

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

TOSH Auditorium

April 19, 2012 – 8:00 p.m.

Call to order—The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association was called to order by Cindy Baron, President at 8:10pm in the TOSH Auditorium in Murray, UT. The following Board Members were present during the meeting:

Roll Call

Cindy Baron—President
John Gygi—1st Vice President
Brian Smith—2nd Vice President
Drew Hiatt—Executive Director
Allan Haycock—Region 1 Director (Conference Call)
Dave Mills—Region 2 Director
Loren Mott—Region 3 Director
Jodi Wells—Region 4 Director
Kyle Pasley—Region 6 Director (Conference call)

Also present: Norm Williamson—SYRA
Tracy Proulx—Competition Director
Debbie Haycock—Recreation Director (Conference Call)
Bruce Cuppett—State Cup Director
Greg Maas—UYSA Technical Director
Bryan Attridge—Risk Management Chair/ UYSA Membership Services Director
Pat Sebring—Tournament Committee Chair
Jodene Smith—State Registrar

Excused: Vaughn Mordecai—Region 5 Director

Acceptance of Minutes – January 19, 2012—No corrections to the minutes. Motion to approve minutes. Motion passed. Minutes are approved.

Reports of Members of the Board of Directors

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Reports of Committees:

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Unfinished Business

- RFP for Referee Pool (State Cup Committee)— for the referee pool Sherrie Griffiths will prepare excel spreadsheet, send to Bruce. Bruce will look it over and forward to SYRA. Bruce will work out issues with SYRA and Sherrie. Once they look at it, it will be sent to Board for approval. From there, refs will be identified who should be developed for FWR. Bruce is going to get a policy together for State Cup and President’s Cup. Cindy tables item. Bruce will submit it in July after State Cup and FWR.
- Bylaw Changes (VP John Gygi)—John motions to put these bylaws on the floor and have the modifications accepted. Brian seconds motion. Floor is opened for discussion. No discussion. Brian motions to accept changes/modifications with Competition Committee additions added. Motion seconded. New bylaw

changes/modifications accepted as stands. Brian motions to put these changes into effect July 1. John will have them to the State Office by May 1.

- Registration Policies (Registrar Committee)—John motions to accept changes in section 7. Motion seconded. Floor opened for discussion. John states the new Release Policy would be included in this section. Cindy suggests following the same format for recreation as it is for competition. David suggests stating that players have to be registered through parents. Loren points out older version in 7326, that did not get updated. David motions to table these policies until Release Policy is taken into consideration.
- Player Release Policy (VP John Gygi)—Would replace 7326. Pat states that they are having problems with players still transferring in and out of the club after the deadline. John points out second to last paragraph that Regional Chair's decision can be protested. Jodi asks about process and delegation for the transfer/release policy. Requests should go to Region Director. Club President has to approve it first, because of Club fees and then goes onto Region Director. Player deciding not to play for a Season is not an extenuating circumstance. John points out change of "extenuating" to "exceptional" and has included examples of the "exceptional" circumstances. Allan suggests listing examples of circumstances that are not "exceptional." Pat asks about players that are released and don't transfer anywhere during the window. Loren states that it's the release that has to be done before the window closes. John suggests changing to "Seasonal Release Window" instead of "Seasonal Transfer Window." Tracy states that the part that was a point of concern last time has been removed. Bruce expresses concerns about released players waiting till after the release window to choose a team. Cindy calls for motion to accept amendments to policy. Brian motions to accept policy with change to "Release Window" instead of "Transfer Window." Loren states that it should not be changed yet until further amendments are put into place. Bryan states that policy has been enforced as "transfer" window and not "release" window. Players that are released and want to play for a different team after transfer window are still being counted as a transfer. Bryan states that registrars are informed that they have to check with the club before they transfer a player. Loren seconds motion. Release Policy is accepted as is. Cindy calls for effective date. Jodi motions putting policy into effect July 1 as well. Motion seconded. Motion passed.
- Discussion taken back to Registration Policy—Cindy suggests making it so once parents have signed the ELA and entered payment information, that is when they are considered on the team. Tracy suggests making it so they have to pay when they click Register. Drew will check and see how other registrars are doing it. Cindy states that payment needs to be taken when they hit register so it's immediate. Cindy asks about talking to ADG about having a waitlist. Bryan suggests having rec registrars not having to charge until they are accepted. Brian suggests having all this in the policy for next time. John states that this will have to be put in one section instead of twice in two different sections. Tracy states that 6311 should stay in section 6. John suggests putting it in section 7. John moves to accept Section 7 with insertion of Release Policy that was just accepted, effective May 15. Loren seconds motion. Allan opposes. Motion passes and is accepted.
- Alignment Flow (Competition Committee)—Dave motions to consider new Alignment Flow. Motion seconded. Tracy states that it outlines transition from RAL to SCL and IRL divisions. Tracy states that this is how transition will be implemented. Brian asks whether X-League teams can play state wide. Pat answers that, no they

cannot. Brian brings up confusion between X-League and RAL names. Motion to accept alignment flow approved.

