

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors
January 17, 2008

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 8:15 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
Kurt Cottrell, Competition Director
Orden Yost, District 1 Chairperson
Trisha Roberts, District 2 Chairperson
Dave Mills, District 4 Chairperson
Brian Smith, District 5 Chairperson
Rich Egan, District 6 Chairperson
Delon Brower, District 7 Chairperson—via phone
Norm Williamson, SYRA

Also present were Bruce Cuppett, (State Cup Chairperson), Jodene Smith (State Registrar), Debbie Haycock—via phone (Risk Management), Mindy Wankier (Tournament Chairperson), Matt L (Director of Operations), 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.

MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from November 15, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting.

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REPORTS

STATE CUP

State Cup Chairperson, Bruce Cuppett reported that they will be posting an announcement on the website alerting every one of the State Cup application deadline and other important deadlines pertaining to State Cup.

X-LEAGUE

X-League Director, Bruce Cuppett reported that he and Greg Maas will be sitting down and re-writing rules for x-league. It is a developmental league; it is not part of recreation, and not part of the state competition league. We are trying to get a handle on it. Everyone needs to complete the new alignment form for the x-league and get it turned in either to the state office or to Jodene Smith, State Registrar.

I will be working with Collette, and we will be running the x-leagues schedules first.

RISK ASSESMENT

Bruce Cuppett has been asked by Region IV to put together a Risk Assessment for the Region. Bruce stated that he has been working with US Youth Sam Snow and John Ellinger, and I will be presenting it in Pittsburg to all of the State Presidents.

The Risk Assessment is being used to help factor in the heat index, and field temperatures to determine if we are putting our youth athletes at risk while playing in extreme temperatures, humidity, and different types of fields.

REGION IV FALL WORKSHOPS

Bruce also stated that we are on line once again to host Region IV Fall Workshops in October 2008. The contracts have all been signed, but I do not know any particulars. We need to have a flyer made for a pre-registration package to hand out in Pittsburg, but I have not heard anything from the Region on costs etc.

STATE YOUTH REFEREE ADMINISTRROR

SYRA, Norm Williamson reported that the next SRC meeting will be on January 30, 2008.

Norm also stated that they have an instructor coming for the AGM to present some Referee classes. Gus will be doing an e-mail blast and we will also send out an announcement in the regular mail as well as have an announcement on the website.

Norm concluded in stating that the summer camp for referees is still in the works, maybe we can work it into a summer tournament or something.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Director of Operations, Matt Linford reported that we have finalized the 30th year anniversary logo for the AGM. We also have a trophy request form for you to look over. This will be for the coaches to fill out and fax in after the season for 1st and 2nd place teams. We will give them about 3 weeks after the season to get the forms turned in. This is only for the competition program, not x-league or recreation.

The tournament Calendar Brochure is also included in the packet, please make sure it looks ok, and if you have any changes get them to me as soon as possible. I would like to get this to the printer by Monday.

Executive Director, Bobby Ginn reported the following:

He needs reports from the following for our AGM Booklet, (this report needs to be e-mailed to him before February 15, 2008), President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, Recreation Director, Competition Director, All District Chair's, State Registrar, State Youth Referee Administrator, Disciplinary Chairperson, Risk Management Chairperson, ODP, Rules Committee, Technical Director, Program Director, Executive Director.

*I am currently in the process of interviewing people for an Administrative Assistant position in the office.

*Please remind teams to completely fill out alignment forms so it will make the Spring Alignment process easier.

*Please review the enclosed budget. If you would like to see a more detailed report please see or call me.

The Office is currently working on the following:

UYSA Marketing Material

On line registration

District Registrar Reports for the office/accounting for a more exact financial and player count.

AGM

Preparing for Spring Scheduling

ODP

Independent Contractor Tax form (1099) mailing—to anyone we have paid out over \$600.00 to.

