

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

TOSH Auditorium

July 19, 2012—7:00 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 7:05pm 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 (Arrived late)
Brian Smith—2nd Vice President
Drew Hiatt—Executive Director
Allan Haycock—Region 1 Director (Arrived late)
Dave Mills—Region 2 Director (On Conference Call)
Loren Mott—Region 3 Director
Jodi Wells—Region 4 Director (On Conference Call)
Kyle Pasley—Region 6 Director (On Conference Call)

Also present: Drew Hiatt—Executive Director
 Tracy Proulx—Competition Director
 Bruce Cuppett—State Cup Director
 Bryan Attridge—Risk Management Chair
 Greg Maas—State Technical Director

Excused Absent: Vaughn Mordecai—Region 5 Director

Acceptance of Minutes – July 19, 2012. Brian motions to accept minutes as submitted. Motion approved. May 2012 Minutes approved

Calendar

Reports of Members of the Board of Directors

Reports of Staff

Reports of Committees

All reports must be written and submitted to the state office for distribution prior to the meeting—

Business

- **Monies to help teams that advance to National Championships**—Votes came in about helping the U18 team get to nationals with a matching donation of \$5000. The team has expressed how grateful they are for this donation.
- **Proof of Age Documents**—Would like to change policy to no longer accept the wallet-sized birth certificates as a proof of age document. Bryan states that it needs to be officially written in the policy whether UYSA will accept them or not. Tracy says there is no way to go in and see what birth certificates are wallet-sized. Bryan states that if they are already in the system they are okay, but if registrars notice them, they should ask for them to be switched. Bryan asks what the policy is for Regional/National Tournaments for proof of age documents. Bruce states that as long as they are in UYSA system, they do not need the actual document there. Loren motions to accept policy as written. Cindy asks to make it effective this year and add sentence saying that if there are already wallet-sized ones in the system they are allowed, but going forward they need to be legal sized documents. Brian seconds motion. **Motion voted on. Motion passed.**

- **Refund Policy**—Bryan states that UYSA needs a policy in place that states our refund policy. The previous policy stated that the registration fee was refundable before alignment. This one is changed to say it is not refundable. Loren motions to accept as is. Brian seconds motion. **Motion voted and approved as is. To be effective immediately.**
- **State Cup**—Bruce explains changes. Bruce explains that association would like free-substitution to stay in. U14 and below would have free-substitution, older age groups will have the 7 player substitution. Bruce and State Cup committee would like to see this back in the policy. If there are any suggestions, send them to the office and Board to have them looked at. Brian proposes that changes go through a committee, then staff/rules and revisions committee, and then to the Board. Drew states that he would like to have Board review these ones because of protests that have come through these past years. Bruce states that these changes have come from the State Cup Committee. Cindy asks that every Board member read this, email any suggestions to the Board and Bruce. Each Board member should be prepared to vote on the new State Cup Policies for next Board meeting in August.
 - **Club Pass Policy**—Tracy asks if you have a team that has a roster size up to 22. The current policy states that you can't deactivate a player for a club pass player. Tracy and committee would like to see a policy that allows for the deactivation in a game day roster with a club pass. Tracy explains new wording that the Competition Committee would like to see in place for the Club Pass. This would only apply to the ages that have a roster size greater than 18. The players have to be on some roster and not just deactivated. Allan motions to accept amendment. Loren seconds motion. **Motion voted on and approved. Amendment passed.** Effective as of Fall 2012. Tracy asks about developmental pass being applied for the U9-U10 age group and whether or not it will be addressed before the Fall. Drew states it could be something to work on for next season (Fall 2013). Bruce states that the Club Pass should be implemented first to see how it runs, and then look at implementing a similar pass into the U9-U10 program. Bruce also asks how it will be implemented in tournaments. Tracy states that the Competition Committee will have something written up for a developmental pass in the X-League sent out in January to be considered in February or March. Tracy asks if Affinity has written procedures yet for the Club Pass. Bryan answers that it has not been written up yet because the program had to be rebuilt; it should be done by August 15 at the latest. Cindy announces that Sammie will be leaving the end of the month and UYSA will be getting a new representative from Affinity.
- **Alignment**—Tracy states that the committee has taken the current alignment procedures and put them in policy. This policy is how the Competition Committee currently does alignment. Tracy would like to see this posted as part of the policy in Section 6. It is currently on the Competition page, but committee would like to see it in the policy. Brian motions to accept committee's recommendation to move Alignment to Section 6. Allan seconds motion. **Motion voted on and approved.**
- **Competition Committee Interim Appointment**—Tracy pointed out that there is no policy in place to have another person put in place on the competition committee if a current one drops out. Loren approved an interim appointment of Patrick Rennie as a Region 3 Competition Committee Representative. Would like to see if X-League age groups can get one game a week on Saturdays and start Sept 8 and end Oct. 27. Would like to see 8 games played as a standard for X-League during the season.
- **ODP Camp**—Greg addresses what has gone on with the different Region Camps. See Greg's report. Greg explains how the boys and girls region camps are being ran differently. Cindy and Drew will be attending a meeting where this will be addressed at a national level to give USYA a better idea of how to prepare players for ODP and express our concerns. UYSA did have 50 players selected into regional pools, which does not include the 95 or 96 girls' age groups. Greg explains that the Region is looking to change the ODP Region Camps to a 2 week process, instead of a 3 week process. Greg states that Utah had the only teams that had warm-ups, pennies, jerseys, gear, etc.
- **ODP Payment of Costs**—Cindy brings up another issue of players not paying their fees after they've already committed to go. Greg and Cindy have discussed getting a policy in place for players that committed and dropped out without proper notification. Cindy suggests possibly making the player ineligible for ODP or putting them in bad standing. Cindy explains that Bad Standing doesn't carry over season to season, only suspension carries over after the player has had a hearing. Players cannot be denied the right to play without a hearing and notification to the state of their suspension. Bryan will have notification of this policy to all registrars this next week.
- **Organizational Policy**—These policies have been worked on and come through the committee. It is not complete yet, but Cindy would like to see this passed to update UYSA's current policy. Drew

