



Utah Youth Soccer Association

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UYSA BOARD MEETING Minutes of April 18, 1996

A meeting of the UYSA board was held on Thursday, April 18, 1996. The meeting was called to order by Ellna Urquhart, Commissioner, at 8:01 p.m. in the board room of the UYSA offices in Salt Lake City, Utah.

PRESENT: Members present - Ellna Urquhart, Linda Kay Messenger, Dianna Doty, Jolene Woodhave, Gary Jensen, Ed Nielson, Gordon LaFleur, Bill Buge, Farrell Lewis, Chuck Jaterka, Orley Bills, Darla Harward, Visitors: Scott Maxfield - president of League 13, David Neylan - referee board UYSA liaison.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION Made by Orley to approve minutes, seconded by Dianna. This was approved unanimously by hand vote

MOTION Made by Gary to have item of referee program moved to first item of agenda. Dianna seconded it and was passed unanimously by hand vote.

Orley reported that the number of referees are up, yet he is still getting calls concerning teams not having referees at games. A number of calls had been made to him about referee assignors being trained. USSF wants referee assignors to be trained and registered with USSF. Registered assignors will be the only people who will receive the referee list. They will need to take a class. He is not sure how long the class will be but he thinks that it will be a 6 hour class. They will be taught how to schedule the right level referee with the right age group. Liabilities that would occur with that assignor will be covered by the referee association. There would need to be 8 people to have the class. This will happen soon so we need to be prepared to start training the assignors. A handout was prepared by Orley and passed to all members. The handout is attached to the minutes. Farrell suggested that Orley put a column with the number of years referees have been refereeing on his list. Maybe another column could put the age group they are able to work. If anyone has anything that they would like to see put on the referee sheet, please get together with Orley. Gary asked Scott Maxfield to come and address the board on some referee problems he sees. He suggested a contract be put together showing which games people could referee and if they don't show to a game they forfeit their fee. Bill Buge expressed concern about the referee having to pay for games they don't show to. Orley mentioned that if we get this referee assignor going then



referees could be fined for not showing. Schedules need to be sent out earlier so assignors can assign games before the season starts. We also need to not change those schedules. District 4 sent out a letter to every parent and every coach that if they do not have a certified linesman in uniform and with flags at games then they will have to forfeit the game. They will guarantee a certified center referee, but the linesman might not always be assigned. Districts need to be more responsible on getting a field person to coordinate with the state so schedules can be made earlier. The referee association is trying to get monitoring program going but because of the referee assignor turn over it has made it hard to get going. We will discuss this more at the next Executive Board Meeting Tuesday on April 30th.

STATE REFEREE DIRECTOR -Ellna would like to appoint Chuck Jaterka to the position of State Referee Director

MOTION made by Ed Nielson to appoint Chuck Jaterka as State Referee Director. Seconded by Gordon LaFleur. Passed unanimously by hand vote.

CANCELLATION OF COMP GAMES/REASONS - Ed submitted a list of reasons for competition games to being canceled. Games must be canceled five days before the scheduled game. Cancellation of game requires consent of both coaches. Acceptable reasons for reschedule of games are 1. Conflict with UYSA tournament or ODP event, 2. No referees, 3. Weather situation where fields are not playable or lightning is present and the referee determines the game cannot be played, 4. Change in game time when student athletes need to take ACT or SAT - those games will be played on the same day but in the afternoon, 5. If there are extenuating circumstances that require a game to be canceled, the age group coordinator or competition director will make the final decision if the reason for cancellation is a valid one. If two coaches agree to cancel a game then the home team coach is responsible for canceling the referees and rescheduling the game. If they do not get a hold of the referees and they show to the canceled game then they will still be paid. A question was brought up about cancellations for religious holidays? They should know within the five days so they could reschedule.

MOTION made by Gordon to adopt Ed's list of game cancellations as policy, Dianna seconded it. Motioned approved unanimously by hand vote. This policy is to be adopted for fall season '96 but is being used already for the spring season '96.

RISK MANAGEMENT - Many people came forward who are interested in helping with this job. Ellna will table this until the next board meeting. At

that time she will have a list of what different jobs will need to be done by each person that will be appointed to the risk management committee.

PLAYER PASS STICKER - Design Reviewed - This item will be tabled until the next meeting. Farrell and Steve will coordinate this item.

FACILITY'S DEVELOPMENT FUND - Where should we get the moneys from to develop fields? How will we put moneys into this fund?

