

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
Holiday Inn Express
Mesquite, NV
February 15, 2014 5:00 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 Cindy Baron, President at 5:07 on Saturday February 15, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Express, Mesquite NV. The following Board Members were present during the meeting.

Roll Call

Cindy Baron – President
John Gygi – First Vice President
Brian Smith – Second Vice President
Allan Haycock – Region 1 Director
David Mills – Region 2 Director
Loren Mott – Region 3 Director
Mark Osborne—Region 4 Director
Darren Woolstenhulme – Region 5 Director
Kyle Pasley—Region 6 Director
Andrew Hiatt – CEO

Excused Absence:, Tim Wheelwright – Adjudication Committee,

Other in attendance: Eric Landon – Director of Coaching, Bryan Attridge – Member Service Director, Carly Brown – Assistant Member Service Director, Orden Yost – Tournament Director, Bruce Cuppett – ODP Administrator, Norm Williamson – SYRA

Tracy Proulx-conference call

Acceptance of Minutes – January 2, 2014

Announcements & Reports

Investment Update

Business

BOCA FC Member Organizational

BOCA will be holding an AGM in the fall. Bryan talks about who is part of the BOCA FC Board of Directors and the BOD creating their organization's bylaws and policies. Emphasis on financial commitments with players in writing discussed. Some discussion about past behavior within the Boca Club. Discussion about the new board members and the positive direction they are trying to move the club in. Recent disciplinary situation and outcome discussed. Disciplinary chair suggested placing the club on probation for one year. Board motions to accept Boca as a member organization with 1 year probationary status. Boca will be given privileges of member organization status but any future offenses will result in revoking of privileges and potential additional discipline action. Daren W. motions to start their disciplinary probation starting January 1, 2014. Brian Smith motions to accept Boca as an MO with suggested probation date. Allen Haycock seconds motion. Motion Passes. Two board members abstained from vote.

Referee Fees

Allen Haycock expresses his concern about the referee fees because of the recertification fees and other fees going up in price. Loren explains \$40 for USSF, \$20 for Utah Soccer Ref, \$20 admission fee for course. Dave expresses his concern with referees not recertifying because of costs. Brian suggests that the BOD drafts a letter of concern for the costs of referee to send to Referee Committee. Cindy explains how the fees go back to the referees for those that are chosen to attend the regional and national tournaments. The fee to recertify is not to lose all the referees, but it is to cover costs of the Referee Committee and also weed out those referees that don't want to be there. Allen recommends better communication between referees and the referee committee. Allen also expressed his concern as to why the referees are being questioned UYSA policies on the recertification test. Cindy explains that it is the referee's responsibilities to know the policies of any organization they are refereeing for. Norm explains the increase in fees that were for referee talent scouts to attend events and help referees become better and be noticed for regional and national events. Norm also explains how it is the duty of referee to know the rules and policies of the organization they are refereeing for.

U9 X league/Grade 9 referee

Cindy explains that with the amount of complaints about the U9 referee, this policy would outline that the behavior on the sidelines need to acceptable according to written policies. The policy would require a team representative designated at each game to ensure appropriate sideline behavior. Mark Osborne expresses that it should be not only U9 x-league teams, but also U10 x-league. Bruce expresses that he thinks it is a great step to be included in these age groups. Drew agrees that we could create a packet for all U9 teams playing in the x-league will have a lanyard or armband showing that they are the designated team representative. Daren recommends taking out the last 2 sections of the policy. Mark motions to pass minus last two paragraphs, Daren seconds motion. Implement this policy starting in the x-league. Allen motions to accept this for U9-U10 2013-2014 fall season. Motion passes.

Field Dimensions

Tracy discusses the field dimensions of UYSA in comparison with the US Youth field dimensions. Daren motions to adopt the new field dimensions and create a separate PDF of the field dimensions. Allen seconds motion. All in favor, motion passes. Orden Yost requests that the PDF be linked to the Tournament Policies as well.

Alignment Policy Change

Tracy explains that if you do not have roster continuity, you are relegated, if you are in the bottom 2 spots of your bracket, you are relegated. If you do not have continuity *and* you were in the bottom of your bracket, you will not be double relegated. Daren suggest switching A and B in section 6325 section c, policy 2. Daren recommends taking out the 3 ties. Daren motions to approve with ties striken and A and B switeched. Dave Mills seconds. All in favor, motion passes with modifications.

Applies to fall 2014.

Recreation Age Groups

This policy is allowing recreation programs to follow the local age groups with the school district. Allen expresses that his regions really liked it. Motion passes.

Player Transfer Approval

Daren explains what has changed in the policy (business days have been implemented instead of hours, 3 business days instead of 72 hours). Premier 1 is considered a higher division than premier 2. If a player is transferred outside the window, they may not transfer to a higher division. Outside of the window there has to be proven exceptional circumstances to be approved outside the window. When a player is transferred outside of the window, they cannot be transferred again to another team within that club. All in favor, transfer passes.

Red Card Discussion

If a player gets a violent conduct card, a minimum 2 game suspension, a coach gets a violent red card the minimum is a 2 game suspension.

16% abusive language 7% denying a goal scoring opportunity by a foul 6% denying a goal scoring opportunity 12.2% irresponsible behavior .65% spitting, 13% serious foul.

Darren recommends running a report after every season to see the stats between seasons to help regulate.

Motion to accept changes section 6314 section f) to have a player gets a violent conduct card, a minimum 2 game suspension, a coach gets ejected the minimum is a 2 game suspension upon review by league commissioner.

Brian motion to consider – Darren seconds. Remove 4th paragraph – (request to arbiter to add Coach Warning item in game stats) All in favor none opposed – passes with suggested changes. Suggested changes are; Add is ejected from a in first paragraph. Strike receives a red card, or ejection at any. Strike or red card from second paragraph. Strike red cards or in third paragraph. Strike entire 4th paragraph.

Reports will be run every season. With Arbiter, we can run those reports for referees and in Affinity we can run the report for players and coaches.

Value Proposition

Brian explains value proposition and to have it posted on a spot UYSA website that is clearly visible. (PUT ON THE ABOUT TAB). The importance of this is to show why UYSA is the chosen soccer program over our competitors.

Cindy advises to add that we are Official governing body of Utah under United States Soccer Federation who is governed by FIFA. Change to MEMBER insurance.

Bylaw 426 (3) h. Vacant Position

To add as a policy if a vacant position opens up at the AGM. To add immediately, must be 2/3 voted, or to do interim elections (20 day notice of election). Darren W motions to consider. Kyle Pasley seconds. No further discussion. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

Risk Management Policy Update

Adding a 7th section in the language and disqualification policy. Policy will allow risk management committee to disqualify applicant based on requirements in table of convictions or guidelines to be suspended. If a person has pending charges, UYSA will suspend coach until pending charges are finalized. Brian motions to approve, Mark seconds motion. Motion passes.

Policy 6312 (5) Recruiting Policy

Tabled until April board meeting.

Policy 6315 Tryout Policy

Table until April board meeting.

Field Grant/Development Policy

Tabled until Strategic Planning Meeting

Adjournment

Executive Session

Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – April 15, 2014