



## Nordecke Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 1, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** Hilltop Early Learning Center

**Attendees:** Justin, Brent, Alicia, Sarah, Collin, Bethany, Paco, Ashley, Norm, Kurtis, Rick, Maggie, Kevin, Nick.

### Updates

#### A. Chairperson

- a. Working to finalize details on the Nordecke Cup with Will. Trying to get in before the bubble goes up, also waiting to hear what the cost will be.
- b. Kourtney made a motion that all future monthly board meetings start at 6:30PM going forward. Kurtis seconded. Ayes- Kourtney, Brent, Collin, Kurtis, Sarah, Paco, Justin. The motion passed.
  - i. Collin asked if the meetings will end at 8 or 8:30 going forward, Kourtney said we will set the parameters depending on what location the meeting is held at (some locations don't allow for meetings past 8PM).
- c. Save the Crew trademark expires next year. We will be working with the STC team to raise funds to apply to renew the trademark.

#### B. Communications

- a. Collin will be out of the country for work next week, Bethany will be taking over comms while he is out.

#### C. Community

- a. If you or someone you know would like to step into the Community role, we are still looking for a new director to take over the position.
- b. We're looking for other volunteer opportunities that aren't strictly food pantries and Saturday mornings.
- c. We are still working to decide if the Worthington Resource Pantry event will be rescheduled.
- d. We are also working with Ronald McDonald House to discuss volunteer opportunities. Members of the membership team will be meeting with them to tour the facility on 10/17.
- e. Ronald McDonald House is still interested in doing the fundraiser contest between us and Cincy, it will be called "Hope is Real". They will create the artwork for us, there will be a specific link for Columbus fans and a specific link for Cincinnati fans. We're also talking to Supporter Supply about t-shirts for it. If we're able to sell t-shirts, the proceeds will go to the fundraiser.

#### D. Creative

- a. Two tifos left for this year, aiming for the Open Cup final and for Halloween. Tifo schedule will be sent out as soon as the art is ready to go. It will be a short turnaround.

#### E. Gameday

- a. HIR away lottery is open, so far there has been a good amount of lottery entries.
- b. Next tailgate theme is Nordecke Homecoming (Toronto match).
- c. Ashley expressed frustration with the front office over the March of Nations being cancelled at the last minute.



- d. Continue to submit Hard Hat Honoree nominations for upcoming matches and the sprint season!
  - e. Gameday needs help with banner set up before the upcoming matches if others available.
  - f. Keep an eye on socials for updates on a march to the match for the away HIR game.
  - g. Open Cup Final tickets discussion
    - i. On today's front office call, the FO made it sound as if Nordecke having North Lot access may hinge on if we take our ticket allotment for the match.
    - ii. Bud said he got an update from Adam that they can reduce our cost on the USOC final tickets to \$18/ticket but they can't go any lower than that.
    - iii. Discussion of holding a "tailgate" replacement get together at Betty's if the FO will not let us use the North Lot. There will be 1500 to 2000 STL fans coming in for the match and some of them have already been in contact with the board asking about tailgate or activities.
    - iv. Action items:
      - 1. Let Adam know we will not be taking our ticket allotment for the USOC final. Sarah will reach Adam, Molly, and CC chair, gameday, and Bud.
      - 2. Find out if we will have access to the North Lot
      - 3. Schedule a meeting with Adam - with at least the chair, gameday, and Bud to attend on behalf of the board.
- F. Merchandise
- a. There will be another merch sale at the tailgate on 10/24 with steep discounts.
- G. Partnerships
- a. The 10/10 watch party will be at Seventh Son in the upper room. It's the same day as the Italian Festival so they will have a DJ there so the sound for the game may get turned down.
  - b. Waiting for the 2027 sprint season schedule to come out, then will create a google form to gather interest from partners for tailgates and watch parties.
  - c. Working with Chase at Cobblestone to have a few Columbus beers available for the HIR gathering, they will have the catering menu available again as well.
  - d. Continental is covering up to 3 busses to Cincy and possibly will give some free swag to hand out to fans.
- H. Travel
- a. HIR away ticket lottery is currently live and will close on 10/6. We have the full allotment of tickets for section 225.
  - b. The second leg of the supporter derby is being worked on. The derby will likely be held the Saturday before HIR and will be held in Mason. Waiting on the final details from the Bailey. Email went out today to the fans that signed up for the derby but weren't able to participate in the home derby match.
  - c. If Nordecke wins or draws at the match, we will win the derby.
  - d. Sending about 20 fans to Orlando next week. All remaining away matches are currently for sale!

#### New Business

- a. Committee Group Updates
  - i. Bylaws



1. No bylaws amendment vote tonight. The vote has been postponed to the November meeting. A separate email will be sent out to membership by the end of the week with more information. We will also tentatively schedule a virtual forum for 10/15.
  2. The main goals of the bylaws amendment are to extend memberships and move elections to align with the new MLS calendar and get through the sprint season without having to redo memberships.
- ii. Fundraising
1. A few more items have been put together for a potential raffle that will hopefully be held soon, looking for a few more items to raffle off.

#### Open Forum

- A. Anyone who wants to stay is welcome to stick around for the board meeting with the NWSL director of fan engagement that is coming to meet with the board at 7:45PM tonight.
- B. Brian Lenoy asked what Nordecke's plans were around supporting the NWSL team? Kourtney said that we are still working that out but looking at something similar to CappyBrava where they are part of the Nordecke but still their own separate group.