

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors
May 20, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association was called to order by President Cindy Baron at 8:08 p.m. at the State Office of Utah Youth Soccer Association in Salt Lake City, Utah. The following Board members were present during the meeting:

Cindy Baron, President
John Gygi, Vice President
Carol LaDamus, Secretary
Loren Mott, District 1 Chairperson
Trish Roberts, District 2 Chairperson
David Mills, District 4 Chairperson
Richard Nordfors, District 6 Chairperson
Daryll DeWald, District 7 Chairperson
Norm Williamson, State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA)
Casey Walker, Competition Committee Chairperson
Debbie Haycock, Recreation Chairperson

Also present were: Teri Baker (Rules and Revision Chairperson), Sarah Smith (Top Soccer Chairperson), Pat Sebring, (Tournament Chairperson), Greg Maas (State Technical Director), Jodi Wells (State Office), Rick Torres (Asst. State Technical Director), Jodene Smith (State Registrar), Kim Galloway (Risk Management Director), Scott Reynolds (ReAL SL).

Absent: Scott Dunkley, Treasurer; Spencer Bills, District 3 Chairperson.

WELCOME

President Cindy Baron welcomed and thanked all board members for attending. Spring season has brought a flurry of parental misconduct, referee abuse and also some referee issues. Because of some issues that have come up during league play all members of the Board, Committee Chairs and Staff need to remember that as the Leadership of UYSA we are held to a higher standard of conduct. Sidelines and others that we work with in the community are watching our actions. Please remember that we need to set the best example and have the conduct in the soccer community. Reminded everyone that no pass means no play and that referee's do not have the authority to set aside the rules of play that UYSA has in place. Spring State Cup is under way and that it is going well. Bruce Cuppett's wife is gravely ill and requested that we keep the family in our thoughts and prayers. Region Director, Jolene Nielson's son has passed away.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

RECREATION PROGRAM FEES

The state has lowered their fees to \$9. Some districts have increased their fees. Districts please review and make sure you are charging fees based on services you are offering so the programs can be competitive.

STATE REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR

Gus Colessides will be stepping down as the State Referee Administrator. Scott Harward will assume the role of State Referee Administrator.

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEES

Each district should have mirrored committees to handle district issues at the district level and then when items need to be escalated, can move to the state committees. Committees need people to help on the state level and would benefit the committees with training on the district levels. Typically committees meet once every 3 (three) months. Discipline Committee is busiest during the season.

CODE OF ETHICS

Coaches, players and parents have the UYSA Code of Ethics. Look at adding the Code of Ethics for parents to agree to when they register players online. As members of various UYSA boards, we are held to a higher standard and should know the Code of Ethics, policies, bylaws and follow them as role models for the organization.

SPONSORSHIP AND MARKETING

ReAL Salt Lake has proposed to work directly with UYSA to co-operate in sponsorships and marketing ventures. Scott Dunkley will be asked to chair the committee. UYSA will figure out the value associated with this opportunity and if it has long term financial merit.

COACH LICENSE POLICY

A proposed revised Coach License Policy was handed out for review. UYSA will be clarifying the current policy at the next board meeting.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR STAFF

UYSA HR committee will be setting up performance standards for the UYSA staff.

OLD ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

DISTRICT REGISTRAR PROPOSAL

Proof of Age documents are indicated on the state site on the roster with a circled B next to the registered player's name. The state is working towards getting away from carrying proof of age documents by having the information digitally stored and accessed through the secure data base. The goal is to have all competition in the system this year. The goal is to have all registered players in the system, starting next year, x-league then recreation in the system. District Chairpersons felt that their District registrars would need to consult with them if they felt that they needed additional payment for the extra time that this would require.

BUDGET

Executive Director, Andrew Hiatt, could not attend. The budget was presented for review and will be voted on at the next board meeting. Please review and send any questions to Drew or Cindy.

TRANSFER POLICY

The transfer policy was reviewed with a motion to modify 3:07:02 to allow sanctioned, intra-club transfers outside the transfer window. Motion made to amend and passed to add "none of these restrictions shall apply to transfers within an affiliated club." "Please note any intra-club transfer will

count towards the limit of 5 found in 3:05:02". Separate email will be sent with final version of Transfer Policy.