New Business

- Club Pass (Competition Committee)—Competition Committee would like Club Pass to stand for SCL and IRL and keep the Developmental Pass for the X-League. Tracy stated that there were still issues with the Premier section. Tracy points out suggestions from Competition Committee. This provides a provision for an exception to be made. Two members voted no on this portion of the changes. Cindy states that part of purpose of Club Pass is to have flexibility. Drew points out that it is for Premier Level only, not for D-level teams. Brian asks if committee has approved with John's changes. Tracy states that they have approved these changes. Pat asks if it is a "Club" pass or a "Member" Organization pass. Cindy asks for definition between club and member organization. Drew states that it is very hard to differentiate between the two. Bruce explains the process Cal South is using for the Club Pass and how they are going to govern the Club Pass. Bruce asks what we are going to do to better soccer in Utah and develop the players. Bruce suggests putting it in place, see how it works, and tweak it as they go. John suggests putting it into place, monitoring it, and seeing how it goes. Cindy asks about section 3.5 and states that that definition should match the US Youth definition. Cindy states that it has to be the team that the player is first registered to. John suggests wording to say, "The player's primary team is the team that the player is first registered/rostered to." Cindy states that it must stay with National rule. Tracy suggests making it so they have to keep roster continuity after State Cup freeze date. Cindy asks competition committee to look over that part. Cindy suggests putting in that they cannot play down to recreation level. Cindy asks about process. Tracy states that it may change. Tracy suggests removing process and implementing it later as procedure. Cindy expresses concern about not stating that the player has to appear on the roster. Drew, goes back to process. Drew would like it to be passed with the process blank until it is gone over with Affinity. Section 6234.3.8-sentence: "If an Organizational Member does not have another team in P2 or D1, the player is not allowed to C-Pass." Competition Committee feels that Premier players should not be able to play down freely, but they can play up according to UYSA play-up policies. Cindy suggests putting "This subject to change" under process. Motion to accept policies passed. New Club Pass policy accepted and will be effective Fall 2012 Seasonal Year (August). Tournament Committee needs to look at how Club Pass will be implemented in tournaments.
- Financial Policies (Finance Committee)—John Moves to adopt new policies and procedures. Brian seconds motion. 511/512, Cindy asks who is the person qualified enough to do the Internal Audit. Cindy prefers staying with a qualified external audit every year. Drew proposes taking out "other" and making it just "every." Cindy states that if the internal audit is going to be performed, it needs to be a qualified individual. Brian suggests that if checks and balances are in place, the external audit should be enough. Board would like to scratch 511 and move everything up. Motion is passed with the deletion of 511 and the word other in 512. New policies accepted and go into effect immediately.
- Budget (Finance Committee)—Drew states that Finance Committee will receive all updates first of May.
- Tournament Policies (Tournament Committee)—Brian motions to accept Tournament Policies and Procedures as outlined. Motion seconded. Cindy asks about 921.6 still saying that rec and comp can only hold one tournament. Should be changed to say "and/or." 931.3 Cindy asks about it saying they have to play at least half of the second half. Pat states that they can't have a specific time because of different game lengths. Bruce suggests changing it to once the second half starts. Jodi suggests changing it to "refer to specific tournament rules." Pat would prefer the "travel roster" to be changed to "tournament roster." Bryan will change it with Sammie in the UYSA Affinity system. Brian adds changes to motion. Motion

passed. New Tournament Policies accepted. Pat suggests adding the “Penalties for Violations” as a section at the end of current policies. Cindy asks if these are for Rec and Comp. Pat answers in the affirmative. Tournament Committee will be the one making decisions and implementing these Penalties. Brian motions to include this with the section that was just passed with correct formatting. Loren seconds motion. Motion passed and will be effective May 1

- **Organizational Policies (VP John Gygi)**—Brian motions to table this section to next Board Meeting. Motion passed. John asks if there should be discussion about limiting number of votes. Cindy asks for proposals on Proposed Bylaw Amendments 303.1.b. Cindy would like to table this section as well for next Board Meeting. John motions to reconsider section 303.1.b, strike “but in no case...” Jodi seconds motion. Pat would like Board to consider rec votes for rec and comp votes for comp. Motion to table this section till next board meeting is passed. This change will have to be ratified by the membership at next AGM. Brian motions to reconsider bylaws as amended. Motion passed.

Good of the Game—Floor opened for discussion/questions on reports that were submitted. Drew reports on Morgan and Sal’s trip to the US Soccer Symposium in DC, met senator Lee and Congressman Chaffetz. They will have a full report for next Board Meeting. Drew will be attending the West Jordan City Council Meeting about discussion on West Jordan Fields. Jodi asks about current Referee Fee Structure. Pat asks if there are going to be changes let members know before May 1. Allan motions that this issue be referred to Competition Committee for recommendations. Jodi states that Assistant Referees should be taken out of the U9 age group in both bylaws and referee structure online. Pat reports on Tournament Committee meeting. Bruce thanks Tracy and Competition Committee for all their work. American Eagle program is out and are working with head office to get things fixed and figured out. Bruce is applying to be the US Youth Region IV First Vice President. Cindy states names of Region IV candidates that would like to come and visit UYSA Board Meeting. Drew and Cindy went and met with Affinity to fine tune and negotiate the contract with them. Cindy received a call from a Kohl’s Cup Tournament wanting the Board to consider letting AYSO players/teams register with UYSA and waive the \$9 to allow them to play in the tournament. The tournament cannot require AYSO to register with UYSA but Park and Rec players would have to register with a member of the federation. Greg reports on opportunity with US Youth Soccer, Fox Soccer, and US National Guard. Greg helped coordinate the event: photo shoot, video shoot, etc. This will be featured on FOX Soccer Channel. All the players were wearing ODP UYSA uniforms, so Utah will be well represented. Greg states that it was an honor to have our organization accommodated with this.

Adjournment—Jodi motions to adjourn meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 pm on Thursday, April 19, 2012.

Executive Session

Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - TBD