

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

TOSH Auditorium

October 18, 2012—8:00 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 8:05 pm on Thursday, October 18, 2012 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
Brian Smith—2nd Vice President
Allan Haycock—Region 1 Director
Dave Mills—Region 2 Director
Loren Mott—Region 3 Director
Vaughn Mordecai—Region 5 Director

Also Present: Andrew Hiatt—Executive Director
Tim Wheelwright—Protest and Appeals Chair
Terry Ogden—President’s Cup Chair
Tracy Proulx—Competition Committee Chair
Debbie Haycock—Recreation Committee Chair
Jodene Smith—State Registrar

Excused: Kyle Pasley—Region 6 Director

Absent: Jodi Wells—Region 4 Director

Acceptance of Minutes – September 21, 2012. Minutes are approved and distributed.

Reports of Members of the Board of Directors—Drew reports that Greg went through the process of interviewing and screening candidates for the new position. Eric Landon has been hired and accepted the position of Education and Player Development Director.

Reports of Staff

Reports of Committees

All reports should be written and submitted to the state office for distribution no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting—

WORK SESSION: Referee Assigning Module Overview

If time allows—discussion of a Discipline Sub Committee

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Player Action Form Update – Jodene Smith:** Jodene states that she tried to make the form as simple and easy as possible. It was added on the release that the Region Directors have 72 hours to approve or deny the release. The words “District” and “League” have been removed. Also took out player ID Number. Jodene asks everyone to look it over to see if there is anything that was missed. Also added a space for Region Chair. Drew suggests removing “league” and just saying “Certified Registrar.” David also says to remove “player pass must be given to current certified league registrar” under section 1, since UYSA no longer uses player passes. Loren asks about rules, part of it is missing. Jodene says she will get it fixed. Loren states that during the Transfer Window, the Region Director does not need to sign-off on the form; he would like to see this stated on the form as well. Loren asks for clarification on transfers, hardships, transfer window, etc. Policy is that Region Chairs must respond within 72 hours. Cindy states to add a box under section 1 that says “deny” and lines to state why it is denied. Tracy asks if Region Chairs still need to sign-off on releases. Cindy states that yes, they should have to still sign-off on it so they know what is going on. Consensus is that ANY release

requires the Region Chair. Also add approve/deny box by Coach and Club Representative. Vaughn states that any release outside the transfer window and any denial within the transfer window will go to the Region Chairs, instead of ALL releases. Rest of Board agrees. John and Jodene will have this to the Board ASAP.

- **Assignor Certification – Cindy**—Cindy announces that Debbie Haycock has accepted the position of State Assignment Coordinator. Assignor certification is pretty much the same idea as the Registrar Certification. Cindy explains that this document is just a draft. Cindy asks everyone to look at it and review it to be ready to vote on for next Board Meeting. David expresses concern about having background checks done for referees. Cindy answers that it is something they are looking into and feels it is important to have them checked. David suggests pushing it to the referee association to have them background checked. Brian questions need for background check, since they are never alone with the children. Tim answers that it is that they have access to certain information. Cindy states that since most other organizations are doing it, UYSA should look into it as well. Norm states that every referee has to sign a form saying they have not been convicted of crimes/felonies. Brian asks about Referee Assignor eligibility and contracting with at least one organizational member. Cindy states that they would still be certified with USSF just not UYSA if they were not contracting with a Member Organization.
- **Updated Alignment Form – Tracy**—Clarifications have been made under roster continuity, so it is clearer as to what is being compared. Also states that any teams that falsify information will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. The teams will now attach the previous Affinity generated Team Roster and current Affinity generated Team Roster with the alignment form. Tracy will add “attach current and previous Affinity Generated Team roster as described below.” Loren suggests putting instructions on the Competition page for coaches to go in and print off their rosters. Vaughn asks about having a more generic form. Tracy states that it needs to be specific this time for this season, but once we get past Spring, it will be more generic from season to season. Allan asks about the season the rosters need to be from. Tracy states that it will be from last Seasonal year to this Seasonal year. Loren asks that this does not apply to everyone and that not every team should have to re-submit roster continuity. Girls U14 and up need to have it as of April 27, 2012. Strike out girls U13 and below because they will not need to provide an alignment form, unless they have special requests or are going to move for Spring only. Cindy states that it should always be required instead of having exceptions. Tracy states that they currently require it for teams that are new or are moving/ have special requests, but the Competition Committee can require it for each team. Cindy states that it should be left that it is required to submit an alignment form. Tracy would still like to see previous and current rosters for everyone, so they get used to having to do this for continuity. John states that this form needs to be PDF fillable on the website. Crossed out boys U14 and up as of October 31, 2012.
- **ODP Financial Policy – Cindy**—Sections 5 and 6 are new. Basically states that if players do not notify State that they are not going to attend in a timely manner, they still will have to pay the fees to the state. John suggests putting Section 5 on a form as well to have the players sign when they come to ODP. Loren motions to approve these sections. **Motion voted on and passed.**

