

NCGSL Meeting March 17, 2016

Members present: J. Miller, President, Chris King, Ron Ryan, Northwest Dauntless, Brian Oatway, East Hartford, Elana Beebe, Ellington, Tom Walsh, Granby, Brian Dillon, Rocky Hill, Kevin Mason, Mike Lagace, Newington, Tracy Williams, Glastonbury, and Sean Hagearty, Hebron.

The season calendar is contained in the Overview(see attachment).

**June 1 is the deadline for teams to signup and pay NCGSL.** (Due to the complexity of the scheduling process, there are NO EXCEPTIONS. )

Team cost is stated in the Overview. **However the NCGSL portion is still to be firmed up pending clarification of All Star Game costs.**

**2015 Financial Report**

**Gross Income: \$19,475**  
**Total Expenses: 19,287**  
**Net surplus: 188**

**For a detailed breakdown, please e-mail Tracy Williams, Treasurer.**

Projected Teams:

High School Division

| <u>West Conference</u>    | <u>East Conference</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| _____ Enfield             | <b>Coventry?</b>       |
| _____ Granby              | East Hartford          |
| _____ Newington           | Ellington              |
| _____ Northwest Dauntless | Glastonbury            |
| _____ Northkwest Extreme  | Hebron                 |
| _____ Simsbury            | Stafford               |
| <b>West Hartford?</b>     | <b>Vernon?</b>         |

Middle School Division

| <u>West</u>                | <u>East</u>      |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| _____ Granby               | Enfield          |
| _____ Northwest Dauntless? | Glastonbury      |
| _____ Northwest Extreme    | Hebron           |
| <b>West Hartford?</b>      | <b>Vernon?</b>   |
|                            | <b>Coventry?</b> |

12U  
\_\_\_\_\_ Enfield

Glastonbury  
Hebron  
Newington  
Rocky Hill  
**West Hartford?**

The scheduling process is extremely complicated because of:

1. the vast distances between some teams,
2. the relative balance/imbalance between East and West participating towns,
3. the need to provide variety of competition, and
- 4 an equal number of home and away games.

**Kevin Mason will take a crack at drafting a high school schedule while limiting rush hour travel times to less than 1 hour each way.**

**All Star Games:** present plans call for Newington to host this year's games.  
**Kevin Mason will ascertain that town's fees for doing so.**

**All Star Games:** it was noted there has been significant inconsistency in the number of All Star slots allotted to each team. In part this is a product of the number of teams in each Division. **At our June 1 meeting, when we know the precise number of teams in each Division, at that time we will determine how many slots each team will receive.**

A member coach raised the question of allowing Middle School Division players to "play up" to avoid forfeits during the season.

**Agreed: such an exception is contra to our policy of not weakening the competitive level of our upper Divisions by permitting younger players.**  
A better approach to avoiding forfeits is rigorous management of Player Availability Schedules and utilization of the At Large Player Pool.

**The next meeting is scheduled for: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5 at Progressive Engineering, 290 Burnside Ave., East Hartford.**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Jack Miller, President