*Groople is now our official “hotel travel agent”. We are in a 2 year agreement at \$5,000 per year. The contract will allow not only UYSA to make commissions on each hotel reservation but will also allow each club/team that puts their widget on their website to make commissions as well. If we book all of our hotel arrangements through Groople, it will help us all. Ask me how your club or team can have this opportunity to raise money. Groople says they will have the lowest prices we can find.

BUDGET

A copy of the budget is included in the packet for each of you to go over, if you have any questions, Bobby can answer them. We have broken down individual budgets for the different committees, (State Cup, President Cup), that way we can all stay within each of our budgets.

President Scott Maxfield stated that he and Bobby have gone over the entire budget, and the association is in good financial standings. We had a successful audit this year, our Treasurer Joe Johnson has started implementing some items, and the auditor was very please with the progress. Also with the online system, we have been able to recoup money that we have not been able to collect in the past.

Thanks to Bobby for all the hard work in getting the budget put together.

Scott concluded in stating that we have money put aside, and I would like to find a place that we could have ODP practice, coaching licenses, and member organizations could come in and use an indoor facility, and have business offices. The money we put out for use of facilities we could maybe own or rent our own space. I have a few people out looking, it will take a while, but I believe that this would be the next affordable step for the association to take.

Motion was made and seconded to amend the Agenda to have David Trapp take the floor.

SOCCER COMPLEX FOR UYSA

David Trapp presented to the board research he had done in locating available land to design and develop an indoor/outdoor soccer complex located in the Salt Lake Valley that will contain at least one hundred acres of land. Land usage will include twenty one (21) full size soccer fields, parking and an indoor facility of approximately 100,000 square feet. The indoor facility will include 80,000 square feet of soccer field training area, 20,000 square feet for office, concessions, retail, storage, conference room space and restroom/shower areas.

I have talked with Suburban Land Reserve, Kennecott Land, and Salt Lake County; they all have available land and are interested in creating a recreational facility. Scott Maxfield and I will be meeting with the Suburban Land Reserve and Kennecott Land later this month.

The North Salt Lake complex is still on the back burner, they are looking for more land.

The potential is huge.

RSL people are putting a lot of money in to the North Salt Lake complex, and would also be interested in your South Jordan area complex with their new stadium being in Sandy. President Scott Maxfield stated that this would a great opportunity. Thanks to David for putting this together. We are missing out on Regional opportunities by not having a facility.

Rich Egan stated that if we get something going in one area, it might help get something going in other areas as well.

Scott Maxfield stated that in order for this to be successful, it would need to be a multi use facility complex; sharing usage would help to maintain it.

REGISTRAR

State Registrar, Jodene Smith stated that she and the registrars have met and we have submitted a few house keeping rules to be presented at the AGM. We have met and submitted a few house keeping rules.

Motion to remove District chairperson signature out of section one—motion carries.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Management Chairperson, Debbie Haycock reported that the biggest concern we have is the data on the administrators. We need to get this fixed. We are missing date of births on most of them, and we need this information. We may need to make the current administrative data base unavailable and re-input them, if we do a dump, we could be in trouble, because they could be tied to teams. So we are on hold, we can still do manual runs, but to have it automatically run, we need to have all of this information. ADG is working on a way that we can get this cleaned up, the duplicate records and missing items.

Rich Egan asked why we can't just go thru and edit any issues.

Bobby Ginn stated that we need to get the duplicates out.

Scott Maxfield asked if we could get a list and do a line out.

Debbie Haycock stated that as every registrar collects information this year, they could ask for a copy of the driver's license is handed in. Because we need First name, last name, date of birth and then the driver's license, and we would have all the correct spellings and dates by doing that.

Debbie also stated that District 7 will be using the ADG system to schedule referees this spring.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Tournament Chairperson, Mindy Wankier reported that the Tournament Committee held a meeting on January 8, 2008 and have come up with the following policy changes to be considered by the board.

They are as follows:

Current Policy

9:01 COMPOSITION OF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

9:01:01 The tournament committee shall be comprised of the chairperson and six (6) or more committee members. One or more committee members shall be assigned to one of the following functions: programs, fields, scheduling, field marshal and referees.

