning experience for the kids. I will pass the info on to Jerry Garcia so he has it when the time comes. If players want to be certified, please let me know that also so I can pass that on.
- Kyle Shepherd is starting a U8 girls team. His request passed at the meeting. We believe Scott is interested in helping with this team. Kyle is compiling a list of names to start with. Please forward names of interested players and/or players you think may work out to Kyle.
- Sportline letter to be sent/emailed. Copy of it is enclosed.
- Next Meeting: ** Monday, March 3rd ** Please mark your calendars!

NP United Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2014

North Platte United
General Board Meeting
Monday March 3, 2014
Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Attendance: Brian Bielicki, Jeff Hedgecock, Scott Evans, Jenny Zachry, Scott LeTourneau, Kyle Shepherd, Brad Borgess, Tim Dowhower, Karen Hatch. (9 in attendance.)

WEB PAGE: npunitedsoccer.com Please check it out!!!!!!

Web Manager is Scott Evans at scottevansnop@live.com.

Coaches please contact Scott with your email contact list so parents can receive NP United updates.

NEW VENDOR: Sportline is NO LONGER our vendor. Soccer Plus is now NP United's vendor. Please check the club website and take a look at the link to Soccer Plus. Parents and coaches get a discount on gear if we purchase items through the link at Soccer Plus. Individual coaches will place their orders with Soccer Plus, and individual coaches will receive electronic invoices.

T-SHIRT DESIGN: Scott LeTourneau presented meeting with 2 designs. Coaches at meeting voted on the design. Coaches, please get a list with sizes and quantities needed to Brian Bielicki so we can get our club players their club t-shirts.

SIDE LINE COATS: They are here. Brian will be distributing them in the next couple of weeks. If in doubt, contact Brian to figure out when/where you can get your coat.

DIADORA CONTRACT: Within the contract every three years uniforms, bags, and warm-ups need to be purchased from Diadora. 2015 is the year for new uniforms, so unless you are starting a new team you may want to be conservative in replacing uniforms this year. Also, last year's socks have been replaced with a different style that wears better, and is more comfortable.

RAPIDS TICKETS: The window for purchasing Rapids Tickets through Brian is closed.

AYSO RERERE: U-11 and above who have the AYSO Referee training and are interested in helping out AYSO on Saturdays need to contact Brian and tell him of that interest.

U-8 GIRLS TEAM: Kyle Shepherd is the coach. Team name is on the way. Anyone with an 8 year old who is interested should get them in contact with Kyle.

CODE OF CONDUCT: Tabled until next meeting.

JAIDE SUTTON-TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND CLUB COACH: Looking into 3v3 tourneys for 2015. Thinking about hosting a Spring Tourney rather than a July Tourney.

REGISTRATION: Jenny Zachry looking into adding online registration to the NP United website. This would completely eliminate the paper registration we currently do.

SHAGGING FOR JV AND VARSITY SOCCER: Scott has the list of home games for Bulldogs soccer. Coaches please watch for this list and sign your teams up with Scott.

REGISTRATION: 2014 registration will be moved to the second week in July instead of August 1. Looking to do a Registration Fun Night with soccer games, and hopefully an appearance from the NebraskaLand National Bank grill.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 Minutes Respectfull Submitted: Karen Hatch

NP United General Meeting: April 2, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Brian Bielicki, Tiffany LeTourneau, Karen Hatch, Brad Borgess, Jaide Sutton, Bobby Lillard, Sarah Kaminski, Eric Carter, Scott Evans, Kyle Shephard and April Baade.

SOCCER PLUS: The club's new vendor for uniforms and other gear. There have been a few hiccups but they are willing to bend over backwards for us. A replacement jersey is being sent instead of the Azione jersey for now but when the Azione jerseys are available we will get them and only pay the difference between the replacement and the Azione.

CLUB T-SHIRTS: The shirts have been ordered and scheduled to be printed by Accurate Screen Printing. Hopefully they will be done in the next two weeks.

AYSO REFEREES: Right now scheduling referees is being done via text message by Brian. The goal is to make the schedule available online and referees can sign up via computer.

AYSO: NP United is making an effort to coordinate efforts with AYSO. In an attempt to bridge the lines of communication, Eric Carter and/or another rep from AYSO will be invited to all NP United general board meetings.

