

**UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**December 13, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association was called to order by President Scott Maxfield at 8:05 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:

Scott Maxfield, President  
Cindy Baron, Vice President  
Jodi Wells, Secretary  
Joe Johnson, Treasurer  
Eric Blommer, Proxy, Competition Director  
Orden Yost, District 1 Chairperson  
John Gygi, District 3 Chairperson  
Brian Smith, District 5 Chairperson—via phone  
Norm Williamson, SYRA

Also present were Bruce Cuppett, (State Cup Chairperson), Jodene Smith (State Registrar), Debbie Haycock (Risk Management), Greg Maas (State Technical Director), Bobby Ginn (State Executive Director), and David Trapp (Sparta United).

**WELCOME**

President Scott Maxfield welcomed our board members in attendance and thanked everyone for coming.

**REPORTS**

**COMPETITON DIRECTOR**

Proxy, Eric Blommer reported that the Competition Committee did not meet this month. We are working on Section 6 in the policies. January 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for any bylaw changes for the AGM; Section 6 is a policy, so it will be brought to the board in January.

**STATE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR**

State Technical Director Greg Maas reported the following:

**Coaching Education:**

- \*All courses in 2008 need facility, contact, etc., confirmation.
- \*Matt Linford and ADG have set up Online Registration for our coaching courses.
- \*I respectfully propose a raise in fees for the E and D Licenses to \$75.00 for the E License and \$125.00 for the D License, The current fees stand at \$50.00 and \$75.00, and have not been changed since 2002-03. The fees will help to curb the costs of office administration, manual reproduction, facility rentals, equipment, and instructor expenses.

**ODP UPDATES:**

\*ODP notification challenges with AGD—Special thanks to Colette Albretson for her relentless help with getting this up and running.

\*ODP Pool Training/Clinics underway at BYU—special thanks to Chris Watkins for setting this up.

\*Training resumes January 5, 2008.

\*ODP Championship January 18-21, 2008 in Phoenix. Teams leave on the 17<sup>th</sup>, coaches the 16<sup>th</sup>, and coaches will attend the Region IV ODP Coaches Symposium.

\*Expense of the event is raising serious concerns for me and our program.

### **Region IV Team Selections:**

\*Region IV Disney Showcase Selections: 1990 Boys Region IV ODP Team: Daxton Beausoleil, Charlie Brennan, Kalala Fabrice, Jacob Hustedt, Nikola Mijic, Michael Nielsen and Gabby Okito. 1991 Boys Region IV ODP Team: Carlos Cruz and Jose Segura.

### **US Soccer National Team Selection**

\*U-15 Men's National Team – James Roger

\*U-16 Women's National Team – Kealia Ohai and Cloee Colohan

### **Player Highlight:**

\*Megan Ohai winning the NCAA Women's Division 1 National Championship with USC.

\*Hannah Silvey, Karalee Baron, Marene Gomez, Kim Olsen, Lindy Stauffer, Karley Nelson, Mileena Buchi, Jamie VanGrol, Lauren Johnson, Erica Sholly, Katie Morgan, Marissa Booth, Lindsey Bodene and Staci Kendall at the NJCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship with Iowa Western Community College.

### **Facility Update:**

\*Beginning discussions with Scott, Bobby, etc., with regard to the possibility of building an indoor facility for UYSA. For a peek at a concept for consideration, go to

[www.superkick.com](http://www.superkick.com)

### **Region IV Coach of the Year Nomination:**

\*Congratulations to David Newman from District 6 for being nominate as Region IV Boys Coach of the year.

### **Office Staff:**

\*Tremendous job all around – Thanks!

### **Vacation:**

\*I will be in Portland, Oregon visiting family and friends December 26<sup>th</sup>, returning to the office on January 2, 2008.

## **RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Recreation Director, Terri Baker reported the following:

### **STATE CUP CHAIRPERSON**

State Cup Chairperson, Bruce Cuppett reported the following:

\*Start date for Spring State Cup has changed to Saturday, 10 May 2008.

\*Finish date will be Saturday 24 May 2008 unless bad weather forces us to finish on Monday 26 May, 2008.

\*This gives us 3 Saturdays to work all the games in.

\*The change has been posted on UYSA website on the banner heading, also under State Cup and on the USYA calendar.

\*Teams need to be sure they understand the change as a major tournament is played in Boise Friday, 9 May thru Sunday 12 May 2008 and we will not change game schedules to accommodate those teams.

\*State Cup applications Close of Business on Tuesday 1 April 2008.

\*Mandatory State Cup meeting for team managers/administrators 7 p.m. Friday, 4 April 2008—site to be announced.

\*State Cup play-ins Monday 7 April thru Wednesday 16 April 2008.

\*All player transfers to UYSA close of business Monday 28 April 2008.

