January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Eau Claire United Soccer Board meeting minutes

Board members in attendance- Heidi McKone, Jordan Dow, Courtney Reich, Ali Jones, Corrie Boon, Kevin Vallez, Doug Morosky, Shamus Funk, JD Jones, Ashley Ninneman

- Mission statement reviewed
- Board announcements-
  - District 9 meeting happened
  - League set to start in April
  - o Ref fee increases are set for spring
  - City meeting regarding the possibility of future dome space, no progress reported
- Director of Coaching-
  - Training initiatives are proving successful, seeing some goods skills improvement with the Futsal groups
  - Introduction of the Top Soccer Program by Ned Noel
    - Top Soccer Program is a national program for participants with special needs
    - Currently 12 programs in Wisconsin
    - United soccer players would be buddied up with participants and act as mentors
    - Could be structured as training sessions, practices or even games
    - Ned is willing to spearhead the project and has contacts with state and national leaders in the organization
    - Motion to allow project to move forward with program exploration was unanimously approved by the board
- Treasurer Report-
  - Overall finances are looking to be on track
  - One new expense is unemployment insurance
- Tournament report-
  - Application to the city has been submitted
  - Amanda Schmidt is leading the conference calls monthly
  - Usually there are around 100 teams signed up by May, currently 6 teams
  - Parker is leading the ref coverage
  - Supplier and Vendor contracts are going out
- Sponsorships-
  - 2 sponsors have been secured so far
  - Could use help from anyone who is able to help make calls/contacts with other potential sponsors as this is how the tournament benefits our club financially
- New business
  - Safety director brought up the possibility of the club having an AED and trying to see if there are discounted rates for non-profits or the ability to have one donated
    - We did find out that there is an AED at the Indoor Sports Center concessions desk if it were ever to be needed
  - Sponsorship help request will be added to the club newsletter which will go out