TOURNAMENT: Jaide has been in contact with Kick It 3v3 tournament. Kick It has tournaments everywhere (they even had one in Sydney, Neb.). They seem to be somewhat interest in working with us. He has also contacted 3v3 Live Soccer Tour. Jaide commented about coaches, players and parents promoting our tournament by showing good sportsmanship when out at other tournaments.

FIELD CONDITIONS: Our fields have sprinkler problems, need to be seeded, and have sections that need to be fenced off. We would like to send a letter to the city to request a meeting to speak about the conditions of the fields. (Karen will draft a letter to Lyle Minshull) Also, the NP Visitor's Center may have grants available to help with these upgrades. An "Intent to Apply" form is due July 1. (Karen will handle filling out the form) There is also a concern with the back supports missing from some of the goals. Eric Carter has agreed to handle getting those put back on the goals.

REGISTRATION: Jenny will continue working on the online registration. Hopefully this will be up and running in time for our 2014-15 registration.

BALL SHAGGING: Coaches, if your team can't make it to your scheduled game make sure you contact another coach and/or Brian and see if another team can cover for you. This is a commitment we made years ago that helps build our relationship with the high school program and is **MUCH APPRECIATED** by the Bulldog coaches and players.

WEB SITE: Our current subscription is coming due in the next 6 months. Scott has researched some other hosts that may save the club money. One idea is Active Youth Network hosted out of Boulder. There is no charge for this service. They will build the page first and if we like it we can take it live and not renew our current host. Other clubs are switching to this Active Youth Network. Another plus is that we can use our same web address. Other sites that need to be updated are the United Facebook page and United Twitter page. The question arose as to who will be updating these other sites. Scott also noted that he can create a "back page" for team pages that have information they don't want the general public to see (example: hotel reservation information). If you would like to do this, have your team managers contact Scott Evans at scottevansnop@live.com. Also, we would like each team to have at least one picture and possibly your tournament schedule posted on your team page. Scott Evans can also help you with this.

POLICY & PROCEDURES HANDBOOK: Needs updated! Kyle Shepherd has volunteered to work on updating this handbook. After Kyle has listed some proposed changes, a committee will be formed to look over the document and confirm the changes to be made. It was proposed that James Bocott (Attorney) look over the handbook and make sure it is legal and would hold up in court. Tiffany will speak with James about it.

E-LICENSE TRAINING: Nebraska State Soccer will send trainers to NP to conduct a training for all coaches that are not yet licensed. Coaches who may be interested are: Sarah Kaminski, April Baade, Kyle Shepherd, Danny Whitney, Karen Hatch, Maggie Johnson, Dell Shepherd, Tim Dowhower, 2 assistant coaches on Brian's team, Brian Torres(possible), Eric Carter, and Zach Creager. All participants favored doing it on week nights instead of weekends. Some possible dates we will try for are: June 29, June 30, or July 1.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tiffany LeTourneau

North Platte United Board Meeting

Tuesday May 6, 2014

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Club Letter to Spring League: North Platte United Teams disappointed in the execution and direction of Spring League. Scott LeTourneau to write letter.

White NP United Uniform Shirt: Switching to Grinta due to shortage of other.

NP United, AYSO, City of NP working on joint application to touristy board for a new concession/restroom building.

Field Improvements by AYSO and NP United together. Jaide Sutton to talk to Lyle Mitchell about NP United and AYSO increasing budget for field improvements.

Rotate Fields along Francis Street. Fields currently operating on a east/west orientation. Going to switch goals to a North/South orientation.

Next Meeting-New NP United website up for review.

E-License Tentative GO for June 29,30 and July 1 in the evening.

Eric Carter with an AYSO List

Need to know: cost and age limit

Registration: Working on online registration. We will not offer paper registration this year.

2014 Registration last week in June/First Week in July

Raise Fees: \$100 for first child in family and \$75 for each additional child after that.

July 12 NP United Picnic at Centennial Park

Minutes ended...

Items that didn't come up at the meeting.

Diadora promo items have been coming in, however many items are missing. I am actively working with them to rectify the situation and they are sorry for the long delay in getting the items.

Also, Bob Nitsch has expressed an interest in starting the next U8 girls team this August. We will vote on it at the next meeting. Bob has been a coach and active member of the club in the past, so it will be good to have him back again.

Please email me with any agenda items you would like added to the next meeting.

*****The next meeting date will be Wednesday, June 4th.*****

Please make note of the change and plan to attend!

