

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
Board of Directors Meeting  
The Orthopedic Specialty Hospital  
Murray, Utah  
April 17, 2014 8:00 p.m.



**Call to Order**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youths Soccer Association was called to order by Brian Smith, President at 8:04 on Thursday April 17, 2014, at The Orthopedic Specialty Hospital, Murray, UT. The following Board Members were present during the meeting.

**Roll Call**

Brian Smith – President  
John Gygi – First Vice President  
Vacant – Second Vice President  
Region 1  
Toby Yoshida – Region 2 Director  
Loren Mott – Region 3 Director  
Mark Osborne—Region 4 Director  
Daren Woolstenhulme – Region 5 Director  
Kyle Pasley—Region 6 Director  
Andrew Hiatt – CEO

Other in attendance: Bryan Attridge – Director of Operations, Eric Landon – Director of Coaching, Carly Brown – Manager Member Service Director, Orden Yost – Tournament Director, Bruce Cuppett – ODP Administrator, Tracy Proulx, Jodene Smith – State Registrar, Tim Wheelwright – Adjudication Committee

Kyle Pasley – Region 6 Director, Allan Haycock – Region 1 Director -- conference call

**Study Session**

**Policy 6312 (5) Recruiting Policy**

Topic was brought up at February BOD meeting. Bruce volunteers to work with Cindy Baron, who was leading the policy structure, and work together to construct a policy including both the recruiting and tryout policies. Tracy encourages the Competition Committee to work with Bruce with this policy. DOCs are advised to provide input.

**Sanctioned "District" League Policies**

There are about 5 or 6 district leagues a part of UYSA. UYSA does not regulate the district leagues. Discussion about minimum required policies such as the requirement to develop and post league policies or adopt UYSA league policies. Jodene recommends that policy is created to set guidelines for all district leagues to follow state wide. John and Bryan will come up with basic guidelines for district programs to follow and have a district league's input.

**Board Vacancy: 2nd Vice President**

Board will be appointing 2nd Vice President for May board meeting.

## **Calendar 2014-2015**

Bruce announces the State Cup Fall and Spring dates for 2014-2015.

Bruce announces ODP dates.

Orden suggests hosting Presidents Cup in 2 weekends opposed to 3 weekends due to many complaints about travel and other factors. Presidents Cup rules and policies are being drafted by Bruce.

## **Premiership vs SCL**

Brian talks about opportunities for premier teams to be playing in their own league completely.

Introduces the idea of labeling the premier brackets the Premiership as this title is popular in other state associations. Will forward to the competition committee for discussion.

## **Photos and bios for website**

Brian suggests creating bios for board members and committees. Will be beneficial to show the members who is on the committee and what their credentials are. Will be requested by the state office to be submitted before the next board meeting.

## **Annual General Meeting 2015**

Drew expresses how important it is to be out there with the members, whether at events or games. Getting the DOCs and members to be involved and attend AGM events is very beneficial.

Brian opens up the room for any committee members, staff or board members to discuss anything on the study session agenda.

Tracy informs board that Patrick Rennie has been elected as the Competition Committee Chair. A new policy will be on next Board Meeting action items.

Tim discusses the Risk Management Policy and suggests that it be updated. Tim Wheelwright, John Gygi and Brian Babcock will get together to assemble a clear and covering policy. Brian suggests preparing something to start with for May board meeting.

Study session closed at 8:55 pm.

## **Acceptance of Minutes – February 16, 2014**

### **Reports**

#### **International Club Report**

Eric presents his experience at US Soccer International Workshop in England in March of 2014. Notes that a report he has written on the workshop can be found in the state office.

#### **Board of Directors Reports**

##### **Referee Handshake Policy**

Brian explains the feedback from the new policy. There seems to be confusion with the policy. Will continue to evaluate, may take time for everyone to get used to.

##### **Playing Up**

Loren asks for boards input on U14 high school player playing up 3 age groups. Daren expresses that he has had dozens of requests for approval to allow U14 players to play up 3 age groups and none have been approved.

### **Bylaw Discussion of Definitions**

Mark explains that Member Organizations in his region are requesting a clear and concise definition of "Administrator."

UYSA Bylaws, Article I – General Provisions, Section 102, "Administrator"

Requesting clarity and definition for the term "administrative duties."

UYSA Bylaws, Article III - Membership, Section 302.1 e.

Requesting clarity and definition for the term "activities."

Mark indicates that a protest may be coming in regards to Member Organizations setting up offices in regions outside of their home region.

### **RFP for Southern Utah Complex**

Kyle explains the hardships of field usage in St. George and pushes for an RFP for a complex with 4-8 fields to host Presidents Cup and league play for teams in southern Utah.

### **Transfers for State Cup**

Daren explains that he has been seeing quite a few requests for transfers for State Cup. State Cup rules state that transfers are allowed as long as following the state association's policies. The UYSA policy states that transfers are not allowed outside the transfer window of November 15 to January 15 of the seasonal year. Daren suggests that there needs to be a policy in place that each region director will follow on the transfer policy concerning state cup. The new job of the League Commissioner could be approving state cup transfers to keep the transfers consistent.

## **Staff Reports**

### **2014 Golf Tournament**

Bryan explains that the tournament date will change from a Thursday to a Monday at the end of July. Will finalize dates and locations by the end of next week and will update and remind at every board meeting.

### **Organizational Chat and Staffing Update**

Updates the Board on the new staff alignment in the office.

### **Athlete.com Fundraiser**

Carly shared with the board the upcoming fundraising event that UYSA will be hosting. Athlete.com is fundraising program that allows its participants the chance to set a running goal, get sponsors and run to raise money for sports! In this case, part of the funds raised would go directly to the player to help the player pay for soccer fees. Here is the breakdown of all funds raised per player.

10% of funds raised from this event will be re-allocated to the top girls and boys team in each age group. If we attain our goal of \$1M raised during this fundraiser this will equate to \$4,500 per winning team.

-70% of proceeds directly benefit you & your soccer club broken out as follows:

-55% to directly to the player.

-15% to the club to be allocated at their discretion back to player, teams or scholarships.

-20% of funds cover program administration and prize costs.

## **Action Items**

### **Policy Section 9: Active twenty-two man roster**

Orden explains that out of state teams come in with 22 man rosters for tournaments and it would be beneficial for all sanctioned tournaments to have active 22 man rosters, allowing all 22 to be eligible to play each game.

John motion to approve new policy 9224, Daren seconds motion. All in favor, motion passes. Effective immediately.

**Policy Section 9: U8 and younger age groups**

Implement new policy 9233, which would be U8 age groups can participate in sanctioned tournaments. Orden expresses his concerns that tournaments wouldn't be able to run U8 tournaments in an effective manner. Decision made to not allow U8 and younger age groups at competitive sanctioned tournaments. May continue to discuss at future study sessions..

**Policy Section 6411 Formation**

Omit section 4. Allan motions, Daren seconds. Motion passes to omit policy.

**Policy Section 6412 Registration**

Omit Section 4. Allan motions, Daren seconds. Motion passes to omit policy.

**Policy 6413 Team organization**

Omit section 5. Allan motions, Daren seconds. Motion passes to omit policy.

**Adjournment**

Brian motions to adjourn, Daren seconds motion. Meeting adjourned.

**Executive Session**

Next regular meeting of the Board of Directors – May 15, 2014