Nordecke Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 5, 2026
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: CML - Hilltop Branch
Attendees: Brent, Sarah, Justin, Kourtney, Alicia, Brad, Brent, Bethany, Kevin, Rick, Maggie, Paco, Norm, Kurtis, Nick.

Updates

A. Chairperson
    a. 2027 Sprint Seasons Memberships
        i. Looking at doing two membership options - one for just the sprint season and one as a combo for sprint season plus full 2027 season.
        ii. We will likely offer just the basic membership tier and focus more on benefits versus merch tiers.
B. Communications
    a. No updates.
C. Community
    a. Events at Ronald McDonald House
        i. Some of the leadership team toured the Columbus RMDH.
        ii. Planning on running 1 or 2 bingo nights at RMDH in January where we can bring merch for prizes.
        iii. These events won't cause us to have to spend $300-$400 to host the event like we did in the past for the RMDH dinners.
        iv. They also asked about having us run an ice cream social.
    b. Fundraiser
        i. Working on a fundraiser with RMDH Columbus vs RMDH Cincy and the Bailey called "Hope is Real".
        ii. RMDH Cincy/The Bailey are working on getting their link set up.
        iii. Looking to start at the beginning of the playoffs and run through the first round.
        iv. We will post our link on socials, email, etc. Goal is to raise at least $5K for RMDH.
        v. They are talking with Supporter Supply for shirts.
    c. Soccer for the Future
        i. Working on planning an event for the kids to make mini tifos on pillowcases.
    d. MASH Food Pantry Drive
        i. Planning a toiletry donation drive for the MASH pantry, possibly for a playoffs away watch party drive. Kourtney asked Brad about talking to the partner host about having a drink where proceeds go to help purchase things for MASH.
        ii. Alicia suggested setting up an Amazon wishlist storefront for items to donate as well.
        iii. Alex suggested that comms post a donation link for MASH on Veterans Day.
D. Creative
    a. Tifosweat put out 3 tifos in about 6 weeks, thank you to all of the volunteers that came out to make it happen.

b. Halloween was likely the last tifo of the season unless a miracle happens and we host the MLS cup.
c. Off-season priorities will be cleaning up the tifo space and taking inventory. Once everything is inventoried, we will work on putting out an Amazon wishlist for members to donate to tifosweat.

E. Gameday
   a. Alternative tailgate options
      i. Justin asked the board for permission to begin exploring other tailgate location options for the future. The group agreed, Justin will begin working on this during the off season.
   b. Playoff tickets
      i. The board needs to make a decision tonight on playoffs ticket purchases.
      ii. Bud confirmed that our ticket price will be the same for the playoffs as our regular season pricing.
      iii. Official decisions and announcements will be made after decision day.
   c. Justin asked for others to let him know if they have additional tailgate theme ideas, there have been some requests for Nordecke Prom.
   d. Gameday will be inventorying and organizing the closet at the stadium, many banners will need to be repaired and/or cleaned.

F. Merchandise
   a. After January 1st we will no longer be selling merchandise. Our remaining inventory will be tied to Supporter Supply's annual discount sale. Future merchandise will be done through Supporter Supply.

G. Partnerships
   a. Email will be going out tomorrow to our partners with the sprint season schedule, they can rank the games they want to be the tailgate beer partner for as well as the games they want to be the away parties.
   b. Alicia asked about setting criteria for watch parties such as playing the sound for the game the entire match.
   c. Bethany suggested trying to plan an away watch party at a LGBTQ+ friendly bar such as Slammers or Union during October (LGBTQ+ history month).

H. Travel
   a. Kurtis said that 64 fans are confirmed to be traveling to Chicago for Decision Day.
   b. NorOnTour will have tickets available for all away playoff matches though there will likely be short turnarounds.

I. Treasurer - Finance Report
   a. The current bank balance is just under $15K.
   b. We have a significant credit card balance due at this time. We are due reimbursement approximately $6K in the next few weeks for the buses to Cincy.
   c. We have not received the October tifo space rent reimbursement from the Crew, Bud is chasing that down with Will.

New Business

a. Crew Fan Council Update - Ashley wasn't available at the board meeting to provide an update.
b. NSWL Fan Council - Alicia and Sarah recently found out that a NWSL fan council has been around since early summer and Nordecke is not part of it. That is being rectified soon.

c. Committee Group Updates
    i. Bylaws
        1. The bylaws amendment vote will be held on ElectionChamp.
        2. The election will run Sunday 12PM to Tuesday 12PM.
        3. This will align the election period with the new MLS calendar and move AGM to the end of the season.
        4. The online forum was held in October. 3 members attended but they did not have any questions regarding the amendment.
    ii. Fundraising
        1. No updates.

Open Forum

A. No open forum items.