

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 16, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association was called to order by President Leisa Vineyard at 7:30 p.m. at the State Office of the Utah Youth Soccer Association in Salt Lake City, Utah. The following Board members were present during the meeting:

Leisa Vineyard, President
Cindy Baron, Vice President
Jodi Wells, Secretary
Rick Henage, Treasurer
Alan Jones, District 1 Chairperson
Eric Blommer, District 2 Chairperson
John Gygi, District 3 Chairperson
Dave Mills, District 4 Chairperson
Mike Hall, District 5 Chairperson

Also present were Jodene Smith(State Cup Chairperson), Linda Kay Messenger(Tournament Chairperson), Kim Smith(Rules Chairperson), Greg Maas(State Technical Director), Scott Harward(State Executive Director), Bruce Cuppett(Risk Management Chairperson), Mark Drown(Utah Spiders), Jamie Shock(Utah Spiders), Allan Nunn, and Mark Pantelakis.

Members who were absent or excused included Rich Egan (District 6 Chairperson), Delon Brower (District 7 Chairperson), Norm Williamson (SYRA), John Lowery (Disciplinary Chairperson), and Kurt Cottrell (Competition Director)

WELCOME

President Leisa Vineyard welcomed those board members and visitors in attendance and thanked them for coming.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion was made and seconded to accept the meeting minutes from the January 19, 2006 meeting, with the amendment of a few spelling errors.

Minutes accepted.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

President Leisa Vineyard welcomed and introduced our newly elected board members. Cindy Baron Vice President, Paul Brockbank Recreation Director, Kurt Cottrell Competition Director, and Rich Egan District 6 Chairperson.

Motion to amend the agenda and allow our visitors Mark Drown & Jamie Shock from Utah Spiders and Allan Nunn & Mark Pantelakis from PC Sports a few moments to make their presentations to the board of directors.

Motion passed.

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS

President Leisa Vineyard stated that UYSA has been a proud sponsor of the Utah Spiders for the past 2 years, and introduced Mark Drown from the Utah Spiders.

Mark Drown stated that the Utah Spiders Organization is non-profit and is a member of the WPSL League, which is the largest premier league having 33 teams participating.

Drown stated that they have recently left the West Conference and joined the Mountain Conference. Juan Diego Catholic School will be the Utah Spiders home base.

Drown stated that with the \$5,000 sponsorship money from UYSA is used to help with traveling expenses. The players are not paid; they must have a college degree or be enrolled in college, and must be committed. In exchange for the sponsorship money, we allow all UYSA players wearing their jerseys to get into every home game for free, and coaches and adults are only \$5.00. Our funding is all from contributions.

Drown concluded in stating that the Utah Spiders are planning on bidding to have the National Championship played at Juan Diego, they will be held the last weekend in July. If you have any questions, our e-mail is wpsl.info, there is also a link to us from the UYSA web site. We would love to be able to go back to the league and tell them that UYSA is going to continue to back us.

Jamie Shock, Utah Spiders stated that a lot of the girls who play for the Utah Spiders have really helped out the soccer community by giving back, they have helped coach and train teams across the state. Many are also past members of UYSA and of the states ODP programs. They would love to have your support.

We would love to go back to the league that UYSA backs us.

Mark Drown also stated that Juan Diego is a very informal site, and they allow the kids down on the field after the game to mingle with the players.

President Leisa Vineyard introduced Mark Pantelakis & Allan Nunn from PC Sports.

Mark Pantelakis stated that they have designed an automated calling tree, which coaches or administrators are able to leave a message for their team, and the team will be contacted within 10 minutes. It is password protected; you can add up to 25 people to the system and all of their numbers home and cell, e-mail, and text messaging. We are offering this to everyone for a free 30 trial run. If you set up as a large group you get a better deal, but we will also work with individuals. All of the links are set up for you. At the League level, you can set up and send out to all team administrators, at the District level you can send out information to your boards, and at the Team level you can send out to all of your players.

Pantelakis concluded in stating that this is based out of Utah, you have only 1 number to call in on, the more people you have the cheaper it is, we customize everything for you. Our booklet has all of our terms included in it, we are a trust worthy company and look forward to working with anyone interested in making soccer calling easier.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Leisa Vineyard presented the United States Soccer Federation Board Size Bylaw Amendments, final version adopted by National Council on March 11, 2006. Vineyard also stated that Darl Rose has been the Region IV Commissioner for the past 18 years. He is up for re-election in July. Jolene Woodhave who has been Deputy Commissioner is running against Darl for Region IV Commissioner. People would like to see a change; Jolene does also of work behind the scene, and would do a great job for Region IV.

Motion was made to support Jolene Woodhave in running for Region IV Commissioner, seconded. Utah will support Jolene in running for Region IV Commissioner.