An additional motion was made and passed to add U11 and U12 to the State Cup competition effective June 1, 2010.

CONTRACT UPDATES

ADG (Affinity) has asked for UYSA to sign an extension of the original contract. Changes and updates are needed to make the system more efficient for UYSA. The referee module still needs refinement including removing the viewable comment box to coaches so the referee's and coaches have separate comment areas. There have been situations where games have dropped off the system and the referee assignor could not put game into system. The module needs to make it possible to open and put a game into the system so the referees can be assigned and the game reported when this occurs.

Adidas/Score Sponsor Apparel Contract

Executive Director, Andrew Hiatt, worked hard with the vendors to get the best proposals for the upcoming contracts. Contract specifics were presented. Motion made and passed to have Adidas as the official sponsor for UYSA.

REPORTS

Bruce Cuppett, State Cup Director

Report Provided

Andrew Hiatt, Executive Director

Report Provided

David Mills, District 4 Chair

District is doing well.

Sarah Smith, TopSoccer Chairperson

TopSoccer is doing well. Written report provided.

Daryll DeWald, District 7 Chairperson

District is in transition. Everything is going well.

Ted Eck, Firebirds

Things are going well. Issue with game sent to Competition Committee. Referee already dealt with. Firebirds do not want to replay the game. Just want to make sure that all parties are educated and it doesn't happen again.

Trish Roberts, District 2 Chairperson

Everything fine

Jodi Wells, UYSA State Office

On behalf of Bruce Cuppett, thank you for the support for him and his wife. The staff is looking at setting up a 5k race/fundraiser for a scholarship fund in the fall and spring in conjunction with state cup twice a year. Half of the funds raised will go towards scholarships, half to cancer treatment. The state has the golf tournament June 3rd, in the future, will be moving to later in the summer.

Richard Nordfors, District 6 Chairperson

Middle of transition, the District is doing well. Online registration going well, over 400 registered and feels like they are ahead of previous years. Topsoccer all registration will be paper free.

Debbie Haycock, Recreation Chairperson

Had a meeting with Rick that went really well. Please email update on the recreation directors from each district and leagues.

Casey Walker, Competition Committee Chairperson

Nothing to report

Brian Babcock, Disciplinary Chairperson

Referee abuse, inundated with disciplinary issues. We all need to reemphasize behavior of coaches and parents. Referee committee working with referees.

Rick Torres, Asst. State Technical Director

Privileged and humbled to be in this position. UYSA has a great staff, knowledgeable and likes to teach. If anyone needs assistance, please ask. Thank you for the opportunity.

Greg Maas, State Technical Director

Report provided. Has thoroughly enjoyed the collaboration with Rick. His ideas and things are fantastic, funny, articulate, interacted greatly already with our Hispanic community. His first 2 weeks, has been phenomenal. Very positive and excited about UYSA taking a more active role and becoming involved with the Hispanic and refugee programs. Schedules coming up – e license, 30 coaches registered.

Scott Reynolds, ReAL SL

Thanks for the support. Plans have been made to attend District 3 and 7 tournaments. They are tracking districts and quickly running out of time to set up partnerships. Matt and Scott need to get the schedules – items on the wish list. UYSA, let them know what you would like to see.

Norm Williamson, State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA)

State Cup had basic everyday issues. Everyone seemed to be on their best behavior. There currently is a situation before Referee board which a referee is going to be relieved of their referee duties.

Teri Baker, Rules and Revision Chairperson

The Salem Shooters are a solid club motion to accept as a sanctioned club. Motioned passed. This will be ratified by the State Council at the AGM in 2011. Stansbury Elite has also requested sanctioned club status, just waiting for their paperwork from District 2.

Pat Sebring, Tournament Chairperson

There is a tournament every weekend this summer. Get the word out, all the tournaments need teams. LaRoca is starting their recreation program.

Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn from the Board of Directors meeting at 10:43 p.m.

These draft minutes were prepared by Secretary, Carol LaDamus.
Please direct any corrections or clarification to law5@abcs-utah.com