Proposed Policy Change

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Current Policy

9:03 SANCTIONING CRITERIA

Policy: 1.08 TOURNAMENT REPORT

2. Failure to adhere to the tournament policies, including the late filing of tournament reports and payment of fees, will result in a \$300.00 fine. If after 90 days or by September 30, the report and fees have not been submitted, the tournament will be suspended for the following year. The hosting organizations (district, club and/or league) are responsible for these fines and may be placed in bad standing for failure to comply.

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Motion to amend to remove with the tournament committee , so it would read as follows:

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Motion to accept policies as amended. Motion passed.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1

District 1 Chairperson, Orden Yost stated that they have been working on getting all of their alignment forms filled out. When is the alignment and who needs the alignment forms.

Competition Director Kurt Cottrell stated that the pre-alignment is on February 25, 2008 and the alignment will be on February 28, 2008.

The alignment forms need to go to the district competition directors.

DISTRICT 2

District 2 Chairperson, Trisha Roberts stated that they are working with the competition directors and getting the alignment forms filled out and getting all of the new teams registered.

DISTRICT 3

No report

DISTRICT 4

District 4 Chairperson, David Mills reported that they are doing spring registration, and have been meeting with Davis County Schools negotiating fields with them.

DISTRICT 5

District 5 Chairperson Brian Smith reported that the Utah County AGM is January 23, 2008. It will be posted on the website on who is running for positions on the Board. I have talked with Bobby and Real Salt Lake about putting together a Real Time Capsule; have all clubs bury their patches in the center of the field. They are working on putting together a time capsule at AGM where people can put something into it.

Price wants to come and play in the district again.

Richfield also wants to come up and play.

DISTRICT 6

District 6 Chairperson, Rich Egan reported the following:

*We have enjoyed the holiday break. Most of our current efforts are focused on field issues (not enough quality fields) and improving the soccer experience for lower level of state, district, recreation and younger players—which in turn improves the experience for the top state play also.

*Field concerns: About half the larger (11 v 11) fields used in district 6 are school fields a number of those fields are in very bad shape. We lose 4 city fields in the spring to baseball—that combined with the loss of two-four school fields due to current conditions will put an increased burden on the remaining larger fields and most likely create more field condition issues.

*Our hope is to lesson the use of the fields this spring by playing fewer games per week and lengthening the season playing period. Deemed more possible due to no State Cup play on the boy's side.

*We look forward to additional suggestions, thought and support from the state and other districts with this field concern.

*Soccer experience: There is strong feedback from a number of parents during one on one or small group discussions (these are parents of players playing state premier league to 3rd division, district and recreation levels) to reduce the demand and drive placed on the kids and their families (especially the lower divisions and the younger ages).

*That information matches the recent survey information sent to us by the state. The MAJORITY of the kids that play soccer just want to have fun.

*The MAJORITY of the district 6 board and the families we have talked to agree that fun and healthy competition are the goals. We believe that retention and growth are greatly inhibited by the fact that the demand on kids during the 8-13 age range is just too much for the “normal” family. Many families and kids drop out of soccer due to the fact that

recreation soccer does not provide enough challenge, district level programs are too weak (not enough numbers) and the state programs are too demanding the “normal” family (The MAJORITY of our kids and players fall into these levels).

*The MAJORITY of the soccer player right now need an enhanced environment to play soccer. Two of the major problems are too many games and too much travel leave too little time for fun developmental type practices and other team building experiences.

*We look forward to working with the state and other districts to remedy this problem and are interested to see if other areas feel and see these same issues.

DISTRICT 7

District 7 Chairperson, Delon Brower reported that they held their AGM last night. We have 2 new board members; their information is posted on our website.

We will be using the ADG scheduling module this season, we did a dry run and it appears to do the job. We will also be using the referee assigning module as well.

