

UYSA Board Of Directors Meeting

August 15, 2002

A meeting of the UYSA Board of Directors was held on August 15, 2002 at the UYSA State Offices in Salt Lake City, UT. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Richard Messenger, President.

PRESENT: Richard Messenger, Leisa Vineyard, Tom Borrowman, Cindy Baron, Peter Unwin, Alex Lundquist, Nancy Christensen, John Lowery, Bruce Cuppett, Debbie Haycock, Ken Snoy, Dave Funk, Scott Harward, Richard Yoder, Tina Patterson,

PROXIES:

NOT EXCUSED: Arnold Wilcox

EXCUSED: Bill Patterson

Reviewed changes to the June minutes. MOTION made by Leisa to accept the corrected minutes. Voted. Motion passes.

REPORTS:

Peter: Mayors Cup have 106 teams in the second session. Having trouble with getting referees re-certified, and getting the State Referee instructor to schedule a class. Referee Instructor, Bill Marsh is not concerned with anything but refereeing high school play and being the worst referee.

NANCY: Striker cup is going on. Assistant Referee course is in progress, and referee assistant class is just beginning. Unhappy that her people have been turned away, yet Bill Marsh is allowing others attend as re-certification criteria. Richard explained the responsibilities of the Referee Instructors and that Bill Marsh is making it difficult for our needs to be met. Within the guidelines it states that the instructors are to be part of each District Board. This individual is in place within most Districts. Bill Marsh has not approved these instructors to teach the courses. Up until a few months ago there was no criteria from National for re-certification, in the early spring the National referee committee passed guidelines requiring 4-6 hours of education for re-certification. Program should be designed by SYRA and SRI to meet the needs within the state. The State Referee Committee took away from the Referee Association all items that would have them in control. We should have a framework in place to have the re-certification taking place as needed. District Seven has been doing the classes for years. "If he is licensed instructor, why the hell do we need Bill's instruction? That's a bunch of crap!" How can one man hold 35000 kids hostage", Dave Funk. Richard Yoder brought up by-law 207 that funds for referee development come from us. Richard Messenger indicated that we would not be releasing these funds to the Referees.

John: D class finishes Saturday. Mini ref clinic with in house Gator tournament. Have spent the last several days working with Paula on the schedules. State has not ever purchased the Logical

Solutions super schedule. It has been purchased and will be here tomorrow. Dave has requested that schedules be faxed to his District, as this is holding up their scheduling process.

Tom: TopSoccer and Soccer Start total of 80 applications with 42 being awarded grants. Do not have final numbers from Far West Regionals, but minimum that the State has made will be in excess of \$25,000.

Dave Funk: Everything is going fine. We have a group that wants to associate with their TOPSoccer program and will fund the program. District will run the program, wanted to make sure that this is possible. Have been using the Tide America to fund the program. Uniroyal has given them some funds.

Alex: Had some registration hic ups. Season is on track.

Richard Messenger: Handed out to those in attendance, the proposal for a state soccer complex. Please read this over and send any suggestions asap. The Foundation made an announcement regarding the use of artificial turf and lighting grants that are available to apply for. We can also apply for grants for TOPSoccer and Soccer Start.

Question raised by Arnold in previous meeting of not being aware that UYSA had made a proposal to host the National Workshops. In either September or October that Richard had mentioned that it was helpful to UYSA to have outside exposure, stated that he would be seeking these types of opportunities for UYSA. Bruce agreed with these comments and talked about how this is a great opportunity for Utah. It also allows our coaches to mingle with the National Staff and a chance for us to shine. Richard announced that Utah was the only one to submit a bid for the Region IV Workshops. There was a negative comment about how the hotels that participated in Far West didn't charge the going rate, but insisted on the contract price. Some other states in the Region do not want to come back to Utah for this reason. Will be looking at hosting the Region Workshops in Park City, or at Snowbird resort.

In previous meetings Arnold has brought up the allegation that Debbie violated the by-laws. Richard addressed that when this problem was happening Richard had emailed to Byron Davies that there was a subsequent by-law to the one that he was quoting. Byron chose not to respond, but instead resigned his position. Debbie was upholding the current by-laws.