Thanks,

Brian Bielicki - President

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NP United Meeting Minutes for June 4, 2014

North Platte United Soccer
General Meeting
June 4, 2014

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Attendance: Brian Bielicki, Scott Evans, Jaide Sutton, Jenny Zachary, Karen Hatch, Brad Borges, Bobby Lillard, Kristina Smith, Maggie Johnson, Kyle Shepherd, Sarah Kaminski, Bob Nitsch
12 in attendance.

Agenda

1. Games with Kearney a success! Good Job Hornet Coaches! Thank you AYSO and all others for your help and support.
2. NSL Letter- Across the board there was much disappointment in Spring League. Scott LeTourneau drafting a letter to voice our concerns.
3. Field Improvement Progress: Rain is helping very much.

Please be mindful of the fields. Goals have been turned to reduce wear and tear. Please do not turn them back.

AYSO and NP United are prepared to supplement the city budget to insure further seeding, fertilizer, and watering so our fields are in the best condition possible.

4. Grinta Jerseys: Replacement white jersey. No complaints so they seem to be functioning ok.
5. Fields/Goals at Oak and Francis turned. U10 Fields behind Sandhills PT will get goals turned this week. Please do not turn goals back.
6. Website Update: Scott Evans. AYN was one of the website provider options but they had a problem with lack of technical support. NP United voted to continue with Sports Engine because it offers more options and is more user friendly.
7. E License: June 29, 30 and July 1. Confirm your attendance with Brian. The state requires anyone working with NP United kids at practice or standing on the sidelines at games to have an E License.
8. Registration Update: Jenny Zachary. Things going well. All current NP United players must register online between July 1 and July 25. Current players missing online registration will pay a late fee.
9. Grant Application: Intent to Apply Form is ready to send to North Platte/Lincoln County Visitor's Bureau.

If they approve our Intent to Apply, NP United must then prepare an official grant application.

10. NP United Picnic: Picnic will be July 9, 2014 from 6-9 PM. We will have Kelley's Custom Pack prepare pulled pork for the evening.
11. ODP Scholarship. NP United has a player who qualified for the regional ODP team. NP United does have a \$300 scholarship program in place for these players. The scholarship form is included at the end

of the meeting minutes.

12. Tourney Update: Jaide Sutton. Jaide has heard from Kick It. Kick It sponsors a 3v3 tournament. Jaide is looking to hear from at least one other promoter, but we are moving forward with one of these for our 2015 tournament.

13. Diadora Promo Stuff: It is on the way.

14. U8 Boys Team for the 2014-2015 season to be started by Brian Torrez and Jian Hou.

15. U8 Girls Team for the 2014-2015 season to be started by Bob Nitsch.

16. Please, all assistant coaches and helpers register with kidsafe and have name listed on the roster.

17. Please encourage the use of the website. Things such as practice schedules and tournament schedules are updated every day.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20

Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Karen Hatch

NP United Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2014

The North Platte United Soccer Board meeting for July will be canceled. Many of the coaches have e-license training on the 1st. If anyone has a item or issue that needs addressed, please email Brian brianhb308@gmail.com and he will put it through the proper channels.

NP United Meeting Minutes for August 5, 2014

North Platte United Board Meeting

August 5, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Attendance: Brian Bielicki, Scott Evans, Eric Carter, Sarah Kaminski, Karen Hatch, Erika Miles, Larry Miles, Brad Borges, Mindy Borges, Bob Nitsch. (10 In Attendance.)

1. Kidsafe and Licensing for Rosters

Nebraska State Soccer is watching for this. All coaches must present license and kidsafe registration at team check in. If you do not have this documentation then you will not be standing on the team side of the sidelines.

2. Coaching E License seminar has been completed. After 6 month wait period we will talk with state to arrange for a D License class.

3. Progress on South Fields: South Fields were never fenced. We will talk with Lyle Mitchell and see if they can't be fenced off before football starts.

4. Uniform Kits: Uniform kit will stay the same as we move forward as a club.

5. Promo Order Info: Is in the works. Contact Brian Bielicki for details.

6. Grant Application Update: Grant application is an involved process. This may be a trial year for us. We may need to apply again next year.