Business

- **2012-2013 Calendar**—Bruce suggests creating earlier schedules for the P1 and P2 teams to start on a weekday the first week. Cindy asks that everyone look over the calendar and make note of dates.
- **Game Reports / Referees to enter score**—Cindy states that we absolutely must require the referees entering their reports in the system.
- **7324 Deadlines Policy Change**—Policy that was talked about last month. Dates will be July 7th and Feb 1st. Dave motions to consider. Loren seconds motions. No discussion. **Policy passes.**
- **14:01:04 Team Officiating**—Cindy points out bottom line that section has to be re-written before Spring. One thing that has come up is what is a noncertified referee? Norm states that the noncertified referee fees should be taken off the referee fee structure. Tracy states that the main point of this is that section 14 and section 6 are in direct conflict with each other with respect to the highlighted sections. John motions to adopt change. Vaughn seconds. **Motion voted on and passed.**
- **6313 Cancelling/Rescheduling Games Policy Change**—Vaughn asks about policy that talks about teams having a conflict with State Cup and having it tightened up and clarified. Tracy states that for now the Competition Committee is trying to get things cleaned up and as clear as possible. Tracy states that they would like to add team participation in a UYSA Sanctioned Tournament to the reasons of why a team would have to reschedule. Tracy also points out suggested changes under “Penalties” under b. This change makes Section 6 consistent with Section 14. Cindy asks that

“effectively” be removed in both Section 6 and Section 14. Allan asks about teams that go to out of state tournaments. Answered that there are too many out of state tournaments to require that as a reason to reschedule. John motions to approve policy with suggested changes. Brian seconds motion. **Motion voted and approved.**

- **6314 Games Policy Change**—Dave motions to consider policy change. Floor opens for discussion. Tracy states that this is for people asking questions or having problems on the field. Competition Committee has put time limits/ other suggestions in policy. Time limit for rosters to be at field has been changed from 5 minutes to 15 minutes of the starting time. John suggests changing it to “within 15 minutes after start time” and it will be a delayed start. John states under Section 3.c. the word “coach” is missing. John suggests adding “For purposes of this section, ‘starting time’ shall mean the game time as published in SOMS or fifteen minutes after another game on the same field ends, whichever is later.” Brian motions to accept with John’s modifications. Loren seconds motion. **Motion voted and approved with suggested modifications.**
- **6347 Modified Rules of Play- RAL Policy Change**—Brian motions to discuss. Tracy goes through changes to policy. Would like goal sizes required and minimums and maximums. Committee is trying to prevent U9 and U10 being played on same fields when they have different requirements. Vaughn asks about repercussions for not providing an appropriate field for the age group. Board discusses that club/home teams should be responsible to provide appropriate fields. Tracy asks about including a number 3 that states if field and goals do not meet sizes, the game should be rescheduled. Vaughn states that goal sizes on U9 should be required. Board agrees. John states that it will be paragraph 1(c). Cindy asks for any further discussion. John motions to approve policy change. **Motion voted and approved. Policy effective November 16.**
- **6327 Modified Rules of Play- SCL Policy Change**—Committee added goal size requirement and minimum and maximum for U11. Allan states that 7x21 is required for U11. Allan expresses concern that U9 and U11 should not be on the same fields. Vaughn suggests forcing U11 to play on 7x21 goals. Board feels that policy is a step in the right direction by requiring something. John suggests creating a section 2 Goal size required, a. U11, b. everybody else. Cindy asks for votes for policy with current language. Brian and John vote for policy. Vaughn, Allan, and Cindy opposed. Motion does not pass. Allan motions to reconsider. Vaughn motions to require goal size, but that the goal size is 7x21 with no minimum/maximum. Allan suggests adding that all other will be 8x24 with the word required with that. **Motion voted and approved as amended.**
- **6.2.d.4. Alignment Policy Change**—Tracy states that new document was cleaned up with some of the verbiage that was suggested last month, so that policy is clearer. No content has changed, just wording suggested by Board. Allan questions when P1 and P2 split begin. Tracy states that it is not standardized yet. Vaughn suggests standardizing it. Allan suggests putting it in writing when it is going to happen. John states that right now in the policy it states that all age groups will be split in premier a and premier b. Loren states that it states Spring U13 on the back of the Alignment Form. Tracy states that if it is on the form, it can be put in the policy. Tracy states that she would prefer that it be a guideline rather than a hard policy. Tracy suggests making it say “no later than Spring for U13”. Committee would like to be able to see if there is a natural split, before they split P1 and P2 at U13. John recommends approving this policy. **Motion voted on and approved. Effective November 16.**
- **Tournament Sanctioning Chair Appointment**—Cindy announces that Orden Yost has been appointed as chair. Cindy asks for ratification. **Appointment ratified.**

Good of the Game—Drew states that State Cup is going well and all State Cup Committee Members have been great and have been a great help down at State Cup. State Cup finals will be held on Saturday, October 20 starting at 9:00 am. Bruce questions absence of Region 4 Director. Cindy would like to see a proposal to change the bylaw on Board Member attendance. Loren expresses concern that teams are not putting their jersey numbers on their game day rosters. Tracy states that it hasn’t been required in the past because of issues with referees, but now that things are becoming more solidified, it will be easier to require another thing of the coaches. Cindy states that it should be changed to require it on the game day roster. Drew suggests pushing it down to the Member Organizations and having them have their teams enter the jersey numbers. Cindy suggests looking at making it mandatory for the Fall. Cindy states that the Youth Soccer Month Events were great and thanks Office Staff and also encourages Directors and Chairs to come out and be involved in UYSA events. Cindy asks Board to consider coming up with a Sub-committee for the Discipline Committee.

Adjournment—Meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm on Wednesday, October 18, 2012.

Executive Session

Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - TBD