\*Roster freeze close of business Wednesday, 30 April 2008.

\*State Cup schedules on UYSA web site by Friday 2 May 2008.

\*Mandatory teams check in at the UYSA office Tuesday, 6 May 2008 from noon to 6 pm

\*Need to check with all U12 thru U18 Boys finalist from fall State Cup to insure they will accept a wild card for FWR in Hawaii.

\*There are some rumors out there about U19 teams (boys and girls) being formed to play in State Cup to be able to advance to FWR. These teams need to insure that 60 percent of the players are from Utah, and not just going to school in Utah.

\*UYSA and the other state associations in Region IV have elected not to block out hotel rooms for teams from their states. This has been this way since FWR 2006 in Boise, Idaho. Main reason is the expense to the associations to front the money to hold the rooms and then losing the money because teams make their own reservations.

\*The information for FWR 2008 in Hawaii is on the Region IV website and Hawaii Youth Soccer web site. The information is for travel providers, airlines, hotels and rental cars. Play dates are Monday 16 June thru Sunday 22 June 2008.

\*Some clubs are asking for assistance from UYSA for teams going to FWR. UYSA pays the entry fees, team parking fees and team referee assessment fees. That amounts to \$825 for each winner and wild card team or last year 16 champions and 3 wild cards amounted to \$14,775.00.

\*Bracket draw for FWR will be held in Pittsburg on Thursday 7 February 2008 following Region IV council meeting.

\*Three states will bid for FWR 2010 during the Region IV council meeting on Thursday 7 February. They are Idaho, New Mexico and Nevada. Two states can operate off a single venue and Nevada will propose to use two venues.

Bruce also stated the following:

\*We need a policy in writing about birth certificates for tournament check ins.

\*Region IV workshops in October, the contract has not been signed by the Region yet, we need to get this finalized.

\*I will be bringing a risk assessment/weather assessment for regional policy proposal to the board in January before I present it at the National Coaches Meeting in Pittsburg in February. I have been working with Sam Snow on this proposal.

President Scott Maxfield asked Bobby to send a certified letter and the contracts for the workshops to Region IV President to be signed.

## **X-LEAGUE**

Bruce Cuppett reported that alignment forms are out, if they are an independent team the coach signs if they do not have a DOC.

Girl's teams will not be able to play in the Boys leagues. The girls will not move into the boys division.

## **SYRA**

SYRA Norm Williamson reported the following:

\*In this months SRC meeting we discussed the impending (being discussed by US Youth) move to require Referees to have background checks as a requirement to do UYSA games, there was opposition as it is proactive in most business this cost is absorbed by employer. Topic has been tabled pending future action by employers (UYSA/US Youth).

\*Kevin is working with US Soccer to secure a guest instructor to give a clinic during AGM in February/March and would like to have it included on Program. SRC will do a mailing to Referee members.

\*Referee Academy. Am in the process learning/setting a program to run a referee training program which go beyond the entry level for our referees in the 15 to 25/30 ages, there are some successful programs in other states and I and Scott Maxfield feel our referees could benefit with trickle down results. I am going to attend ODP Regional in Phoenix next month to audit and learn how the Region Referee Director runs a Referee Academy, in order to implement/start our own here in Utah. I was going to California (Cal South) to attend the Academy they have, but that is on hold with the passing away of their SYRA last week. I expect to start our first Academy this spring or early summer.

\*Referee Recertification's. Kevin Griffiths has started the Recertification Classes the first was last Saturday there are classes all over the state. These classes are to give out the latest information to referees and get them registered and ready for next year. Dates, times and locations are listed on Utah Soccer Referees web site

<http://www.utahsoccerrefs.com> you can also see the latest instructional information from US Soccer on the site also.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Executive Director, Bobby Ginn reported that we need everyone to vote for the logo for the AGM, it is our 30<sup>th</sup> year.

\*I met with 8 other states directors at ADG; the online system is second to none. We are the only state that does anything with referees. We have a committee with the other states and ADG to help improve their system, to determine what needs to be done first.

\*ADG is good in structuring the way the states need thing to go. It was very productive for me to attend. We are right in the middle of everything that everyone is doing. This committee will help prioritize what needs to be done.

\*The Office Staff has been great in getting in and getting things done.

## **TREASURER**

Treasurer Joe Johnson reported that the audit is complete, very few adjustments that had to be made. We have some things we need to decide on, are we going to continue with the same items. We need to decide how we are going to allocate funds.

As a non-profit organization you need to have in reserve a couple of year's worth of surplus in case of bad times.

I would ask this committee to look and relocate to a spot that is actually ours not rent any longer.

Office, conference rooms, meeting rooms and have in the back an indoor training facility for competition, recreation, top soccer. This organization has come to a point that we should get into a revenue producing building.

