

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
The Orthopedic Specialty Hospital
Murray, Utah
May 15, 2014 - 8:00 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 Brian Smith, President at 8:04 on Thursday May 15, 2014, at The Orthopedic Specialty Hospital, Murray, UT. The following Board Members were present during the meeting.

Roll Call

Brian Smith – President
John Gygi – First Vice President
Brian Babcock – Second Vice President
Toby Yoshida – Region 2 Director
Loren Mott – Region 3 Director
Mark Osborne—Region 4 Director
'Open' – Region 5 Director
Kyle Pasley—Region 6 Director
Andrew Hiatt – CEO

Other in attendance: Bryan Attridge – Director of Operations, Eric Landon – Director of Coaching, Carly Brown – Manager Member Service Director, Daren Woolstenhulme– League Commissioner, Jenni Breckenridge – Receptionist, Orden Yost – Tournament Director, Patrick Rennie – Competition Committee Chair, Naomi Foreman – Recreation Committee Chair
Conference Call: Allan Haycock – Region 1 Director

Study Session

U10 and younger- registering for Academy & Rec

Bryan discusses the option to have recreation players or academy players be able to play both programs. If the academy program is being run like a camp then could recreation players register for both? Board discusses options. If an academy program is run like a camp (register in event manager), then a player who is not playing another play type could not register for the academy program because they would not be covered by the insurance. Drew suggests we dig a little deeper into the policy and get more information about the change in this. Discussion tabled until conference call before June.

Field Dimensions U9 (tournament committee)

Orden suggests extending field sizes for U9 age group. Board of Directors gives autonomy for Tournament Committee to make fields sizes fit their needs. If we use the minimum amount then everything had to be reduced by two feet.

Rescheduling Fee

John discusses the cancelling/rescheduling process. Competition sub-committee discussed at their May 2014 committee meeting the process of rescheduling and implementing a two week rescheduling

window where all games will be rescheduled during that window. Committee also discussed implementing a fee for rescheduling outside the rescheduling window. Fee will go to a UYSA fund applied to a referee training fund, field grant fund, and college scholarship fund. Implement a 4 business day rescheduling time opposed to the 72 hour rescheduling process. Schedule released 3 weeks before season starts. Give teams 2 weeks to reschedule all games for the season.

Tabled to be put on agenda for June BOD conference call

Member Organization Expansion & Applications

Brian introduces the topic about club expansion. What is UYSA's position on club expansion? Brian invites those in attendance to discuss their input on

Dick Kunz, VP of USA

Inter teams playing on region 5 fields.

Explains the importance of replicating parent models. National level. Brian Smith asks Dick to send the research he has found to the state office to

Sean Fazzio USA REC President

Big problem they are experiencing in the area is field space. Too many players, not enough space. Asks that UYSA does not ignore the fact of limited field space

Debbi Francis La Roca

Discusses La Roca's experience expanding down to Utah County area. Suggests a co-op between region areas. Explains the issue of other clubs coming into same areas and taking field space. Discusses the importance of working together as clubs and not against each other.

Roberto Maturana Salt Lake FC

Discusses his research of Latinos and refugee players a part of Utah Youth Soccer. Explains how Salt Lake FC works with Taylorsville Youth Soccer to share fields. Discusses how other clubs have come in to use the fields they were using and other clubs are recruiting players

Dennis Burrows USA Comp DOC

Business side and community side of soccer. When we allow clubs to be a business, we lose the concept of soccer

Mark Gibb- Avalanche- Regulate expansion. The issue about forcing players/coaches to stay. Needs to be handled as recruiting issues.

Jerry Presendorf- Arsenal Executive Director

Christopher Roemer President of Forza

Explains how most cities and schools own the fields. Clubs do not own the fields. Clubs develop relationships with the field owners and

Orden Yost – Tournament Committee Chair

Suggest doing an audit of every field. Create regulations for field audit. Amount of field space available in each region. By conducting an audit, determination if clubs can expand into areas.

Naomi Foreman Rec Committee Chair discusses her input on the recreation teams not having enough money to obtain fields and field space.

Brian Smith close Study Session at 9:15 pm.

Acceptance of Minutes – April 17, 2014 - approved

Business

Appointment of Second Vice President

Brian Smith announces the appointment of Brian Babcock as the UYSA Second Vice President of the Board of Directors.

A moment of silence in honor of Susan Madsen.

Teams who are playing up

Drew discusses teams playing up an age group. There are currently 2 teams that are playing up an age group. They were playing up an age group before the no play up policy was implemented. Drew asks that the board grandfather the teams and allows them to continue to play up. Board discusses pros and cons of leaving teams the option to continue to play up. Patrick explains how according to alignment, it would be better for the team to go back down to their original age group at the end of this season. If they wait, they will not be guaranteed a spot in a premier division.

Brian motions to grandfather the team to play up an age group.

Board discusses pros and cons of the motion.

Brian votes in favor

Mark opposed, Loren opposed

Motion does not pass. Tabled until later tonight

Kyle suggests UYSA schedules friendlies for the U12 RSL Academy team. This could allow continuity to not be an issue and the team can roster the best players across the state.

Drew suggests to invite RSL Academy admins to present to the board the plan of the academy program.

Kyle motions to grandfather the team into their current alignment place. Work with the academy directly to get the team to be in the best place for the team.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Tryout Policy and Recruiting Policy

Brian Babcock discusses the current recruiting policy to the board.

Tryout date policy motioned to be tabled on June 19, 2014 for the BOD.

Placing players in pending status during injury

Brian motions to put policy on study session for next board meeting – July 2014

Adjournment

Brian motions to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Directors Conference Call – June 19, 2014