

Unapproved Draft Minutes

**UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JULY 15, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association was called to order by President, Paul C. Burke 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:

Paul C. Burke, President
Scott Maxfield, Vice President
Jodi Wells, Secretary
Rick Hennage, Treasurer
Debbie Haycock, Girls Competition Director
Dave Malchenson, Boys Competition Director
Richard Yoder, Disciplinary Chair, & Proxy for Director of Development
Arnold Wilcox, Chairperson of District 1, (Salt Lake City/Summit County)
Leisa Vineyard, Chairperson of District 2, (West Salt Lake County)
John Lowery, Chairperson of District 3, (Sandy/Draper)
Dave Mills, Chairperson of District 4, (Weber County)
Mike Tate, Chairperson of District 5, (Utah County)
Richard Messenger, Chairperson of District 6, (Davis County)
Delon Brower, Chairperson of District 7, (Cache County)
Gunther Haidenthaller, State Youth Referee Administrator

Also present were Scott Harward (Executive Director), Amy Oakeson (Program Administrator), Teresa Ortiz (State Cup Director), Linda Kay Messenger (Rules Committee Chairperson), John Johnson (Blitz FC).

Board members who were excused or absent included Bruce Cuppett (Director of Development), Jodene Smith (Risk Management), and Greg Maas (Technical Director).

WELCOME

President Paul C. Burke welcomed all those in attendance at the meeting. Burke also congratulated the State of Utah for being chosen to be the newest franchise of a MLS Team.

REPORTS

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

President Paul C. Burke offered the report due to the fact that Technical Director Greg Maas was unable to attend this meeting. Burke Reported that the Utah ODP teams have been very successful, to date, we have had 16 players invited to the Region IV and

National Team Pools. The “88 girls and ’87 boys are in the final days of their respective camps and have 2-3 players each in contention for holdover region camp. The ’87 and ’91 girls leave for camp Saturday, July 17, 2004.

’91 Boys-National Camp Invitees

Robbie Hull, Camden Smith

ODP Region IV Pool

’90 Boys-

Michael Knight, Jacob Hustedt, Gaby Okito and Clay Broadbent.

’90 Girls-

McKinzie Olsen, Niki Fernandes and LaChere Anglin

’89 Boys-

Marco Angelo, Jesse (Tyson) Kupfer

’89 Girls-

Megan Ohai, Jesse Baddley and Hailee DeYoung

’88 Boys-

Andre Miller, James Jaramillo

JDA Camp – Aug 1-7

-Registration now in progress

-Location Change:

Centerville City Park

1350 N 400 West

Centerville, Utah 84014

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Scott Harward Executive Director reported that all of the financials are enclosed. The following budget categories of Risk Management, Equipment purchase, and transportation are over proposed budge. This budget is at best a guess estimation, and we have fallen short on a few of the categories.

We have out right purchased the trailer at the complex, and I am asking that the board ratify the purchase of the trailer. Recommend and prepare the appropriate policy.

John made the motion nunc pro tunc to approve the purchase of the trailer.

Richard Messenger, District 6 Chairperson stated that the risk management budget is over budget from the numbers that we had, multiply by 4 it should have been around 7500.

We really need to double check the numbers.

Harward replied that he would check all the billings to make sure we have not been double billed.

Richard Messenger stated that if they do not have a social security number what do they need.

Mike Tate District 5 Chairperson stated that other states have used driver’s license numbers.

Scott Harwood reported that our risk management program requires a social security number.

Delon Brower District 7 Chairperson stated that when they had someone flagged; only the registrar was notified. The District chair needs to be notified as well.

TREASURER

Congratulations to Rick Hennage on his recent election to Treasurer.

Rick Hennage reported that the new League 26 president has asked for a complete audit of their books.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter into executive session to go over a conflict of interest issue. Seconded. Motion passes.

Motion to exit executive session. Seconded. Motion passes.

RECESS

Call to recess 8:45

Call back to order 9:10

REGISTRATION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

John Lowery reported that as of today, all the parts of the system scheduled to come online are online. There are a couple of graphic glitches in field character sizes in the scheduler, but looks good for the most part. We'll be able to do our fall league schedule and also can do our state cup tournament from this with online application to play in State cup if we want. As for the registration module, I would be lying if I said it was all going smoothly. I also told you that the deadlines would have to be flexible a bit. Most of the problems have been fixed, but due to the glitches in getting players on teams and the teams activated in the system, I have extended the deadline with the registrars till Monday night, July 19th to finalize the state competition teams and x-league teams. At that time, all activated teams in the system will be brought into the scheduling module to get the schedule done. There are a few minor items still left to fix. Next on the schedule is the referee module and allowing the team administration staff to access their teams. This will occur in late July through mid August time frame. Those of you that are district chairs, please fill out the form given to you so I can get you set up in the system. At the next BOD meeting or any meeting of the district chairs prior to the next BOD meeting, I will go through the computer with you and show you what you can do. From working in this program I have found out how different each district does things and how different the terms we use to describe something are. This "difference" is making the configuration of the program very difficult.

Lowery concluded in saying that there have been some major hold-ups in the program, but nothing like he had expected when we started. All in all, if I had to start over and do it again, I would without hesitation.