President Scott Maxfield and others have been talking about investing in buildings, fields etc. We have \$680,000 in retained funding, \$200,000 for capital improvements, \$18,000 referee development, and \$50,000 State Association.

Do we need to re-allocate this money?

We need to focus on immediate needs, the treasurer needs to review every expenditure that goes out, to make sure approvals are in place.

Scott Maxfield thanked Joe for all the time you have put into this, and asked Bobby to make a copy of the audit and send out to all of the BOD members.

### **FIELD/BUILDINGS**

District 3 Chairperson, John Gygi introduced David Trapp, who has had experience in developing fields both indoor and outdoor in Columbus Ohio we worked with the cities. I can go around and look at areas. The key is to have in various areas.

Scott Maxfield stated that we appreciate your thinking in finding a home for Utah Youth Soccer. It would be a draw. Look at the financial requirements, we are looking for a shell, and build out.

Greg Maas stated that we spend a lot of money in rentals, let's invest this into ourselves. Contact Bobby or Scott with any ideas.

David Trapp stated that he could put together a report and show the areas that are available at your next BOD meeting.

### **REGISTRAR**

State Registrar, Jodene Smith reported that their next meeting will be the 1<sup>st</sup> week of January. We have some housekeeping items to take care of.

Everyone wants their edit button back—I have e-mailed Sue and have not heard anything. Sue is no longer our contact.

Jodene can get into it and fix it.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Risk Management Chairperson, Debbie Haycock reported that currently Kurt Cottrell has been doing the back ground checks through his company. We have found another option it is Backgroundchecks.com very good only \$3.50 per check.

We can set it up with ADG for automatic renewal, they work together. The contract looks good, national and state administrative and judicial check, if we wanted a specific county check it would be additional charge.

This is the direction we would like to go. I would like to have the boards support.

Motion to go with Backgroundchecks.com for all background checks, motion passed.

We have to make sure they have signed the form. I have not got with ADG yet, but Georgia State uses them, so it should be fairly easy to move over. We have to get the

system cleaned up. I recommend that we get the current paperwork input and then move over.

## **DISTRICT REPORTS**

### **District 1**

District 1 Chairperson Orden Yost asked for clarification on the small sided game implementation.

\*Current U10 this spring they will be playing 8v8, 08-09 U11 will be playing 8v8.

\*All tournaments need to be 8v8 for U10 and U11 for this seasonal year.

Greg Maas stated that small sided games will be a big part of the AGM, to get everyone educated.

\*We have done some accounting and we have found an access, and we are willing to send back to the clubs. Let us know if we owe the state anything else.

Bobby Ginn stated that he has been going over reports determining funds that are not paid and getting them out to the Districts that owe anything.

\*The club presidents have come to the last few meetings. We must be doing something good.

\*Last year the tournament committee presented some changes, but they were not presented at the last AGM, can we review and make any changes for the next AGM. All changes must be into the office by January 15, 2008.

### **District 2**

No report

### **District 3—John Gygi**

District 3 Chairperson, John Gygi reported that they will be having their AGM next month. There are several positions up for re-election Vice Chair, Treasurer and Competition Director. We are also getting the online registration up and running for spring.

Some of the teams in our area are asking about chartering planes for regionals.

Bobby Ginn stated that the office has really been trying to help out and find lower cost travel plans it is very expensive.

### **District 4**

No report

### **District 5**

District 5 Chairperson, Brian Smith reported that they have 2 new clubs that want to be affiliated—they do not have a vote until they have been ratified. Paul Burke has been working with them to get their rules and bylaws in line.

### **District 6**

No report

### **District 7**

No report

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Vice President, Cindy Baron stated that we are still trying to have the AGM February 29, March 1, 2008. We still do not have a venue. West Minister is out, I am still checking on Salt Lake Community College. It is looking like a split venue; we will have to go off site for dinners. Convention areas are filling up very fast.

Greg will you check with BYU and also Juan Diego to see if we can use either of their facilities.

The Region has sent out a list of nominations, administration of the year. This year's nominations will be used as our state winners that pass on to the region in the fall.

That way we can help get the packets together to send to the region.

These are the list of the nominations that we want for the State AGM.

Up to the districts to get someone for each group. Deadline will be January 15<sup>th</sup>.

President Scott Maxfield stated that at January's BOD meeting the District chairs need to bring their vehicles to take their trophies for their district home.

Next year we will try and implement an online request for trophies.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Move these action items until next month in January.

Proposals—John Gygi

Motion was made and seconded to move in to Executive Session at 10:30.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Staff Christmas Bonuses and Risk Management Issues were addressed.

Motion was made and seconded to move out of Executive Session at 11:25 pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 11:25 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. at the State Office of Utah Youth Soccer Association.

*These draft minutes were prepared by Secretary Jodi Wells.  
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