

Utah Youth Soccer Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
March 20, 2003

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 PM at the Logan Recreation Center in Logan, Utah. The following Board members were present:

Paul C. Burke, President
Jodi Wells, Secretary
Tom Borrowman, Treasurer
Bruce Cuppett, Director of Development
Ken Snoy, Boys Competition Director
Arnold Wilcox, Chairman of District 1 (Salt Lake)
Bill Patterson, Chairman of District 2 (Southwest Salt Lake County)
John Lowery, Chairman of District 3 (Sandy/Draper)
Nancy Christensen, Chairwoman of District 4 (Weber County)
Mike Tate, Chairman of District 5 (Utah County)
Peter Unwin, Chairman of District 6 (Davis County)
Delon Brower, Chairman of District 7 (Cache County)
Jim Clark, State Youth Referee Administrator
Richard Messenger, Past President

Also present were Gail Ellison (ODP Administrator), Dave Funk (Former District 7 Chairman), Scott Harward (State Office Manager), Greg Maas (Technical Director), Linda Kay Messenger (Rules Committee Chairwoman), Teresa Ortiz (State Cup Committee Member), Tina Patterson (State Registrar), Jodene Smith (Risk Management), and Richard Yoder (Discipline Committee Chairman).

Debbie Haycock, Girls Competition Director, was excused due to family emergency.

WELCOME

Special thanks was offered by President Paul C. Burke to District 7 for hosting this meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Jodi Wells presented the draft minutes from the February 20, 2003 meeting of the Board of Directors. These draft minutes were distributed to the Board in advance of the April Board meeting. A motion was made by Bill Patterson and seconded to accept the minutes. A friendly motion was made by Richard Yoder and accepted to eliminate a repeated heading title and replace it with "Re-Authorization of Multiple-Rostering Policy for Leagues At Large." Motion was made by Richard Messenger and seconded to amend the section addressing the authorization for new bylaws for UYSA so as to limit the authorization to review the current bylaws for compliance with state law and the rules of affiliate organizations. Motion failed by a voice vote and then by subsequent division, 9 to 5. The minutes, as amended, from the February 20, 2003 meeting of the Board of Directors were then adopted, as amended, by voice vote with one abstention.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MEETING RULES

A motion was made by John Lowery and then seconded to adopt the meeting agenda, to set time limits for agenda items, to limit discussion of each item of new business to seven minutes, to authorize the chairman to call for a dispositive motion upon expiration of the discussion period, and to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. This motion was passed with one abstention.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Technical Director Greg Maas reported that eleven licensing courses, involving more than 300 coaches, have been conducted in recent months. Maas reported that three E License Courses were attended by 75 candidates, five D License Courses by 120 candidates, and three Youth Modules Courses by 125 attendees. Maas reported that Utah will host National B and C License Courses at Weber State University on July 19-27, 2003. Maas also reported that Utah has been named to host a National Youth License Course this summer. Maas further reported on plans to send three State Instructional Staff Coaches to attend a National C Instructors Course in Seattle from May 1-4, 2003 so that Utah will be able to host its own courses.

Maas also announced the establishment of a Coaching Education Calendar of Events for the 2003-04. This calendar sets dates for coaching courses that will be held in Salt Lake County, Weber/Davis County, Cache County, Utah County, Utah County and Southern Utah during the next eighteen months. The calendar will be added to the website.

Maas reported that JDA and ODP have completed pool training. Final selections for the player pools have been made and notification will be mailed to players by March 21, 2003. An ODP Tournament will be held on May 30th to June 1st in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Maas reported that UYSA will be sending a U18 boys team and a U18 girls team to participate in the Moscow/Utah Youth Games between July 18-27, 2003. This event is being organized in conjunction with the Utah Sports Commission. Maas distributed a list of the Utah players and coaches expected to participate in this event.

Maas then presented the new requirements and recommendations from US Youth Soccer concerning the numbers of players and sizes of fields for U6, U8, U10, U11, and U12 play.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Tom Borrowman presented a Balance Sheet plus a Profit and Loss Budget Performance Statement as of February 28, 2003. Borrowman reported that the Association is in good financial shape with a cash balance that has grown significantly over the last two months. Borrowman also reported that Delon Brower has accepted the post of Chairman of the Audit Committee, and that the Audit Committee has commenced its operations.

STATE CUP COMMITTEE REPORT

State Cup Chairman Dan Gillespie was absent due to recent knee surgery. State Cup Committee member Teresa Ortiz reported that 147 teams have entered the spring portion of the State Cup Tournament. With an increase in the number of teams and a decrease in the number of fields available at the West Jordan complex, scheduling may prove to be a challenge, Ortiz reported.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Burke reported that the Board's directives from the previous meeting have been put into action. An Audit Committee has been established and has begun its work. Bond applications for the UYSA officers and employees have been completed and submitted to the insurer. Professionals have been retained to begin drafting a new set of bylaws for UYSA and to establish a foundation for UYSA. The new fee schedule for nonmembers in coaching education has been implemented and posted on the website. A segregated account for ODP has been established and the approved funds have been transferred into this account.