Arnold Wilcox, District 1 Chairperson asked if this will get any better my registrar has been putting in a lot of hours and not getting much success. I want to see a product that will work better than logical solutions.

Linda Kay Messenger, Rules Committee Chair stated that there are a few things about this program that I like and also dislike. Getting tech support has been difficult. There is a lot of frustration in getting all of the information input. Some of the things that are not working need to be fixed, such as finding the players after they have been put in, training

on the program is also part of the problem, each of the districts run differently. I would like to see things fixed. We each need a common ground.

Scott Maxfield, Vice President asked about the things that need to be fixed, is there a list that we are compiling, are we giving it back to the committee, what is happening with the list. Is there means in place that these things are being taken down so that we can get things taken care of?

Scott Harward, Executive Director stated that is the biggest frustration that we have, we have a list that is prioritized and we have documentation.

John Lowery, District 3 Chairperson and Online Registration Program Manager stated that he keeps the list and works with ADG directly.

Richard Messenger, District 6 Chairperson asked at what point do we pull the plug on the system. One of the outs in the contract is technical assistance, if we have issues when do they get them fixed.

Debbie Haycock, Girls Competition Director stated that who ever are working directly with ADG needs to let them know they are not keeping up their end of the bargain.

Rick Hennage, Treasurer stated that people do not like new systems or change; we need to work and negotiate with them to make this work.

Arnold Wilcox stated that this is not a new program; it is well established in California. While we are inputting, we continue to get Cal South info flashed up on the screen. It is a program that is not doing what it needs to be doing.

Richard Messenger stated that new programs take some time to get use to, they sold us a program that is user friendly, it has not been user friendly, tech assistance has not been there, training has been just try something. If you don't have an answer to place it in, then make something up. That is a program fault. I do not see a purpose to keep paying on this.

Paul C. Burke, President stated it is very clear that we need to be putting some pressure on ADG to get these issues resolved.

Proposal was made to continue using this program for State Competition teams only, each district and league can use their own system for their recreation and in house play. Scott Maxfield stated that we need to give them the list of grievances and make them stick to it.

Seconded.

Richard Messenger suggested a friendly amendment that UYSA be able to renegotiate a price on the numbers that will be using the system.

Call to question.

Motion to limit the mandatory use to the state competition leagues and x-league teams and go back and renegotiate with ADG a new price and give a deadline.

Motion passes.

REFEREE CONCERNS

Gunther Haidenthaller, State Youth Referee Administrator reported that youth regionals were very successful 10 referees represented Utah and 4 of them were new. We also had 4 officials that were asked to move into the final games, and we had 1 official, Brandy Griffith, asked to go on to nationals.

Haidenthaller also stated that changes need to be made, the .50 cent increase in referee fees has been taken care of and passed by the board. The last time fee for referees were

increased was about 10 years ago, at that time we had an average of 300 referees. We currently have 970 referees, but every year we lose about 50% of our referee base. We have a constant flow of brand new referees coming in, I would like to see an increase in the referee fees U15 and older currently receive \$25 Center and \$15 Line, propose to increase it to \$36 Center and 26 Line, U11-U14 currently receive \$20 Center and \$10 Line, propose to increase it to \$26 Center and \$18 Line.

Haidenthaller also recommended that when a team does not show a fine be assessed, and when a referee does not show they are fined, also, a fine be assessed for not turning in their game reports.

Paul C. Burke President asked that Gunther Haidenthaller put some of these recommendations into writing and bring before the board next month.

Scott Maxfield, Vice President stated that a lot of money is going out to the referees. If we were to combine with the amateurs and have a referee office, give a salary and have them run both programs we would have an administrative hold on them, and we would not have the referees bouncing around. By bringing it into 1 area we would have the opportunity to build up our referees.

STATE CUP RULES

Motion to adopt amendment to Policy 9:04:02 to read Utah Youth Soccer Championship. Seconded, Motion passes.

Motion to adopt amendment to add U11 age group to the State Cup Tournament. Seconded.

Debbie Haycock, Girls Competition Director stated that Greg Maas, Technical Director made the recommendation that they play in a separate tournament.

Mike Tate, District 5 Chairperson stated what we do with the U9 and U10 teams that want to play

Debbie Haycock stated that we run it in conjunction with state cup and only run U11's John Johnson, Blitz FC Club stated that this year in the U12 girls state cup 3 U11 teams went to the semi's and quarters. Only 4 U11 teams competed, 3 of them belonged there. Dave Malchenson, Boys Competition Director stated that we let them compete and leave as it is.

Teresa Ortiz State Cup Chairperson stated that we have to get down to 4 teams. This last year we ended up with so many brackets, I am trying to make a more reasonable way to get down to the 4 teams.

Debbie Haycock stated that the ultimate thing is we do not want to eliminate anyone, but by offering a U11 bracket, this may help alleviate some of the problems, because this tournament is open to all teams.

Call to question

All in favor to add U11 teams to the state cup tournament.

Oppose have it 8 to 6.

Motion fails.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 10:25 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association is scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. at the State Office of the Utah Youth Soccer Association.

**These draft minutes were prepared by Secretary Jodi Wells.
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