

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

TOSH Auditorium

Murray, Utah

April 18, 2013 8:00 p.m.

Called to Order – The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by president Cindy Baron at 8:09pm on Thursday, April 18 at the Tosh Auditorium in Murray Utah.

Roll Call -

Present

Cindy Baron - President

John Gygi - 1st Vice President

Brian Smith - 2nd Vice President

Andrew Hiatt - CEO

Allan Haycock - Region 1 Chair

David Mills - Region 2 Chair

Loren Mott - Region 3 Chair

Mark Osborne - Region 4 Chair

Darren Woolstenhulme - Region 5 Chair

Kyle Pasley - Region 6 Chair (via conference call)

Also present

Bruce Cuppet - State Cup Chair

Orden Yost - Tournament Committee Chair

Tim Wheelright - Protest and Appeals Chair

Tracy Proulx - Competition Committee Director

Terry Ogden – DPSI Commissioner/Region 6 administrator

Bryan Attridge – Risk Management Chair

Eric Landon – Player Development and Coaching Education Director (via conference call)

Norm Williamson - SRC

Acceptance of Minutes – March 16, 2013 board meeting minutes were approved.

Introduction of New Board Members – Cindy Baron welcomed two new region chairs to the meeting, region 4 Mark Osborne and region 5 Darren Woolstenhulme.

Discovery Research Presentation - Kevin Oswald

Kevin Oswald gave a 15 minute presentation on his Marketing research company. They were contacted by UYSA to do some market research for UYSA as a result of the strategic planning meeting in February 2013. Kevin described their company and history and described the research they did for the Big Sky Conference's rebranding effort. Kevin met with Andrew Hiatt and formulated a plan for UYSA which included targeting 2 focus groups made up of member organization presidents and directors of coaching and then following up with a survey to the parents in our membership. \$9,890 would be final cost and the process would be about 2 months. Discussion followed by board members and state council.

Concussion Management Presentation – Dustin Bybee

Dustin gave a 30 minute presentation on Concussion legislation needs to be educated to our members better. Liability is a gray area and needs to be addressed. Goal of proposal is to decrease liability. Standardized form created for all members to use in case of a head injury. Return to play protocol discussed. Parents, coaches, and clubs need to know the concussion policy and responsibility needs to be on them. Proposed interactive concussion policy agreement during registration (read and answer a couple of questions about policy). Affinity concussion feature discussed – request for red cards and concussion icons to be bigger on the roster. Request by Dustin for Board members to review the proposed document and suggest changes – final document should be ready by next board meeting.

CALENDAR ITEMS

2014 AGM Announcement – put date in your calendar – board and state council asked to clear their calendar and be available.

Bruce asks that calendar be updated – a few dates missing regarding girls state cup

2013 SCL Premier League Play Dates – drew explains calendar dates for premier league state gaming league – proposed dates may change. Discussion about starting date conflicting with a sanctioned tournament and the P1 and P2 age groups u14 – U18 starting early.

2013 Fall/Winter Event Calendar

BUSINESS

Recreational initiative and update

Powerpoint presentation included in packet and it outlines what UYSA provides to recreation players for the registration fee paid. Board asked to review and be familiar with for future reference.

Policy 6314 - Illegal players

New language added to specifically state penalty for using illegal players in a game. Proposed penalty is forfeiture of game. Motion to accept by Darren wooly – second by Dave Mills. No further discussion. All in favor motion passes.

6325 – alignment continuity and changes

- U14 & up girls prior roster shall be frozen as of May 31
- XL U9 & U10 have Club Continuity instead of Team Roster Continuity
- U17 Team Roster Continuity is 8+1 for state gaming league
- U18 Team Roster Continuity is 7+2 for state gaming league
- Cindy Baron requests to Note: National Qualifier Roster Continuity during the seasonal year will remain 9 players
- A relegated team must have 4 points to have the first right of refusal to be un-relegated
- A team that tied or is within one point of 2nd place will have the first right of refusal to move up one division over a relegated them that has less than four points
- No division shall have more than 12 teams
- Brackets in the Fall will tend to have 11 teams to allow for adjustments to 12 in the Spring to accommodate any misaligned teams from the Fall

Motion to consider by Dave mills. 2nd by Allan Haycock. No further discussion. All vote yes – motion passes – proposed changes go in to affect 6/1/2013.

Release Policy Proposal

Changes clarify and outline the difference between “drop” and “release” of a player. “dropping” a player in the system removes the player from the team but keeps their application with the club. “Releasing” a player removes a player from the team and the club. Reasons added for release or drop without player request. Discussion between board members about player abandoning team. Loren discusses exceptional circumstance (2) physical or emotional abuse by coach. Loren thinks parents are targeting this option and it needs to be tightened up. Loren proposes that transfers outside the window cannot be to a higher division. Several board members question why examples of exception circumstances are given. Tim Wheelwright prefers that there are no examples given when asked by Cindy for his opinion. All in favor of removing examples of exceptional circumstances and adding language that when a player is granted a transfer outside the window it cannot be to a higher bracket/division – must be to the same division or lower. All in favor of changes – no opposed. Motion passes. Effective June 1, 2013.

U10XL to U11-U12-U13 SCL & IRL

Tracy asks board to approve flow chart – outlines flow for each age bracket – discussion on flow - have to go through IRL to state gaming league.– motion considered by Brian Smith 2nd by Darren Woolsthenhulme. Further discussion about 1 team up 1 down in IRL – question by Allan Haycock. No further discussion. Recommendation to cut flow chart in to 3 pages to make more readable and to place on website. All in favor – no opposed. Motion passes.

Independent Team Coaching Requirements

Propose all teams required to have 2 coaches rostered to every team. Tabled until the next board meeting.

Price Youth Soccer League Fee Request

New organization price youth soccer – asking for a price reduction or reimbursement as a new member organization to help with start up costs, equipment, etc. Brian Smith motions to approve fee reduction specifically because of their geographic location (outlying region) and their new status. Mark Osborne 2^{nds}. CEO, Drew Hiatt asked for his recommendation on reduction – recommends 3 dollar reduction/reimbursement, contingent on written agreement to 2 year commitment to UYSA. All in favor – no opposed. Motion passes.

Tournament Policies

Reformatted by John Gygi and duplications taken out. Added 4 items that were approved in previous board meeting. Reviewed by Orden Yost and Orden gives his recommendation to approve. Motion to approve by Brian Smith – second by Loren Mott. All in favor motion passes.

TOPSoccer Fee Reimbursement Proposal

Tabled

Budget Preview

In agenda for board to review – will be voted on in next board meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Brian Smith
- all in favor.

Executive Session

Open staff positions –

Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – May 16, 2013