

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors
April 15, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association was called to order by President Cindy Baron at 8:12 p.m. at the State Office of Utah Youth Soccer Association in Salt Lake City, Utah. The following Board members were present during the meeting:

Cindy Baron, President
John Gygi, Vice President
Carol LaDamus, Secretary
Loren Mott, District 1 Chairperson
Trisha Roberts, District 2 Chairperson
Blue Harper *for* Spencer Bills, District 3 Chairperson
David Mills, District 4 Chairperson
Richard Nordfors, District 6 Chairperson
Russ Austin *for* Daryll DeWald, District 7 Chairperson
Norm Williamson, State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA)
Casey Walker, Competition Committee Chairperson

Also present were: Teri Baker (Rules and Revision Chairperson), Sarah Smith (Top Soccer Chairperson), Pat Sebring, (Tournament Chairperson), Andrew Hiatt, (Executive Director), Bruce Cuppett, (State Cup Chairperson), Greg Maas (State Technical Director), Jodene Smith (State Registrar), Kim Galloway (Risk Management Director), Scott Reynolds (ReAL SL), and Mike Bennett (Score).

Absent: Scott Dunkley, Treasurer; Debbie Haycock, Recreation Chairperson; Trish Roberts, District 2 Chairperson; Spencer Bills, Brian Smith, District 5 Chairperson.

WELCOME

President Cindy Baron welcomed and thanked all board members for attending.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2009 and February 18, 2010 with the noted changes.

NEW BUSINESS

KIDS SAFE /RISK MANAGEMENT

US Youth Soccer Kidsafe program can be implemented on a state level. Kim Galloway presented a handout and proposed implementation in our state. Kim has been utilizing an outside risk management professional to assist in the development.

BUDGETS

Current P & L Statement and Balance sheets are provided in your folders. Proposed budgets for 2010-2011 are due to Andrew Hiatt, Executive Director, by May 11th. Proposed budget will be presented at the May Board meeting.

RESCHEDULE / FORFEIT POLICY AND FEE

Casey Walker, Competition Chairperson, has been tasked to review and make recommendations for establishing a standard fee across the state for the Reschedules/Forfeit fee. The committee will review.

ASSOCIATE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

An offer was extended and accepted by Rick Flores for our Associate Technical Director position. Rick has been on the National Coaching staff. UYSA is fortunate to have Rick on staff and looks forward to having his expertise and experience on board.

CONTRACT

UYSA is still in negotiations with Score and Adidas regarding the contract for sponsorship. Mike Bennett, Score and Scott Reynolds, ReAL SL, were present and discussed the overall view of both contracts. Information was received just prior to the meeting, final numbers would need to be worked out. Cindy Baron, President, and Andrew Hiatt, Executive Director, will look at what is best for business.

Old Business (Action Items)

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online Registration is ready for the Fall 2010 season. Jodene Smith, State Registrar, is very confident in the process and feels things will go much smoother than initially expected. A special thanks to Sam for all his efforts and help with the program. Andrew Hiatt, Executive Director and Cindy Baron, President, negotiated a change in the fee charged. The new fee will be \$3 for the scheduling, online registration. Suggested for the next meeting, 2011-12 year board adjust fee to compensate for the \$33,000 deficit for next year. Andrew will get into more detail next month. This will save our members money.

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration form/packet will be updated. Coaches must have correct information entered in order for a background check to be completed and approved. Drivers license must be valid. If license expires, the system will automatically reject the coach. Coaches and players must have correct information in the system for overall accuracy and efficiency.

The issue of scanned birth certificates has come up with a coach having issues scanning birth certificates into the system. Region IV has suggested an update to policy, if an entity does not go through the proper procedure for a complaint, they have lost the right for the remedy.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Executive Director, Andrew Hiatt provided a copy in addition to the information provided on the website. Action Item – look at and make specific assignments on committees and come back next month where you want to work and help on specific events. Committee chairs will be more involved.

Look where each member can be the most benefit. The board learned a lot and had a very effective working weekend.