7. Tournament Update: Every team needs to PLEASE find a parent rep in planning for the 2015 spring/summer tournament.

8. Brian Torrez U8 Boys Team Name: North Platte United Revolution. Not sure how many players

9. Bob Nitsch U8 girls Team. Not sure how many players.

10. Eric Carter u14 Boys team in the works,

11. NP United Guest Player Policy supported and directed by Nebraska State Soccer.

12. Parents Code of Conduct: Please remember you are representing your team, club and town in actions and words.

13. North Platte United U15 Select Girls Team: Brian Bielicki, Brad Borges and Jeff Hedgecock. Tryouts in September? Watch website for updates.

14. SoccerPlus: New order and Pay System in place. Payment will be collected upon checkout. They are working on invoicing all past orders. Discounted prices for all gear and for all club families. Sign in to the website to receive discount codes.

15. Discounted Rapids Tickets available through website.

16. NP United Club Picnic was a success. Thanks everyone for attending and helping. Maybe look for

something for the little kids to do next year.

17. D and N Event Center: Contacting Tad Haneborg to arrange indoor practice times.

18. Team Logos: Many teams are designing their own logo in addition to the NP United logo. Have Fun, It is a great way to support your team. Please, just remember “NP United” needs to be on that logo.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55

Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Karen Hatch

NP United Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2014

North Platte United September Board Meeting

Location: Hampton Inn-North Platte

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Attendance: Brian Bielicki, Brad Borgess, Scott Evans, Jaide Sutton, Erica Miles, Larry Miles, Karen Hatch. (7 in attendance.)

On-Line Registration: Things seemed to go pretty well, once we got past a couple of problems.

Next year will be faster/easier.

Eric Carter does want to register his new team. We are asking him to wait until we can place players under the correct coach during registration.

Limited Seasons: Up to 3 tournaments is one smaller fee for limited season registration. After that the player pays full price.

Discussion to do away with limited seasons, and encourage players to participate in full season with their team.

South Field Coverage: Miscommunication regarding fencing off the south fields. We will follow up and make sure those damaged fields get fenced.

Malik Lillard Scholarship Presentation: Malik was a recipient of our local ODP Scholarship.

Moving presentation forward to next month.

Grant Application to North Platte Travel Bureau: North Platte Travel Bureau has a 25/75 matching program with their grant. We need to have a better plan to apply and seriously be considered for that grant.

We need a fundraising committee with an action plan. Committee needs to have representatives from both AYSO and NP United. Fundraising committee needs to raise \$25,000 to be considered for this grant. We are looking for people who want to be on this committee and raise funds to make improvements to our soccer fields.

North Platte Tournament Update: Waiting to hear back from Kick-It.

Nebraska State Soccer also needs to approve any tournament we plan to host.

September 17, 2014 at 6:00: State Representative, Jeff Hulbert, coming out to North Platte to discuss potential Western Nebraska Spring League to be hosted by North Platte. Anyone interested, please, attend this meeting.

Planning Committee for North Platte Tournament: Each team needs to provide 2-3 parents to a tournament committee to help Jaide Sutton plan our North Platte Tournament. This will not be that time consuming. The more representatives we have, then the less time consuming it will be. Please consider helping Jaide plan our 3v3 North Platte Tournament.

Soccer Plus: 4 Teams have outstanding balances with Soccer Plus. Coaches, please take care of these balances.

D & N Indoor Practice Schedule: Brad Borgess contacted Tad Haneborg. Here is what is available: Thursday Evening 4-9, Sunday 11-5, Monday 4-6, Wednesday 4-6, Saturday before 1 and after 3.

We get quite a deal to rent the D & N Center. To expand beyond Thursday and Sunday we need to pay more.

COACHES MUST BE PRESENT AT THE OCTOBER MEETING TO PICK THEIR D & N PRACTICE TIMES.

In an effort, to secure the safety of our kids, and keep other sports practices from interfering with ours we need an accurate report of when teams are practicing. If you are going to take a week off, then please report it on the practice calendar. We had a LOT of other sports and practices coming and going while we were there and sometimes it got dangerous. Please, we need to keep the practice calendar up to date.

NP United U15 Select Girls Team: In an effort to increase the level of play, and participate in college showcase tournaments NP United is starting a Select Team. Brian Bielicki, Brad Borgess, and Jeff Hedgecock will be coaches. Please check the website for a detailed report or contact any of the 3 coaches.

Tryouts are Saturday September 20 AND Sunday September 21 from 1-3. Players must attend both days.

