

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors
August 20, 2009

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 8:30 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
Jodi Wells, Secretary
Scott Dunkley, Treasurer
Eric Blommer, Competition Director
Debbie Haycock, Recreation Director
Troy Anderson, District 1 Chairperson, 9:00 p.m.
Trisha Roberts, District 2 Chairperson
Spencer Bills, District 3 Chairperson
Dave Mills, District 4 Chairperson
Richard Nordfors, District 6 Chairperson

Also present were, Sarah Smith, (Top Soccer Chairperson), Greg Maas, (State Technical Director), Pat Sebring, (Tournament Director), Andrew Haitt, (Executive Director), Bruce Cuppett, (State Cup Director), Orden Yost, (District 1), Mark Skeen, (ADG), Dennis Burrows, Sarah Cowley, Kendra Hall, Paul Cassell, and (Sparta WPSL)

MINUTES

Please Review the June 2009 minutes that are included in the BOD packet for acceptance at the next BOD meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Welcome to Mark Skeen from ADG and to Dennis Burrows, Sarah Cowley, Kendra Hall, and Paul Cassell from Sparta Women's Premier Soccer League.

BUSINESS

WOMENS PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE

Dennis Burrows from the Sparta Women's Premier Soccer League presented a proposal to the BOD for help from UYSA in the form of a sponsorship.

Eric Blommer, Competition Director, I would really like to see us make a contribution to help out the girls.

Bruce Cuppett, State Cup Director, We formed a sponsorship with the Spiders, we branded them on our website, and the kids got in free when they came in their jersey. I agree with Eric, I think we should help them out.

Debbie Haycock, Recreation Director, we Co-branded the Spiders; we should look at doing the same with Sparta and Utah Starzz.

Please take this back to your Districts, and we will vote on this next month, for sponsorship moneys to go to these 2 WPSL teams.

PROPERTIES

Orden Yost reported on his findings of properties to move the UYSA office to.

There are multiple sites that we can work with, but we need to establish a budget, determine whether or not to build, or buy. We need to form a committee of 3-4 people to review. President Cindy Baron will form a committee. Executive Director, Drew Hiatt, and Troy Anderson, District 1 Chairperson, whom is an Architect, will review and do an assessment of properties.

ADG

Mark Skeen, ADG, Thanked UYSA for having him come up. Everyone seems to be trained very well on our system. We would like to continue working with UYSA, and we are willing to offer incentives to continue.

President, Cindy Baron Thanked Mark for coming and spending time with UYSA.

FWR—HOTEL POLICY AND STATE CUP

State Cup Director, Bruce Cuppett reported that we have 98 teams registered for state cup, 40 teams have not paid, and they will need to be paid by Friday August 21st. The Coaches/Team Manager Mandatory meeting will be held on Friday, August 28th at Juan Diego at 7 p.m.

Stay and Play Policy

Far West Regional Hosting States are no longer getting money from merchandising. If a team uses any hotel it has to be a stay and play hotel. Otherwise it is a \$500 fine. Our State Association will be able to block out rooms with no cost to us, and then the teams will work through us.

We will block out a minimum of 6 rooms per team—we can turn back any rooms that are not used, but all teams must go through us.

Rates will be lower than you can go in and get them on your own. 6% will go back to the hosting state, and our association will get a 2% kickback—we can then use this to help out the teams going to Regionals.

RULE CHANGE

Fifa Rule states that 2 pair of socks are required. So we will add that to the State Cup Rules. The teams will be required to have 2 sets—so if a conflict comes up the home team will be required to change.

XLEAGUE ALIGNEMENT FORMS

Bruce Cuppett stated that we have 90 teams in the Xleague, and only 57 alignment forms were turned in. The registrars are not doing their jobs.

In order for teams to be aligned right, we need these forms.

SUBSTITUTION RULE

The Substitution rule needs to be blasted out to all State Competition Coaches. It is now Open Substitution, at any stoppage time with the consent of the referee.

NAMES ON JERSEYS

It is strongly recommended that we have no names on jersey's. This is a Risk Management issue. It needs to be up to the organization to adopt a policy that states that no names on jerseys. Something needs to be in the rules for us to enforce this.