MOTION made by Linda Kay to appoint an ad hoc committee to research the parameters of the fund and report back by Sept. Seconded by Bill Buge. Passed unanimously by hand vote. Ellna will get this committee appointed.

REGISTRATION POLICIES - Tina and Linda Kay have discussed problems with the timeline for registrations and deadlines. The process we have for registration is fine but we need to get everyone to do their part. Tina meets with all district registrars at the July registration deadline. She will now meet with them in conjunction with the spring deadline, too. Any problems on registrations are a district problem until they come into the state. Once the registrations come into the state then the registration problem becomes a state problem. Player action forms have been changed to accommodate the changes that were made at the AGM. Coach licenses will need to be put on the registration and Tina will be checking for them. Registrars will be checking forms for coach license and fields. Each district will need to decide if the coaches will be responsible for putting their field on the applications. If the coaches are going to be responsible for listing the fields, it will need to be initialed by the field coordinator from their district. If the district field coordinator is going to be responsible for the list of fields then the district registrar will need to give the field list to the state with the registrations. Spring registration deadline is February 1. Fall registration deadline is July 15. Linda Kay passed around two guidelines concerning players being recruited by other districts. These suggestions are attached to the minutes.

MOTION made by Ed to accept the second guideline for recruitment. Seconded by Gordon. Discussion - the first suggestion is too broad, the second suggestion doesn't allow for loopholes. Dates need to be published for the open competition tryouts by the league or district chairpersons.

MOTION was withdrawn by Ed. There should be no recruiting allowed at all. Bylaw 3:06:02 was read and it is felt that this might be adequate.

MOTION was removed from the floor.

COMPETITION PROGRAM POLICIES CONCERNS - concerns have been expressed about coaches having to pay a late fee for reporting scores late. District chairpersons need to go back to their people and see if the concerns that have been expressed to Ellna about the competition program are real concerns. If they have any suggestions or concerns about the competition policies from their coaches then they should bring them back to this board for discussion. Districts need suggestions of policies to come from the competition people in their district, i.e., starting date, ending date and number of games to be played. According to our bylaws, the dates of the competition program need to be addressed by the competition board. Competition committee will be holding a meeting before the next board meeting. Dates for season will be set at their May meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

REFEREE VOUCHER REFUND - Chuck was concerned about a person who had called the state office about turning his vouchers in late because he was out of town to a funeral and was told it was okay. Teams that only have a 10 game schedule can either play 4 other games for fun and use the vouchers for those games or he can turn in those extra vouchers for a refund. Steve will handle all problems regarding late referee vouchers and destruction of vouchers. The competition directors will let Steve know of this decision.

LEAGUE SOFTWARE - Dianna asked each district to report tonight as to the amount of software needed for their district/leagues. They reported needing the following software:

District 4 needs 1 district packet and 4 league packets.
District 2 needs 1 district packet and 5 league packets
District 6 needs 1 district packet
District 1 needs 1 district packet and 6 league packets

MOTION - Dianna made a motion to send to each league president and district chairperson a certified letter with response required within 5 days as to what they might be needing in the way of league software. These letters would be send to District 3 and 5 and their respective leagues. Gary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by hand vote. Dianna will send these out.

NOTE: Contact Sandy City (Blaine for his input).

REPORTS:

Dianna reported that 13 leagues ordered flyers for registration. There are 11 teams playing 5 a side. Information on flyers will be in Soccer Utah and local papers

Chuck reported that the Burnside Tournament date has been changed to Aug. 21 - 24, 1996. Leagues 9 and 11 are changing school boundary. They will submit changes at the next state meeting.

Skip reported that the Icebreaker tournament will be a Nike sponsored tournament with money coming in the 5 figure number. Firebirds will be a Nike sponsored club. They will also sponsor the 3 v 3. All girls and boys teams will be called firebird teams.

Ellna and Dianna are attending soccer fair in Washington next weekend and will be reporting on it next month.

GOOD OF THE GAME:

Gary mentioned because of wording being age brackets in competition rules concerning dual registration he would like to change it to say divisions (3:06:01). Linda Kay spoke up for Tina in her absence. She expressed concern because the divisions change from season to season and you might not be able to stay in separate division if you dual register. This needs to be tabled and put on the agenda for next board meeting. Individuals that are dual registered need to be simultaneously rostered. Linda Kay, Gary and Tina will need to get together to resolve this. Put this issue on the agenda for next board meeting. Gary would like to have State Cup Finals at the new park rather than the Eisenhower fields. High School players that don't get picked up will be encouraged to play on Dianna's 5 a side.