Nebraska State Soccer is very pleased about North Platte forming this team. They are in full support of these efforts.

NP United Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2014

North Platte United Soccer Club
October Board Meeting
Monday October 6, 2014

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM at Hampton Inn

Attendance: Brian Bielicki, Bobby Lillard, Malik Lillard, Brian Torrez, April Baade, Kim Patch, Jeff Hedgecock, Katie Chingren, Scott Evans, Bard Borges, Eric Carter, Bob Nitsch, Karen Hatch. (13 in attendance.)

1. Online Registration: Need code for regular fees, for Eric Carter's new team and Select Team

Eric Carter's Players: Please wait until we have a team name and code to insure your players on are the correct roster.

2. Eric Carter's New u14 Team will be added to the website in November, once we get the team name.

3. Limited Season: No Longer an option for North Platte United. All players will pay the full registration fee.

4. South Field Update: Still hitting some obstacles on getting the south field fenced up so the field can recover.

5. Malik Lillard: Presentation on ODP tryouts. Malik will be speaking to a couple of the teams regarding his experience.

6. Fundraising Chairperson: We need one VERY MUCH. There are a couple of very beneficial projects going on for NP United but we need a definite fundraising chairperson to help organize and move these things forward.

7. North Platte Tournament Committee: List has been made. All coaches were to submit 3 names for this tournament committee. These names will be turned over to Jaide Sutton and you will work together to get the North Platte Tournament moving forward.

8. Jeff Hulbert Meeting Results: Jeff is a representative from Nebraska State Soccer. He was here in September to discuss 3 main things. A: State is supporting and promoting the boys and girls elite teams forming in North Platte. B: Nebraska State Soccer is looking to get North Platte going as a Spring League site. C: Nebraska State Soccer is working with NESL (Spring League) to help insure there is a bit more organization and communication in a timely fashion when games are cancelled.

9. Soccer Plus: According to Contract teams need to order new uniforms this year. New Orders need to be placed from January 15 through February 15.

10. D and N Practice Schedule: We have booked October through end of March. Calendar with practice times will be posted on website. Please, contact Scott Evans if you are not going to practice, so he can take you off the published schedule.

11. North Platte United Select Team: Tryouts have been held, team has been selected, all players have accepted. The coaches are going to meet and pick out tournaments, that initial announcement will be delivered at the Select Team Parent Meeting.

12. Reimbursement to Brian Bielicki: Numbers purchased for Tryouts, \$31 in expenses to be reimbursed.

13. Diadora Soccer Ball with NP United Logo. We must order 300. May be used as a possible fundraiser.

14. Wal-Mart Grant: NP United has qualified for a Wal-Mart grant. Paper work must be done and details to follow.

15. EMAIL TO CLUB REGARDING CONCERNS OF PARENTS: An NP United Coach has been approached by many parents regarding their concerns for their players and team dynamics. The email was read to all in attendance and we had a point by point discussion of the email. A summary will be presented here.

A. Playing Time: Coaches are doing their very best to get every kid in the game, with an attempt at substantial playing time. But, when the game is on the line, these coaches agreed that they will field those players that demonstrate the best work ethic and skill to ultimately help their team succeed.

B. Skill Level and Knowledge: Players develop skill level and knowledge at practice. They need to regularly be at practice willing to work hard and learn.

C. Kids Developing at Different Rates: Keep coming to practice and keep working. If a player is struggling they may need to practice some skills independently, in addition to work at practice.

D. Length of Season: Key to any frustration with length of season or conflicts with other sports is to communicate with your coach. These coaches work very hard to communicate with parents and players to accommodate other activities their players participate in. But, please remember these coaches are volunteering to coach these teams and they put in much time to even figure out a practice schedule before they step onto the field.

E. Distance and Cost of Travel: Coaches work very hard to outline the season and tournament expectations at the beginning of the season. Coaches also work very hard to communicate the cost of traveling with families as they join the team. As a parent, please communicate your concerns to your coaches.

16. Next Meeting: Tournament Schedule for NP United will be discussed. COACHES, please, be present with your tournament schedule so we can iron out a feasible travel schedule for the club that accounts for families with more than 1 team to follow.