Burke also reported that he has received numerous inquiries from parties interested in serving as the host organization for the Pioneer Cup Tournament. Burke announced that a criterion will be posted on the website and that bids will be accepted from potential hosts until April 18, 2003. The Board will then select the winning bid in executive session during the April 2003 meeting of the Board of Directors.

Burke also announced that US Youth Soccer has called a meeting of USYSA state presidents in Denver on March 29-30, 2003. This special meeting will address proposed travel policies and relations amongst state associations, US Youth Soccer, and the US Soccer Federation. Burke will attend the meeting and report back to the Board during its April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion was made by John Lowery and seconded to renew consideration of the President's Cup proposal, which was amended since the last Board meeting to state as follows:

1. Beginning in the fall of 2003, the President's Cup tournament shall offer at least three divisions of play: (1) A premier division open only to UYSA teams; (2) an open competition division; and (3) an open division for recreation teams;
2. The President's Cup Tournament Committee may adopt different entry fees for each division;
3. The State Competition League shall not schedule regular season matches during either the President's Cup Tournament or the three weekdays before commencement of the President's Cup competition;
4. The premier division of the President's Cup will not permit guest players nor allow teams to enter divisions above their registered age-group;
5. The premier division of the President's Cup will include competition to determine third and fourth place standing;
6. For those divisions eligible to compete in a premier division of the President Cup, the seeding process for State Cup competition during the following spring of a seasonal year will be based, at the discretion of the State Cup Committee, upon review of three factors: 1) standings from the President's Cup's premier division; 2) final standings from the fall season in the State Competition League; and 3) results from the preceding State Cup competition. The champion of the President's Cup shall be assigned the first seed in the State Cup competition; and,
7. Notice of this policy will be sent, within twenty days, to all presidents of recreation leagues and to coaches of all teams currently registered in the State Competition League.

Burke explained that the proposal had been modified so that the President's Cup results would be only one of three factors in the State Cup seeding process. Burke also explained that the proposal had been changed to prevent overlap with play in the State Competition Leagues. Friendly amendments were offered and accepted to correct a grammatical error and to switch a mistaken reference from the Pioneer Cup to the President's Cup. The motion, as amended, was then passed.

PROPOSAL TO ADOPT USYSA STANDARDS FOR SMALL-SIDED GAMES

Motion was made by Bruce Cuppett and seconded both to send notice to recreation league presidents of the new US Youth Soccer standards and recommendations for small-sided recreational play and to direct the President to incorporate the new standards from US Youth Soccer regarding small-sided recreational play into the new set of bylaws and policies that is currently under development for UYSA. Friendly motion was made by Peter Unwin and accepted to strike the words recreation and recreational from the proposal since US Youth standards will apply to all play in certain age groups. Technical Director Greg Maas explained that small-sided soccer is meant to promote player development and fun. The motion was passed.

PROPOSAL TO WAIVE CERTAIN REGISTRATION POLICIES FOR SPRING 2003

Motion was made by Bill Patterson and seconded to waive existing registration policies for the spring 2003 season for the following specific instances:

1. That the February 15, 2003 deadline in the Competition Team Registration policy for submission of play-up applications for spring 2003 registration is waived so that tardy applications to play-up may be considered at the discretion of the President;
2. That teams whose registrations for spring 2003 were accepted by the State Registrar and aligned into the State Competition League despite registration defects involving untimely play-up forms will be deemed to be authorized for play; and,
3. That play-up applications will not be required from players on the following teams as these teams and their players will be authorized to compete during the spring 2003 season in the U17 division of the State Competition League: Murray Max-Davis (U-17), USA-Nieveen (U-17), Advantage Premier-Diviney (U-16), Centerville-Keddington (U-16), Impact-Marzolf (U-16), Impact-Delgado (U-16), UFC 88 Orange-Ostler (U-15), USA Premier-Kamerath (U-15).

Boys Competition Director Ken Snoy explained that the third provision is necessary to accommodate the recommended alignment of boys teams of high school age. Burke explained that the first two provisions resolve issues arising from spring registration and that the third provision will save a considerable amount of paperwork. Technical Director Greg Maas confirmed that he approved of the play-up requests for the players on these boys teams. Burke confirmed that proposals of this nature are generally disfavored but are necessary in this case to do justice to certain players and teams. Friendly amendment was offered by Ken Snoy and accepted to strike "USA Premier Kamerath U15" from the list of teams in part three. Friendly amendment was offered by Peter Unwin and accepted to add a fourth provision stating that "This proposal does not automatically grant any 3 year play-up applications." The motion, as amended, was passed.

