

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
The Utah Youth Soccer Association State Office
August 21, 2014 8:00 p.m



Call to Order August 21, 2014 The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association was called to order by Brian Smith, President at 8:07 on Thursday August 21, 2014 at the UYSA State Office. The following Board Members were present during the meeting.

Brian Smith
John Gygi
Brian Babcock
Alan Haycock
Toby Yashida
Victor Galindo
Loren Mott
Debbi Francis
Kyle Pasley
Andrew Hiatt

Others in attendance
Eric Landon, UYSA Director of Coaching
Bryan Attridge, UYSA Director of Operations

Study Session Minutes (called at 8:07pm)

Office/Training Center Update

Drew provided update on status of the new building and field. Turf field potentially finished beginning of November 15. Building will be finished Tuesday after Labor Day.

Susan Madsen Scholarship

Drew explains proposal for new scholarship in honor of Susan Madsen. Susan passed away recently and money has been donated in her name. Over 16,000 so far has donated. Her husband John Madsen wants to fund a 1500 boy and girl scholarship in Susan's name. John wants to continue to fund scholarship even after initial donation has been depleted. Board will discuss ideas for qualifications and committee members to guide the scholarship.

New Member Organizations

Discussion about new applications.

Ajax – application was complete. They took suggestions from John regarding their bylaws and policies and modified them accordingly. Have secured their nonprofit, field contracts, and minimum number of players. Their application will be moved to the board meeting portion of the meeting for a vote.

Utah Valley Elite Futbol Club

Debbie Francis reviewed bylaws and policies. She had some concerns about their policy and suggested that they make some adjustments before being voted on by the board. Debbie will contact the club to explain and help them move forward and resubmit.

Olympia

Debbie Francis reviewed their application. Policies were hard to understand. Debbie recommends all board members review over the next month and make recommendations for next board meeting.

Board suggests that we look into creating a template to help new members that are applying for membership and need help with their bylaws and policies.

Spectator Space for Special Needs

Toby Yashida explains scenario that occurred during a recent game. An Elderly couple were required to leave the area they were occupying because it was the other team's sideline. Toby felt this was an unneeded burden on the elderly couple and recommends policy addition that allows referee to make accommodations for handicap or special need scenarios. Recommendation to discuss with SRC. The board discussed and decided to leave topic for future study sessions.

Small sided play modification

Drew Hiatt discusses opinions on concussions and head injuries throughout the sport. He explained potential proposed change which is: For small sided games U11 and younger players would not be allowed to head the ball outside of the 18 before the ball has hit the ground. Has not discussed with the SRC yet. Wants input from the board. Will be included in future study sessions for opinion and review.

Drew discusses new technology band that gauges impact on the head for soccer player. He is working with Tosh to see if grant money is available for bands and research. He will go to U of U next if additional money is needed for research.

Will continue to discuss proposal and aim for policy change in Spring 2015.

Member Organization Rankings

Eric Landon discusses how ranking by FA works in Europe and how we might implement that on our scale in Utah. US Soccer ranks Academies as well on different criteria. Eric explains proposed model for Utah which could include programs, training environment, technical leaders, coaching staff, facilities, etc. Explains template – Alan proposes to call it the UYSA club fact sheet instead of rating. Brian Babcock suggests that this is something we can provide to the clubs if they want to participate, but not force it upon all clubs. Brian Smith suggests we start with the template and grow it over the next few years. Brian Smith suggests Eric brings official template to next board meeting for a vote. Will add link to club page to the template and start having it filled in by clubs.

Supplemental Fees for US National League Utah teams

Two Utah teams were accepted to play in the US Youth Soccer national league (highest league US Youth offers). They play three weekends a year in different cities. Teams have to play in regional league also

and state cup and the fees start to add up. The two teams are requesting assistance from UYSA. Drew feels that there is some money available to help. Drew recommends having the teams come in to the next board meeting to request assistance. Toby suggest paying entry fee. Kyle suggest making contribution being standard between teams. Decision is made to pay the entry fee for both teams and invite both teams to the next meeting to request in person. The office will contact the teams and invite them to the next board meeting.