PRESIDENT'S CUP REFEREE EVALUATION

State Referee Administrator, Norman Williamson, gathered input from the referees. The referees were bounced around between motels from night to night. Quality and referee teams were logistically awkward with refs 30 miles from games both ways. Going forward, tournament has addressed and this will not be a problem in the future. The feeling was the games didn't suffer, but could have. Things will be resolved for the next President's Cup. This tournament was to test the referee assigning module. Most referees were not aware they were assigned in ADG. Not a perfect system but improvements are being made as we move forward to implement at the state level. The state will be moving the direction of assigning referees in the system so we have knowledge of who is assigned on games. There will be a learning curve. ADG is correcting some issues and the module will run better.

Reports

Andrew Hiatt, Executive Director, report provided.

Greg Maas, State Technical Director, report provided.

Carol LaDamus, Secretary, report provided.

Brian Smith, District 5, report provided.

Norman Williamson, State Youth Referee Administrator, report provided.

Scott Dunkley, Treasurer, report provided.

Kim Galloway, Risk Management, The TopSoccer Symposium was very inspiring and she would like to bring it to Utah. It is a great program with great people doing great work and is very infectious. Kim is asking for an additional registration form for TopSoccer to help mitigate risk. Motion made to have a modified Risk associated form associated with different disabilities. Suggested the form will be submitted for approval at the next board meeting.

Richard Norfors, District 6 Chairperson, District 6's biggest club will discontinue it's relationship with RUSH. Effective May 1, 2010 they will be FORZA.

Bruce Cuppett, State Cup Chairperson, X-league must have alignment form next season. No exceptions. Registrars should not accept registration packet without alignment form. Teams will not be registered into x-league without the form.

State Cup fees are due at the cut-off date and time. This year there were 7 teams that did not pay on time, 3 teams did not pay. Application and fees are not in the state office by the cut-off date and time the team will not be aligned. Bruce will work with Jodene Smith, State Registrar, to get look at the transfer policy. Bruce will also look at the rules for Tim Crompton's Regional winning team to pass thru as state cup winner. There currently is nothing in place for this. Also looking to see placement seating in state cup and will look into teams with forfeits.

Loren Mott, District 1 Chairperson, Coaches need pass to be issued coaching card without education, need coaching “D” license course this summer. He is promoting the laws and rules, website is out of date. Andrew will look at pulling and looking at the coach license issue.

Sarah Smith, TopSoccer Chairperson, The TopSoccer coaches clinic went well. A question was raised by some coaches that did not show and requested possibly not being charged. There was great feedback from the coaches that participated. Tara with Rio Tinto did a great job with the event. Sarah also attended meetings in Denver and brought back information. Rick Flores was a great resource. TopSoccer will also be getting involved with State Cup. Other tournaments could also host a TOPSoccer showcase during their tournaments. The School for the Deaf and Blind is starting a program during the school day. TopSoccer is really growing across the state. UYSA and ReAL coming to Oak Hallow Elementary in Draper. It’s a good push and would love additional people there. Sarah will email Drew the information.

Andrew Hiatt, Executive Director, in addition to his report, Andrew would like to add a special thank you to Sarah for all her work with TopSoccer and Cindy Baron. Thank you! Also a note to remember Greg Maas as his parents are ill.

Scott Reynolds, ReAL Salt Lake, RSL’s proposed contract was discussed. Scott is asking for UYSA’s support for the program. RSL player appearances will cost \$250/player appearance and must be within a 90 mile radius from Rio Tinto. Districts 2, 5 and 7 have indicated they are encouraging season ticket sponsorship. Clubs, asking if there is anything the state can do to help keep in contact with constituents. Scott does not feel it is acceptable that clubs do not call back. Requesting that UYSA to contact club members direct if clubs do not call back.

Referee committee has posted the referee series. This program provides allows referee question and answer session after 4 RSL games. Asset to the referee development program. Recertification credit for referees.

Recreation Committee, RSL Jr.’s has 1,200 participants this last year. We are at about 8-9,000 this year. This is an opportunity for the players to wear the uniform, in addition, have the mascot out. RSL would like to participate with tournaments. RSL’s idea is to underline the relationship with UYSA for the future.

Good of the Game

It stopped raining and snowing.

Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn from the Board of Directors meeting at 10:46 p.m.

These draft minutes were prepared by Secretary, Carol LaDamas.
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