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH TRYOUT DATES FOR STATE COMPETITION LEAGUES

Motion was made by John Lowery and seconded to adopt the following policy concerning tryout dates:

Competition teams shall adhere to the following guidelines regarding tryout dates:

1. Except as provided below, teams that will compete in the U-11 and above age groups may not hold any tryout before either the completion of the State Cup tournament or the first Tuesday after Memorial Day.
2. Boys teams that will be competing in the U-16 and above age groups may not hold tryouts before the completion of the annual boys championship tournaments that are sanctioned by the Utah High School Athletic Association.
3. U-9 and U-10 district teams may hold tryouts beginning ten days before Memorial Day.
4. Tryouts may not be conducted on Memorial Day.

Friendly motion was offered by Peter Unwin and accepted to remove the third provision. Linda Kay Messenger observed that some districts have already established schedules that would be altered by this proposal. Motion was made and seconded to table this proposal and send it for further study to a committee composed of the Director of Development, Boys Competition Director, Girls Competition Director, and Rules and Revisions Chairperson. This motion to table and reference was passed.

PROPOSAL REGARDING ALIGNMENT POLICIES

Motion was made by Mike Tate and seconded to abolish the alignment meetings and provide an organized procedure for the alignment process. There was considerable discussion about the need to improve the alignment process and clarify policies concerning alignment. Motion was made and passed to table this motion for future consideration.

PROPOSAL TO HONOR FORMER DISTRICT 7 CHAIRMAN DAVE FUNK

Motion was made by Delon Brower, seconded, and passed to suspend the meeting rules. Motion was then made by Delon Brower and accepted by acclamation to honor David Funk for his long and distinguished service to the Utah Youth Soccer Association. Burke presented Funk with a plaque in tribute to Funk's service to District 7.

PROPOSAL TO RESCIND COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT AND RELATED POLICIES

Motion was made by Bill Patterson and seconded to rescind the existing Coaching Code of Conduct and all policies that refer to the Coaching Code of Conduct, and to direct a committee composed of the Girls Competition Director, Boys Competition Director, Director of Development, Rules & Revisions Committee Chairperson, and State Technical Director to draft and present a revised Coaching Code of Conduct at the April 2003 meeting of the Board of Directors. Friendly motions were offered by Cuppett and accepted to add the State Youth Referee Administrator to the Committee and to name the Director of Development as the chairman of this committee. The motion, as amended, was passed.

PROPOSAL TO ISSUE UYSA MEMBERSHIP CARDS TO PLAYERS IN THE STATE COMPETITION LEAGUE

This proposal was tabled by the chair prior to its introduction.

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH PLAYER REGISTRATION DATABASE AND TO MODIFY RELATED REGISTRATION POLICIES

This proposal was tabled by the chair prior to its introduction.

PROPOSAL TO RETAIN WEBMASTER'S SERVICES AND TO AUTHORIZE RETENTION OF PROGRAMMER'S SERVICES

Motion was made by John Lowery and seconded to authorize and direct the President, whose authority may be delegated, both to retain professional services on a continuing basis to maintain, improve, and upgrade UYSA's website at a cost not to exceed \$300 per week; and to retain computer programming services, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000, for the purpose of improving UYSA's website and data management services. Friendly amendment was offered by Richard Messenger and accepted to sever this motion into two components.

Motion was then made to authorize and direct the President, whose authority may be delegated, both to retain professional services on a continuing basis to maintain, improve, and upgrade UYSA's website at a cost not to exceed \$300 per week. Friendly amendment was offered by Ken Snoy and accepted to also direct the President to negotiate the purchase of all intellectual property rights to the website of the Utah Youth Soccer Association. This motion, as amended, was passed.

Motion was then made to authorize and direct the President, whose authority may be delegated, to retain computer programming services, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000, for the purpose of improving UYSA's website and data management services. This motion was passed.

PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES TO MAKE TRAVEL RESERVATIONS FOR SPRING 2003 STATE CUP CHAMPIONS TO TRAVEL TO FAR WEST REGIONALS

No motion was made after the presentation by Teresa Ortiz of the State Cup Committee of a proposal for the State Association to make reservations, at a cost of \$100 per player, for teams to travel to Hawaii for the Far West Regionals in June.

RATIFICATION OF STATE CUP FORMAT AND RULES

No motion was made after discussion of the need to formally ratify the State Cup Rules of Competition that were used during tournament during the fall 2002. Burke directed the State Cup Committee to present the rules for approval during the April 2003 Board meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTED OFFICERS

Motion was made and seconded to confirm the President's appointment of Michael Blackburn, Esq as the Judicial Officer. The motion was passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made, seconded and approved to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

When the Board returned from Executive Session, it announced that motion had been made, seconded, and approved by more than two-thirds vote to suspend the meeting rules in order to postpone adjournment beyond 10:00 PM. The Board then announced that, after reviewing a proposed agreement, it had authorized President Paul C. Burke to execute an agreement establishing both the indebtedness of Brett Davis to the Association and a repayment schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made, seconded and approved at 10:05 to adjourn. The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2003 at 8:00 PM. This meeting will be held at the State Office of the Utah Youth Soccer Association, 4476 South Century Drive, Suite D, Salt Lake City.

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