



## Nordecke Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Columbus Metropolitan Library, Dublin Branch

Attendees: Paco Argondizza, Brent Miller, Kurtis Roush, Brad Holloway, Emily Kegg, Collin Hill, Bethany Janney

### Updates

- a. Chairperson
  - i. No updates.
- b. Communications
  - i. Elections Update
    - 1. Cure period ends tonight at midnight, still no declarations for Partnerships.
    - 2. Ballot is ready to go and will be announced tomorrow by email.
    - 3. Election will open on ElectionBuddy at noon on Sunday to coincide with the start of AGM.
  - ii. Collin has reached out to La Tapatio about partnering with them for watch parties and other things.
  - iii. Collin has a call scheduled tomorrow with Molly about more FO assistance for this year's Nordecke Goes Green event.
- c. Community
  - i. Emily introduced Valerie Messmer as her deputy for 2026.
- d. Creative
  - i. Brent said that sewing and other prep will begin next week to get a head start on next week.
  - ii. Three work days next week - painting and repairing rail banners and sewing tifo panels.
- e. Gameday
  - i. No updates.
- f. Merchandise
  - i. Brad had a call with Supporter Supply to narrow down prices on the 2026 merch kits. He is looking to stay at about the same costs as last year. The black kit would be a cost of \$14 with a sale price of \$35. The gold kit, the cost would be around \$35 with a sale price of \$60. The polos can't be printed on demand this year, but they're willing to do a second run if needed.
- g. Partnerships
  - i. AGM is scheduled for 1/11/26.



- ii. As we have no declarations for partnerships yet, Ravi is working to set up the away watch parties for February and March.
- h. Travel
  - i. Kurtis announced his deputy for 2026, Jon Shecket.
  - ii. The NorOnTour photo contest will be happening again for 2026. There is also still a \$250 grand prize gift card from 2025 that will be given away as part of a photo contest leading up to the season.
  - iii. There has been some interest in the first few away games, Kurtis has a goal of having pricing up by Monday.
  - iv. Kurtis is working on trying to open the away ticket sales earlier in 2026 to give fans more time to plan and purchase tickets.
  - v. In a 6 day window in May, the Crew plays NYCFC, NYRB, and Philly. Kurtis is working with Crew York to try to put together something big. He has also reached out to Andrew to see if the FO wants to be involved.

#### New Business

- a. AGM
  - i. AGM is Sunday 1/11/26 at Seventh Son. If you haven't RSVPed, please do so ASAP.
- b. Kids Corner at Tailgate
  - i. Kurtis would like to formalize the kids corner a little more. Kurtis has spoken with Melanie (incoming Merch director) to combine it with Kids Club. They're working on getting a leadership group together to plan activities and food/drinks for the kids.

#### Open Forum

- a. Chris asked who the replacement is for Ty. His name is Andrew Miller and he is from the security team. Norm noted that the only method of contact, even on game days, is through email.
- b. Chris asked about the bylaws updates. Kurtis stated that the board feels it should be handled by the 2026 board but that we have started looking at sections to review.
- c. Nick asked when Crewsmas tickets go on sale. Brad said the 2026 memberships should go on sale 2/1 and then Crewsmas tickets shortly after to give people time to buy their memberships.
- d. Chris asked about the status of the North Lot. Norm said the question has been asked directly multiple times and we have been told "it's ours for the time being" but we have no definitive confirmation beyond that. It is on the board's radar to continue asking each month until we have more info. Brad stated that the FO has said that 2026 is safe for now.
- e. Nick asked if there is going to be a welcome event for the new coach. Collin said we haven't heard anything yet. Latest public information is that it's stuck in visa purgatory.



- f. Brent asked about the status of payments on the Crew Union van. Brad said that the buyer has paid \$700 of the \$2000 and an agreement was made to allow him to drive the van while still making payments. Chris asked if the tags are current, Brad said no because they couldn't be renewed online since it's under a corporation name. Brad is going to focus on getting it taken care of. Emily also asked about a copy of the written sales agreement.