17. OCTOBER 28-PICTURE DAY WITH GEORGE HIPPLE: Please contact Karen Hatch, at 520-4835, if you would like to have your team's picture taken by George Hipple. He will get to the fields at 4:00. It would be good business practice for Karen to be able to give George a ball park number of kids we are expecting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25

Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Karen Hatch

NP United Meeting Minutes for November 11, 2014

North Platte United Soccer
Board Meeting
November 11, 2014

Meeting Called to Order: 7:03

Attendance: Eric Carter, Brian Torrez, Bob Nitsch, Scott Evans, Jaide Sutton, Kyle Shepherd, Erika Miles, Brian Bielicki, Tim Dowhower, Kim Patch, April Baade, Karen Hatch

1. New U-14 Boys Team: North Platte Thunder.
Coached by Eric Carter.
Players register online.

2. Spring League Games: Due to problems with last minute cancellations, North Platte United Members had a meeting with a representative from Nebraska State Soccer. They do not oversee Spring League but they were willing to listen to our concerns and pass them on to NSLE. Based on that, North Platte United teams are hoping for Spring League Games taking place in Kearney and North Platte, not just in York.

Select Team Hoping to play May 16-17. Coaches, please request a Spring League BYE this week so the select team is able to play.

3. Diadora Soccer Balls with NP United Logo: we have to order 300 units. Potential fundraiser. April Baade and Karen Hatch will attend AYSO Board meeting next week to see if we can promote this fundraiser with AYSO players.

4. Uniform Order Deadline: Under contract, NP United teams are required to order new uniforms this year. Order must be placed by the end of January.

5. North Platte Tournament: Kick-It program is excited about the idea of coming to North Platte. Kick-It is a 3v3 tournament format. We are shooting for May 30-31 to host our 3v3 Kick-It tournament.

Tournament Coordinator is Jaide Sutton. Every team needs to have 2-3 parents to help Jaide plan the tournament. Jaide is very easy to work with. This is a great opportunity for parents to get involved.

6. State Games of America: Very high level of competition at this regional tournament. It takes place July 29 –August 2. Discussion about taking teams to this tournament.

7. D&N Practice times on website. They are working very hard to have this schedule be accurate. Please check it for your team.

8. Fundraising Chair: We still need someone to fill this position.

9. Team/Club Sponsors: Much discussion regarding this matter. Bronze, silver, and gold levels of sponsorship and what each involves.

Question: What should a gold sponsor (\$1000) get from the team they sponsored? An idea was that all gold team sponsors would be placed on the back of the Club T-Shirts given to all NP United Players. Given the magnitude of this decision, we are tabling discussion until the next meeting. Please plan to attend the December meeting if you have thoughts on this issue.

10. 2015 Tournament Schedule: This is a list of POSSIBLE tournaments to be attended by NP United teams. This is by no means a definitive schedule. Please look over the options and discuss them with your teams. When you have a schedule, please contact Scott Evans (scottevansnop@live.com) and he will put it on your team's web page. These dates may not be exactly correct, as they came from the 2014 promotional websites.

February 14: Valentine's Day 3v3

May 16-17: Kohl's Cup. (Note: This tournament is not available for teams who played in Spring League.)

May 23-24: Stenger Tournament in Arvada

REAL Cup

May 30-31: North Platte 3v3.

June 5-7 Thornton

June 14-16 Colorado Mountain Cup

June 19-21: Kearney

July 16: Steamboat

July 28: State Games of America

August 8: Elkhorn

August 14-16: Azzuri Invite

Labor Day: Omaha Football Club

September 12-14: Centris Cup

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45

Respectfully Submitted: Karen Hatch

North Platte United December Board Meeting

Tuesday December 2, 2014

Present: Brad Borgess, Brian Torrez, Scott Evans, Karen Hatch

1. Recognition of Team Sponsorships

There was an open discussion over team sponsors and how best to recognize them. Many ideas, points of view, and scenarios were presented during the discussion.

In summary:

1. Team finances are something kept within each team. The club oversees this but does not become involved unless there is a problem.
2. A sponsor would support a specific team.
3. Uniforms are a representation of the whole NP United Club, not just a team.

So, sponsors could be recognized on team t-shirts and team banners, but the uniform will be left to represent the club, without sponsors on it.

2. North Platte Tournament

Recreational teams from a 60 mile radius will hopefully be well represented at the North Platte Tournament. Competitive teams will be well represented, as well.

Those present thought we should concentrate on developing and promoting an excellent product and we will not need to worry and attendance will take care of itself.