Ellna stressed how important it is to attend the State Board Meetings and if someone is unable to do so they need to send someone in their place with a proxy.

Jolene discussed calendar items need to be into her a week before the next board meeting so we can update our quarterly calendar. You can contact her or Paula at the office.

MOTION made for adjournment by Chuck, Farrell seconded. Adjourned at 11:50 PM.

April 18, 1996

Elina Urquhart
Commissioner
Utah Youth Soccer Association

Dear Elina,

I thought I would drop you this little note to let you know how things are going with referee registrations for 1996.

We have a total of 438 Referees and 13 Linesman registered for 1996 as of today. It is still early in the registration process. There are 166 referees, who were registered in 1995, that have not re-registered as of yet. I'm sure some of these people will re-register.

We have held seven Entry Level referee and two Linesman clinics since Fall season ended: (1) Clearfield High School with 168 participants. (2) Centerville Elementary School with 30 participants. (3) Judge High School with 68 participants. (4) Tooele High School with 20 participants. (5) Park City with 16 participants. (6) Sandy City with 122 participants. (7) Centerville Elementary School (again) with 30 participants. (8) Centerville Elementary School held the "Linesman Only" clinics with 25 participants. We conducted a short "refresher" clinic and then administered the Entry Level test (second time) for Farrell Lewis' Clearfield group that did not pass the test the first time. We held two Recreation Referee clinics for the Skyline area on March 26 and March 28, 1996.

The key to successful clinics with high numbers of attendees appears to be the communication process (letting people know). The Clearfield people sent 1300 letters to players, coaches, parents encouraging attendance. The Judge High people followed a similar path (they advertised well in advance) as did the Sandy City group.

As you can see, we have been very busy. I'm also including some information for you to ponder:

1995 = 166 referees still to re-register
1994 = 107 referees to be resurrected
1993 = 78 referees to be considered for resurrection
1992 = 115 referees to be considered for resurrection
1991 = 136 referees to be considered for resurrection

The above numbers reflect referees who were registered with USSF for the year indicated and have not been heard from since. I know some of the 1995 group will re-register in the near future (April/May). The year 1993 was a good year. We only lost 78 referees. I thought you might be interested to see the referee numbers.

On the down side of our success with recruiting referees, is the problem with referee schedulers. This is a plea for drastic action to be taken in the area of referee Assignors. Unless something is done (soon) to address this problem, we will lose a huge portion of our referee group and undo all the positive things that have happened!

I want to thank you, and the Board members, for all you do for soccer in Utah and for all your concern and effort in helping with the referee numbers problem that we seem to face each year. Without your continued support of the referee program, the numbers shown above would suffer drastically.



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UYSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF APRIL 30, 1996

MEETING NO. 2

A meeting of the Executive Board of UYSA was held on Tuesday April 30, 1996. The meeting was called to order by Ellna Urquhart, Commissioner, at 8:10 p.m. in the board room of the UYSA offices in Salt Lake City, Utah.

PRESENT Seven members of the Executive Board were present: Ellna Urquhart, Linda Kay Messenger, Dianna Doty, Jolene Woodhave, Chuck Huber, Gary Jensen, Ed Nielsen.

DISCUSSION & DECISIONS MADE:

1. We reviewed the last executive board meeting and assignments. Registration policy - Gary will follow up on the letter concerning the coaches license requirement .
2. A copy of the player matrix needs to be put on next meeting agenda. The matrix was included in the rules.
3. Jolene needs to work on the directory including recreation directors.
4. The mailing list will need to used wisely. It can benefit us and expose the kids to things that are out there and available to them.
5. Chuck suggested a deposit be required on the league and district database programs that will be refunded when they submit their registration information back to the state.
6. Run information on America Cup Tournament in March and April's Soccer Utah Magazine next year. Put information on recreation flyers also.
7. Individual referee pay problems were discussed. We need to establish a payscale for games when no teams show up and other guidelines.
8. After some discussion, a written ballot was taken to determine the support of the executive board regarding Gary's proposal to change the wording in rule # 3:06:01 a. from age brackets to age groups or divisions. The new rule would read: Both teams are entered at least on equal