COMPETITION DIRECTOR

Competition Director, Kurt Cottrell reported that the Competition Committee has finally finished revising section 6 and will e-mail it out to the Board; you will have until February 1st to make any suggestions. We have really cleaned them up, but if you find something that we have missed please let me know.

The alignment form has been re-done as well; we took out stuff that is not needed. We are going to be setting precedence for this spring with team names, we want a list of old name and then new name along with a team number, by requesting this it should go a lot smoother. The new alignment form will address these name changes.

We are working towards next fall making regional play for the lower division teams. We have had really good attendance at our meetings, and we have done a lot thru e-mail as well. We have discussed going to every other month meetings.

Scott Maxfield stated that he would like the competition committee to look and doing away with carrying of birth certificates, I would like to have them electronic. The Region has addressed this, so we need to be looking at this as well.

Bruce Cuppett stated that on the Regional side once everything is in the system, the team would only need to show up with passes, rooster, and medical release. If there are any questions addressing birth certificates they can contact the state registrars.

As soon as I get more information, I will pass it along to the competition committee.

AGM

Vice President Cindy Baron reported that the 30th Annual General Meeting will be held on February 29 & March 1, 2008 at Juan Diego High School in Draper Utah.

Friday, February 29, 2008 we will have a Dinner Buffet from 6:15-7:00 and then the Annual General Business Meeting will go from 7:00-10:00 pm (all voting members of the State Council should be in attendance)

Saturday, March 1, 2008 we will have Committee Meetings starting at 8:00 am and then from 8:30-2:45 we will offer Workshops, Coaching Clinics, U10 Jamboree Tournament and a Kids Zone at 3:00 pm we will end our AGM with the Awards Luncheon.

*Even though reminders have been given almost monthly since May, we are very disappointed in the number of coaches who were nominated. Our Coach of the year for the Boys, David Newman is the 2007 Region IV Coach of the Year. He is getting a FREE TRIP to the National Workshops in Pittsburg. There he will be competing against the nominees from the other three regions for US Youth Coach of the Year. This is a big deal and we need to get nominations in from each league, club and district.

*We have two other nominations and they are both for Girls, so one of them will be selected as the Utah Coach of the Year for 2008 and their packet will need to be ready to go to the Region by August 1, 2008. We will NOT be submitting a Coach of the Year for 2008 for the boys.

*Other nominations: We received 1 volunteer of the year, and 2 parent of the year nominations. These are all from the same league. We received no administrator of the year nominations.

*Is there only one league, club or district that has good people? Why do you not recognize the volunteers and parents from your leagues, clubs or districts?

*Proposed Rule Changes: the deadline was the 15th of January at 5:00 p.m. The Rules Committee will be meeting to review them for compliance with the Bylaws and Policies. They will be mailed out no later than February 14, 2008.

*Enclosed in your packets are a list of proposed workshops, each of the instructors are members of our board, addressing items pertaining to their responsibilities.

*I ask that each District arrange for 2-3 volunteers per hour for Saturday. Those that help for 3 hours, we will pay their way to the Awards Luncheon. We will need help with "crowd control" at the various venues on Saturday, hand out goody bags, kids zone area, introduce presenters, UYSA booth, raffles, attendees questions etc.

ACTION ITEMS

PROPOSALS—John Gygi

Move these proposals to next meeting; John Gygi was not in attendance.

FEE INCREASE—LICENSE CLASSES

President Scott Maxfield stated that last month Technical Director Greg Maas had proposed to the board for a License Fee Increase, but was not voted on, so I propose to you the fee increase as follows:

For a E licenses it would increase from \$50 to \$75

For a D License it would increase from \$75 to \$125

There has not been a fee increase since 2002; this fee increase will help to curb the costs of office administration, manual reproduction, facility rentals, equipment, and instructor expenses.

Motion to accept fee increase, motion passes

This will be effective immediately.

Motion was made and seconded to move into executive session at 10:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Risk Management Issues were addressed.

Motion was made and seconded to move out of Executive Session at 10:50 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 10:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2008 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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