

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION



Board Meeting

UYSA Office

January 21, 2016 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order

The UYSA Board of Directors meeting was called to order on Thursday January 21, 2016 at 7:05 at the UYSA office conference room in Sandy, Utah by Brian Smith, President

Roll Call

Brian Smith, President

John Gygi, First Vice President

Brian Babcock, Second Vice President

Toby Yoshida, Region 2

Loren Mott, Region 3

Victor Galindo, Region 4

Phone: Allan Haycock region 1, Joe Ballsteadt Region 5, Kyle Pasley Region 6

Email Votes: Allan Haycock and Joe Ballstaedt

Others in Attendance: Bryan Attridge, Director of Operations, Eric Landon Director of Coaching, Daren Woolstenhulme-league commissioner, Jenni Breckenridge - receptionist, Patrick Rennie - comp committee, Tracy Proulx, Debbie Francis - Field Development Committee, Orden Yost - Field Development Committee, Jake Carter, others.

Study Session – 7:05

Guest Presentation:

Christian Nydegger and his father gave an update on his futsal experience (national futsal tournament).

Referee Assignor Structure Change

Bryan Attridge gave an update since the last board meeting. Jeff Young (syr) and Carol Ladomus are working on a more in depth proposal. Updates will be given at future board meetings when progress is made. Victor Galindo voices concerns that he is getting from some of his members (particularly USA). The recommendation was made for Bryan Attridge to send an email from USA to Jeff and Carol and make sure they are aware of the concerns.

Referee Safety Policy

John Gygi almost done formatting. Plan is to finish and present to board at the AGM and then give out to the membership so everyone is aware of the final product

Player Protection Program

Brian Smith believes there are things we can do to help prevent abusive problems. Abuse is a problem that is always a potential problem. We need to make sure we do all we can as an association to help education membership and help prevent these problems.

Public Comments Section

David Newman (forza) – thinks referees don't communicate enough and feels the referee safety policy thinks it will prohibit referees from being better communicates. Concerns with legacy fields timing. Concerns about number projections. Let clubs opt out if they don't want to be a part of it.

Patrick Rennie – concerns with legacy fields. Maybe start with a smaller fee, maybe target younger age groups.

EJ Reyes (coach and referee) – concerns with referee education on player safety. Doesn't think there is enough education on how to keep players safe. Doesn't feel productive conversations will be able to take place. Brian S suggests the EJ's name be given to the SRC so they can bring him into discussion as a coach/referee perspective.

Jake Carter – reiterates problem with player physical safety and referees – kids who come into the country and pick a birth date need to be categorized by weight/height so they play with kids their same size.

Closed at 7:38

Board Meeting

Acceptance of Minutes: November 19, 2015

All Approved, minutes accepted with no changes

Reports & Announcements:

Financial Report – Andrew Hiatt

Strategic Plan Minute – Andrew Hiatt. Committees roles/expectation and responsibilities.

Discipline and Protest Reports – Bryan Attridge gave update.

Annual General Meeting Details and Deadlines

Drew Hiatt reminds board of agenda dates and schedules. What are we doing to increase attendance John Gygi asks? Last year was a little thin. Deadlines for nomination packets mentioned. Office will send out information on deadlines.

Also announced that Regional Presidents Cup will be held in Utah for both 2017 and 2018. Saves our teams money.

Articles of Incorporation – John Gygi

Explained the history of our articles of incorporation. We did not amend the articles of incorporation when we amended our bylaws. John goes through the updated changes he made to update.

No issues. Motion by Toby. 2nd by Brian Babcock. No discussion. All in favor. Unanimously approved.

Member Organization Applications – Bryan Attridge

1. Heat FC (Region 6)

Heat is a Nevada Based Club, with some teams that play in the Utah league, the teams have been verified and are members of the Nevada State Association. US Youth Soccer will not allow teams to be members in 2 associations.

Staff Recommendation is to table until more information can be found about how teams register with state associations.

2. SU Real (Region 6)

Some of the policies and bylaws are in conflict with UYSA's bylaws.

Staff Recommendation is to table until bylaws can be worked out.

Legacy Fields Project – FDC

Jake Carter goes over project changes and recommends to the board to approve the project. The committee feels they have overwhelming support from the membership. Jake states that many private businesses and cities are excited to donate, need to see the commitment from soccer community, majority of clubs are in favor, \$40 comp players \$0 recreation players with an opt in every year for recreation if they want.

Motion by John Gygi, 2nd by Victor Galindo. Discussion. Brian Smith says now is the time to act. John Gygi suggests tapping in to UYSA's funds to kickstart the project. Toby Yoshida discusses his perspective as a parent. Worries about our member organizations. Alan Haycock 2nds Toby's thoughts. It's a lot of burden on some families. Brian Smith brings to question lack of field space. Brian Babcock worries about control of the fields if cities lease the land to us. Kyle Pasley voices similar concerns as Alan, believes this will kill growth in rural areas. Jake Carter describes feedback from cities/school districts so far which has been very positive. Drew Hiatt recommends this be approved now and then ratified at the AGM by a simple majority, Brian Smith states that the board members were voted in for a purpose and that ratification is not needed at AGM. Call for a vote. All in favor - Loren Mott, Victor Galindo, John Gygi, Brian Smith, Brian Babcock, Joe Ballsteadt. All Against - Toby Yoshida, Kyle Pasley, Alan Haycock. Approved with a vote of 6 – 3.

Section 6 – US Soccer Changes – John Gygi

Alan motions to stop discussion. 2nd Kyle Pasley. All in favor of returning to original motion. Discussion closed. Motion is to approve powerpoint framework as presented but U15/U16 year round play will be revisited in committee. All in favor – none opposed. Passes unanimously.

Good of the Game

Motion to adjourn – 9:08.