Last meeting the Executive Board looked at the rescheduling policy. Richard asked for guidance in what this body wants. Are we protecting league play, or the play of optional events. Rules used to state six specific reasons to allow the rescheduling of games. Ken has proposed that we have a policy in place to help guide the direction that we need to be heading. Need this body to rewrite the policy with the emphasis to be that USYSA sanctioned events can take priority over league play. MOTION by Nancy to rewrite and present to the BOD the rules rescheduling of the games. Never 2nd, motion fails. MOTION by Debbie to write policy so that opportunity for teams to play in tournaments sanctioned by UYSA and/or USYSA, teams would still be required to give adequate notice to the opponents will be allowed. It is currently in the policy that make-up games need to be played within the specified time frame. Voted. Motion passes.

Presidents Meeting held in June. League Presidents wanted to know why the Executive Committee controls what the leagues can do. Explained the voting strength of the Board of Directors. It is very difficult for the Executive Committee to out vote the District Chairpersons. District Chairs have clout and have control over what happens at the State Level. District Chairs are the State.

Scott has had several requests for clinics, all levels. As the SYRA, he has to work in the approved framework. After Scott attends the training he will be able to help with the training of referees on the District Level. Has people lined up to help with the clinics after he returns from the training and plans on having this implemented by the end of September.

US Club Soccer has been granted status with USSF. There is the possibility that an appeal will be filed regarding this with USSF. The Youth Council disagrees with this status. Rule is that they need to have a viable program in 26 states, but Youth believes that it is important criteria.

MOTION to go to Executive Session by Alex Lundquist at 9:30

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

In July RM indicated that he was going to file a complaint with USSF regarding Haertel. This is the complaint. Asked Richard Yoder to stay for verification that Richard has not told Richard Y information regarding this issue. From this point RM will respond directly to Leisa and RY. Once Leisa and RY read the evidence and decide that there is evidence for a hearing. This should direct all venom to RM and take everyone else out of line of fire. Blackburn has agreed that this is a more protective of the BOD and yet more volatile to RM himself. FYI many of the BOD and officers who have been included in his allegations. Some by name and others by reference.

Tom and Richard have looked at the accounting report that needs to be squared away. Some coding has not been as accurate as possible. There are some activities that act as a loss while others are a profit. This is because of the coding issues. Brett, seems to be tied down and as such Tom and Richard will do the re-coding and give this to the accountant. No excuses and will not speculate why this was not done correctly. Suggestion by Bruce to treat this as an i-house audit. This is exactly how this will be handled.

Request by John that he be given notice when the complaint is being sent to the Haertel's that he be given notice.

Appreciate you and what you do for the kids. We grew again last year. Need to look at the program and notice the parents and how we present ourselves. We have an excellent program and we need to figure out how to sell it.

Point by Debbie that the State has got to get schedules out sooner so that the Districts are not held hostage by the States schedules. This is a problem as it makes the Districts look bad.

RM stated that if the leagues/Districts/Clubs would all input their information on EVERY player, it would speed up all aspects of the State functions, ie, rosters, player numbers, financial reconciliation, . What can we do to fix this and move ahead.

Proposal by Dave for the Boys and Girls Competition Directors and Paula, and a representative from each District to look at ways to solve this scheduling problem, and also look at other software programs. Alex recommended that it be a person from each District with registrar experience. Bruce would like to see that it be standardized by age group as to which night they play on. This is to be completed by November 1, 2002.

Ken stated that we need to look at this whole problem. This is a very large problem.. Our program has grown to large for one person. Paula is too busy, with Pioneer Cup, Far West, etc. The office is understaffed, we need to get her some help and expertise. RM and Brett have discussed this and they are looking at solutions. We need to work at the work load and hire expert temporary help for those times that the work load is heavy. Suggestion to hire someone for the data input. Voted. Motion passes unanimously. Ken and Debbie have been asked to co-chair this committee. Ken feels that this is very bad timing for himself and possibly Debbie. Leisa will Chair the committee and will have a report prepared by November Board meeting.

Good Of the Game:

Thank Bruce and Greg for the youth modules out in League 11. Greg showed extra effort. Thanks for help in getting the coaches certified. Ken wants to know who is getting coaches license levels out on web-site. This has been given to the web master to post. Why do we have to submit copies of license with each team roster.

Also need to find out why current forms are not on the web-site. RM explained that the shading needs to be taken off the originals. Ken noted that Colleen is a volunteer and that she is doing a wonderful job, Brett can also post and fix things on the web-site.

MOTION to adjourn Executive Session and adjourn the meeting.

MOTION was made in the Executive Session to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m.