Vineyard also stated that the referee scheduler in the ADG system has hit a snag and is not ready. They will be working overtime to make this happen before the season starts. With this the referees will be able to go into the AGD system and do their reports, everything will be controlled. Coaches will be able to rate the referees on this system as well, and the referee administrators will be able to critique the referees as well as control the referee assessments.

Vineyard also reported that Real Salt Lake has partnered up with South Jordan City to start a recreation program. We have a non-compete policy in our contract, and we are working with them to get this resolved. We need to decide what to do, they have asked us to put their logo on all of our jerseys. US Youth has to be on the uniforms, and Score has told us that we could put Real Salt Lakes logo and US Youth on the uniforms, but I feel like we need to brand ourselves before we brand Real Salt Lake.

Jamie Shock from Utah Spiders asked what is Real Salt Lake doing for our association? If they are a partner, they should be helping UYSA out differently than anyone else.

President Leisa Vineyard stated that we have a partner ship, but we don't get anything. They have no information on their website stating that we are partners. We should get better benefits for being partners than what we do. We have co-branded them; we have gone above and beyond our end of the partnership. They have paid for the luncheons at our AGM, they gave us sponsorship money the first year, and we have given them our mailing list. $\frac{3}{4}$ of their numbers for ticket sales are UYSA members.

Vineyard concluded in stating that our contract is not specific enough, it is negotiate at any time, so we can go back and re-negotiate with them.

Risk Management Chairperson, Bruce Cuppett stated that UYSA has a huge impact on Real Salt Lake's success here in Utah.

Mark Drown, Utah Spiders stated that UYSA has a lot of value to the name; word of mouth is the number 1 sale. UYSA has given Utah Spiders a lot of creditability.

Leisa Vineyard stated that co-branding carries a lot of weight. I really want the name recognition, but it is not a priority with them. We should be able to carry a lot of creditability, and we want the partnership to carry some weight.

Motion was made to have President Leisa Vineyard revisit the Real Salt Lake contract. Seconded, motion passed.

DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION

President Leisa Vineyard excused Director of Competition, Kurt Cottrell who had a prior work commitment.

Vineyard stated that the competition meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the State Office. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting; they will be discussing the developmental pass and recruiting policy.

Vineyard concluded in stating that we need to let the competition committee develop policies to be passed, and the spring schedules will be posted by Friday afternoon.

Risk Management Chairperson, Bruce Cuppett stated that they had 21 changes in the X-league schedules alone.

Leisa Vineyard stated that the home team will forfeit if they did not call the other team and let them know of any field changes.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Technical Director, Greg Maas reported that the coaching education classes have been going very well and many have just completed. If any districts/leagues/clubs are interested in setting up youth modules, please contact myself or Corrine to set those up. Maas also stated that UYSA and SoccerSpecific.com have signed a partnership. They will offer a free subscription to all coaches that are members of UYSA; it is a \$50.00 savings.

Maas also reported that UYSA is in the works to get the NSCAA GK State and Regional Diploma in Salt Lake for April/May at Juan Diego, and the US Soccer and US Youth Soccer Youth Nation License in Salt Lake in August.

Maas also reported about the youth that has been called up to International ODP Events. Jacob Hustedt and Matt Jensen were part of the Region IV '90 Boys ODP Team that went to Buenos Aires, Argentina in February; Marco Angelo member of the Region IV '89 Boys ODP Team that went to Leipzig, Germany in March; Nikisha Fernandes and McKinzie Olsen will be part of the Region IV '90 Girls ODP Team that is headed to Rome, Italy in March; and Hillary Anger and Cloee Colohan will be part of the Region IV '91 Girls ODP Team that is headed for San Juan, Costa Rica in April.

Congratulations to this talented group of youth from our Association.

Maas concluded in reporting that Mauricio Menjivar with Impact and Nermin Sasivarevic with USA each successfully passed their A License, Congratulations!

Risk Management Chairperson, Bruce Cuppett stated that if we were able to offer free license classes, it would be a great way to grow our coaching base, but we would need to come up with money somewhere.

District 5 Chairperson, Mike Hall stated that he is in favor of offering the free courses, but the biggest reason we went to the paid courses is that the attendance was down; they were not paying for it, so they did not attend every session.

Jamie Shock, Utah Spiders stated that if you gave them some type of promo gift upon completion maybe we would get the attendance we wanted.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer, Rick Henage reported that the budget is included in the packet.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Secretary Jodi Wells presented each Board Member with a Conflict of Interest Disclosures for them to fill out and sign.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 Chairperson, Alan Jones reported that their district will be holding a pre-pre alignment, so that everyone is taken care of before the alignment meeting for the state is held to clarify any issues.

Jones also reported that the priorities for this year are fields. We are working with the Granite School District to secure more fields.

Jones also stated that with the referees we fill that we have made progress. The alignment also went well.

Jones concluded in stating that they have a big concern about kids going to ODP, then leaving their original team during the break to be with all of the ODP kids on teams.