Member Organization Renewal Applications

Bryan Attridge reiterates the application renewal policy and the compliance rate. Toby suggests all teams who have not been compliant are notified before the next board meeting and given one more chance to submit the required documentation. If they are still not compliant penalties will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Octane FC

Requests for U10 player to play down to U9 because no U10 or U11 team exists. Approved. A U14 player requests to play down to U13 but a U14 team exists so decision is to have her play U14.

Recruitment/Tryout Policy

John Gygi discusses problems with tryout and recruiting violations in the past. Wants to shore up policy. Do we want to restrict further? Decision made to table for further discussion.

Board meeting (called at 10:09)

No changes to the previous board minutes – minutes approved.

John Gygi moves to accept Ajax MO application. Kyle Pasley 2nds. All in favor except Alan haycock (region 1) opposed.

Bylaw 441s

Our policies currently provide for Player Development Committee, Comp Subcommittee and Rec Subcommittee. Idea behind Player Development Committee is to give more authority/representation to Member Organizations and coaches who have the teams in the league. Proposed to have one committee that the Technical Director sits on as the chair. Policy still needs to be discussed before a vote can be made. Motion made by Brian Smith to bring policy to the next board meeting study session. Motion to table by Brian Smith, 2nd by Alan Haycock. Will be presented at study session next month and move to board meeting if ready at that point.

Non Xleague IRL/SCL sanctioned programs

Policy presented to give minimum guidelines to our “district” leagues or “local” leagues (non recreation leagues ran locally not by the State. Suggestion by John Gygi to change “governed league” to “administered league”. Minimum requirements set forth such as posting policies to website. John recommends adding 1d “local policies must conform to US youth policies” because those are polices that we don’t have the liberty to change. Motion to approve by John Gygi to accept with the suggested additions. Kyle Pasley seconds. All in favor – none opposed.

6313 Reschedules

Suggested to add “DPL and National league games” to approved reschedules. Need to correct grammar mistake. Motion to approve by John Gygi 2nd by Brian Babcock. No discussion. All in favor – none opposed. Effective Immediately.

6314 Matches

Delete C. and add new subparagraph Match Protest 1. A. B. C.

Strike referee fees (paid online now). Motion to accept by John Gygi 2nd by Loren Mott. Tracy’s changes on study session for next month and consider for next spring. All in favor.

6314 Matches

Match Discipline – updating policy to reflect League Commissioner’s job. Strike language after 7. Motion to accept by Toby Yashida. 2nd by Brian Babcock. No further discussion. All approved.

Player Releases – changes league commissioner language to approving transfers outside of the window. Brian B recommends adding “The league commissioner or regional director, whoever as defined in 3b2” – will get final language from John Gygi. Alan Haycock motions to approve 2nd by Loren Mott to approve with suggestions. John Gygi will send final draft to Bryan Attridge for update.

723 Certified League Registrars.

Suggestion to add deadline to certification process for new certified registrars and certified registrars who are completing their yearly required training. Alan Haycock motions to approve, Loren Mott 2nds, All in favor none opposed. Effective immediately.

State Cup Policies

Final language presented of already approved state cup format. Explains new format. Alan Haycock makes motion to accept. 2nd by Loren Mott. Brian Babcock abstains. Debbie Francis asks if bracketing has been double and triple checked to make sure language is correct to avoid protests. John Gygi goes over tie breaker and realizes it needs to be changed back to regional tie break rules. Alan Haycock motions to approve with language matching regional/national tie break rule. Loren Mott 2nds. All in favor with Brian Babcock abstaining.

X-league Policy – Field Marshals.

New Field Marshal Policy for X-league explained again. Language unclear in regards to offenses. Decision made to have Daren evaluate and clean up the offenses for unruly sidelines.

Adjudication Policies

The board asked to approve the amended League Commissioner Process Overview document. The language still needs to be worked on. Brian Babcock suggest adding “To the extent that this process contradicts any existing UYSA policy under section 5 adjudication this process shall supersede it” to section 5 to cover UYSA while language is still being updated. Effective June 20. Motion by Brian Babcock 2nd by Loren Mott. All in favor, none opposed.

Board credentials – Carly Brown and Jenni Breckenridge tasked with creating and mailing out UYSA board credentials to the board of directors.

Motion to adjourn by Brian Babcock – meeting adjourned.