PRESIDENTS CUP

Presidents Cup will be moving to St. George in February. This will be a National qualifier for U13-U17 girls and boys. U11-U12 and U18 teams can participate, but will not qualify for the National Qualifier. The Regional Cup will be held in Medford, Oregon.

The biggest issue that we are having with moving the Presidents up to St. George is referees, housing them etc.

If you play in State Cup, you cannot play in Presidents cup. An E-mail blast needs to go out on this to all coaches.

Motion made and seconded that we follow guidelines that anyone that is entered into State Cup cannot enter Presidents cup, all ages groups and genders and vice versa. Motion passes.

HOSTING BIDS/REGIONAL EVENTS

2011 Regional Presidents Cup—Park City is very interested in presenting a bid to host.

2012 National Championships Cup up for bid, Utah will be putting in a bid for this.

2012 National Workshops Bid—Bruce Cuppett and Jodi Wells will be heading up this bid.

ODP Camps—Region Boys and Girls

Lots of opportunities for us to host regional events.

IRS 990 FILING

The importance of the 990—this needs to get down to all teams. We will have a link on the website concerning this issue.

Financials need to be signed by all Board of Directors.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS

Secretary Jodi Wells asked that all Board of Directors fill out and return their conflict of interest forms to her as soon as possible.

REPORTS

Please submit written reports so that they can be included in the BOD packets to save time.

Agenda items need to be in by the 5th of each month.

David Mills—District 4 Chairperson

League 29 has a new president – Kurt Walker

Just completed our fall coaches meeting.

Debbie Haycock—Recreation Chairperson

We will be starting up our Recreation meetings once again.

Pat Sebring—Tournament Chairperson

I have attended every tournament this summer. Our tournaments are all over the place. Nothing is consistent. Field sizes seem to be the biggest issue, they have all been different. We will be having our first meeting in October.

Greg Maas—State Technical Director

Suggested having the Board consider helping out ODP—Districts helping or allocated money from registration. We need to look at ways we can help fund this program. Complete report included in BOD packet for review.

Drew Hiatt—Executive Director

We will begin invoicing the District Registrars the 1st of every month. Please review complete report that is included in the BOD packet.

Cindy Baron—President

The Seattle Sounders are funding Washington ODP; we are working with ReAL Salt Lake.

We are working on finding new Office space that will accommodate our needs.

The AGM dates have been set; we are working on putting this event together.

National AGM is in July.

Youth Council Meeting will be in February/March, they have a proposal to do away with one of US Youth seats and give to US Club.

We have proposals on the table to host Regional and National events.

Packets need to be finalized for our volunteer/coach awards by October to be submitted to the Region. We also need nominees for next year's volunteer/coaches awards from every district. These need to be submitted by December 1st.

We are working with Brett Thompson, we approved \$5,000 for moving, it will cost more to come from Ohio, we need to make the contract more appealing, more incentives etc. We will bring them to the board for consideration.

Constitution Convention—the next meeting is either on August 22nd or August 29th. We would like to get the draft out by October, Cindy will send out an e-mail with the date.

Website needs to be over hauled; we are looking into accepting bids to have this done.

October Board meeting—it is in the middle of State Cup, and also the Region IV Fall Workshops.

Motion made and seconded to not hold an October Board Meeting. Motion passes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made and seconded to enter into Executive session.

Kali has quit as our part time receptionist, so we are looking for another one.

Greg is still working here, let's put everything behind us and move forward.

Greg has received an invitation to the NSCAA Master License. It will cost \$1,700, the money could come from the profit we had from the National Youth License. Motion made and seconded to approve continuing education. Motion passes.

Greg's contract is up this year, we need to let him know by September 1st, renew or re-negotiate. Motion made and seconded to renew Greg's contract. Motion passes.

Further status on Drew; entertain the motion to keep Drew. Motion made and seconded to make Drew the New Executive Director. Motion passes. We will vote on his contract next month.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 11:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 8 p.m. at the State Office of Utah Youth Soccer Association.

*These draft minutes were prepared by Secretary Jodi Wells.
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