states that page 6 where it states the old bylaw needs to be changes. Brian motions to accept policy, pending updates to highlighted sections. **Motion voted on and passed.** Drew points out Member Organization Renewal policy required for all Member Organizations each year in July.

- **Voting Structure**—Cindy explains that new voting structure was developed based on US Youth's voting structure. States that it is a little different so that recreation votes are voting for recreation issues and competition votes for competitions issues in the regional meetings. See voting structure table. Cindy asks directors to look at new structure, present it to their Member Organizations, and bring back feedback. Would like to see this in place so that no one organization can outvote all others in any region. Instructed to be prepared to vote on this in August. Loren asks for written explanation of this new voting structure. Since it is a bylaw change, it will need 2/3 of Board votes to approve and then have it ratified at the AGM. Right 303 Voting 1B would be the bylaw that would change. Brian states that this is not meant to diminish anyone's power, but to make sure that each Member Organization has a voice in the Association. Brian would like to see all Region Directors take this to their Member Organizations and get feedback to report for next Board Meeting. UYSA Staff will follow up with Region Directors and shepherd the process of getting the necessary feedback.
- **State Tournaments/Cups**—Bruce explains referee policy for tournaments. Would like to recommend that the SYRA not be gainfully employed in refereeing games, but in assessing games instead. Cindy states that we will put this off until after the Department of WFS Unemployment Insurance audit. Bruce would like a mandatory referee meeting put in place. If the referees do not attend the meeting, they will not be allowed to ref at State Cup. **Board agrees** with having this meeting put in place for State Cup.

Good of the Game—Bruce states that this year at FWR, the kids and referees had to put up with very adverse playing conditions in Arizona, but our teams played well. UYSA had 3 Utah teams in the final with the Girls U18 team advancing to Nationals. Congratulations to the U18 La Roca girls going to Nationals, as well as the U12 Sparta Girls and the U12 La Roca Girls.

Allan states that he was able to attend the 3v3 tournaments with some teams and was very impressed with the tournament. He also states that the Cache Cup went well and had a record number of teams.

Adjournment—Brian motions to adjourn at 8:50pm. Motion voted and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm on July 17, 2012.

Executive Session

Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - TBD