District 2 Chairperson, Eric Blommer reported that the referee fee raise in the middle of the season really hurt our smaller leagues, not to mention our district as a whole.

District 3 Chairperson, John Gygi reported that the Jordan School District has torn up a few fields, so we are working on finding new fields to use. The alignment went better than we anticipated. Our district would have liked to have had the days when people were playing posted for everyone to see, and we would like to see the weekday games moved from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Gygi concluded in stating that with the developmental pass, the system is not allowing a player who is playing up to move back down to their actual age group, we need to get this fixed.

District 4 Chairperson, Dave Mills reported that they held their elections, Dave was voted back in, they have a new Treasurer and a new District Competition Director.

Mills also reported that as a district they will also be doing a pre-pre alignment meeting. They have decided to work the alignment and coaches meeting at the same time to make sure all teams are covered.

Mills also reported that League 35 President has come upon an issue with Roy City.

They want us to pay for every game and practice that is being held on their fields, we are still working on getting this resolved.

Mills concluded in reporting that their spring coaches meeting was awesome; they had about 150 in attendance.

Technical Director, Greg Maas stated that he would love to attend and talk with their coaches at any future meetings.

District 5 Chairperson, Mike Hall reported that they held their elections, and everyone is staying in. We do have a new District registrar in place.

Hall also reported that Roosevelt has come into our program, they are starting out with our district program, see how that goes and then will move in to the State program. They also would like to have a coach's clinic and a referee clinic held out in their area.

Hall concluded in Thanking Greg Maas and the Referees for the courses held down in our area; although we have yet to receive a list of certified referees. The UC Strikers club would also like to host a tournament this summer.

President Leisa Vineyard offered Thanks to Sonya Okapa for her help in training the new District 5 registrar.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

President Leisa Vineyard stated that we have a very serious problem on our hands with the way our parents are acting on the sidelines. We need to have something put together to pass at the next board meeting.

Vineyard handed out a sample parents code of conduct from the USA Club, and asked the districts to take this back to their boards and come up with some thing that we as a State Association can use.

Vineyard stated that we would run this program through our Risk Management.

Risk Management Chairperson, Bruce Cuppett stated that we need something done before the season starts.

Vineyard concluded in showing the board the video Positive Parenting for Youth Soccer.

STATE CUP

State Cup Chairperson, Jodene Smith reported that State Cup will be held May 15-29, at the West Jordan Complex, and Regionals will be held June 18-25 in Boise Idaho.

Smith also reported that Utah has 3 wild cards. They are Boys 17, Boys 18 and Girls 19. Smith also stated that she appreciated all the volunteers that the districts have sent to me, but we have a slight problem, West Jordan no longer sets up the nets, so we have the task of getting 16 sets of nets up and down for 11 days. What would be a good solution to this problem; we need your input on this to get a resolution.

Technical Director Greg Maas offered an idea for thought. To move our State Cup up 1 week to get it off of Memorial Day; and then move the U11-U15 age groups state cup bracket play to the fall, then run quarters, semi's and finals in the spring.

This gives the teams more time, before regionals, and this would help stop the midseason transfers and recruiting that is going on; and the weather is much better in the fall than in the spring.

Risk Management Chairperson, Bruce Cuppett stated that the developmental pass will be able to be used, but they will not be able to play state cup, because the rosters would be frozen. This would be very successful. We really need to study this. Our state cup winners would have more time to get ready for regionals.

District 1 Chairperson, Alan Jones stated that it would be frustrating for a team to win the premier division in the spring and already be out in pool play.

Greg Maas stated that this would create a larger window between state cup and regionals, and would solve a lot of recruiting problems we have going on within our state.

Alan Jones stated that by going to a single elimination would help this as well.

FEES BEING PAID IN A TIMELY MANNER

President Leisa Vineyard stated that we are having issues of money not coming in with the rosters. Each league and club can turn in their own money, and not go thru the districts, but they must have the money when they turn in their paperwork or it will not be accepted.

Vineyard asked if it would be easier for the leagues and clubs to turn in their own money or should we continue to have the districts turn in 1 check for their entire district? What way would you like to do it?

District 2 Chairperson, Eric Blommer stated that he would push for having the leagues and clubs send in their own checks.

Recreation Chairperson, Paul Brockbank asked how we would account for any discrepancies.

Executive Director, Scott Harward stated that it is easiest to continue to fill out the talley sheets and pay from that, then after registration, we can go back and do a data dump and reconcile.

Leisa Vineyard stated that the District Chairperson need to take this back to their leagues and clubs and come up with a solution for next board meeting.

PRESIDENTAL APPOINTMENT

Motion was made, seconded and approved to ratify Bruce Cuppett as the Risk Management Chairperson by President Leisa Vineyard.

Vineyard stated that the Office will run all of the back ground checks, but Bruce will be in charge of running the program. Bruce will also continue to run the X-League program as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made, and seconded to move into Executive Session at 10:15 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. at the State Office of Utah Youth Soccer Association.

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