

Unapproved draft minutes

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 15, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association was called to order by President Leisa Vineyard at 8:00 p.m. at the State Office of Utah Youth Soccer Association, in Salt Lake City, Utah. The following board members were present:

Leisa Vineyard, President
Scott Maxfield, Vice President
Jodi Wells, Secretary
Rick Henage, Treasurer
Debbie Haycock, Girls Competition Director
Kurt Cottrell, Boys Competition Director
Allan Jones, Chairperson of District 1
Eric Blommer, Chairperson of District 2
John Gygi, Chairperson of District 3
Dave Mills, Chairperson of District 4
Mike Hall, Chairperson of District 5
Richard Messenger, Chairperson of District 6
Delon Brower, Chairperson of District 7

Also present were Scott Harward (Executive Director), John Lowery (Disciplinary Chairperson), Teresa Ortiz (Risk Management), Kim Smith (Rules Chairperson), Tina Patterson (State Registrar), Greg Maas (State Technical Director), Cindy Baron (Disciplinary Chairperson), Jodene Smith (State Cup Chairperson) and David Josse (League 26 President-District 5).

Board members who were excused were Bruce Cuppett (Director of Development) and Norm Williamson (SYRA).

WELCOME

President Leisa Vineyard welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

Motion was made to suspend the rules and amend the agenda of this meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association in order to consider and act upon a proposal from the Firebirds Soccer Club to oppose the pending proposal for Salt Lake to rezone 13 acres of the Mt. Olivet site.

Motion passed to amend the agenda and add Paul C. Burke after District reports.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Secretary Jodi Wells presented the meeting minutes from August 18, 2005 that had been e-mailed out to the board and posted on the web for approval. Motion was made and seconded to accept them.

REPORTS

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

State Technical Director, Greg Maas reported that the coaching education courses have been well attended, have scheduled and completed Youth Modules with Impact's recreation program and Southern Utah Soccer Association. Coaching Education Calendar has been completed for 2006 and sent to the web to be posted. Maas also reported that Team/player/club clinics are ongoing, and the US National Staff Coaches Stephanie Gabbert and Ralph Perez will be visiting November 10-13, 2006 to provide an open UYSA Clinic and attend ODP Tryouts.

Maas also reported that September is US Youth Soccer Month, Monday September 5, 2005 a clinic for UYSA members 5-14 years of age and their parents took place, an additional clinic has been added on Monday, September 26, 2005 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Lone Peak for all UYSA members and their parents. A special thanks to the UYSA Staff Coaches Bruce Cuppett, Mauricio Menjivar, Danny Rennie, Jamie Schock, and Gabe Bran; and special thanks to UYSA President Leisa Vineyard, Secretary/Goalkeeper-extraordinaire Jodi Wells, and Public Relations Coordinator Corinne Piazza for their support and participation.

Maas also reported that ODP Tryout dates have been set for October 29 (St. George and Cache Valley); November 5 (Ogden/Layton); November 12 (SLC); and November 19 (Orem/Provo).

Maas offered congratulations to the following players that have been named to the Region IV Team or the US National Team in their respective age groups for the Thanksgiving Interregional Event: Jessie Baddley (U17 US National Team); Megan Ohai (U17 US National Team); Elli Reed ('89 Region IV Team); McKinzie Olsen ('90 Region IV Team); Nikisha Fernandes ('90 Region IV Team); and Cloee Colohan ('91 Region IV Team). As of 9-15-05 the Boys Region IV Teams and US National Teams had not been announced.

Maas concluded in reporting that James Jarmello ('88 ODP/Inter FC U18) was featured in the August Soccer America article by Mike Woitalla as 1 of 6 players noted as "Faces of the Future". James attended the ESP Scouting and Player Development Camp this summer and was named to the East MLS All-Star Team. James was quoted, "You have to mention how much Utah Soccer has improved." James has signed with perennial-powerhouse UCLA.

STATE COMPETITION DIRECTORS

Girls Competition Director, Debbie Haycock reported that the biggest item has been the developmental pass. It is not quite ready, but we are hopeful that it will be up very soon. The Competition Board meeting that was held on Friday was not very good. A few items that we will be focusing on at the next meeting will be Scheduling, Alignment, Tryout

and Registration. Any information that you District chairs have to pass on about these items would be helpful.

Boys Competition Director, Kurt Cottrell reported that on the boy's side we have had a lot of game changes.

TREASURER

Treasurer, Rick Henage reported that we had budgeted for a deficit, but we should end up pretty close to even.

ODP is running at a slight loss, but when we consolidate that will be taken care of. The Audit will be cleaning these small items up.

STATE CUP

State Cup Chairperson, Jodene Smith reported that all field locations for fall have been set. We will have around 72 teams participating; we have had very few teams with drawl. Everything is going well; the shirts and pins have been ordered.

Smith concluded in stating that the U11 interest has been fairly well.

President Leisa Vineyard stated that West Jordan fields will be available for Presidents Cup, and Spring State Cup will also be held in West Jordan.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Management Chairperson, Teresa Ortiz reported that the Boards badges are finished, they look really nice. I will be getting them laminated and then sent out to the Entire board.

Ortiz concluded in stating that she was a little behind on the Risk Management paper work, trying to get things figured out, but we are up and running now.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 Chairperson, Allan Jones reported that they are having trouble with lack of referees, but are working on that. Park City is really having trouble getting referees to travel up there.

District 2 Chairperson, Eric Blommer reported that Steve Jester stepped down and Scott Morrell is the new President of League 9 in Taylorsville.

Trish Ferry from Tooele has also stepped down; their elections will be on October 13, 2005.

Blommer concluded in stating that they are having the same complaints as District 1 on lack of referees.

District 3 Chairperson, John Gygi reported that the main struggle they have had has been with the X-League portable goals being put away. We have contracted with Sandy City to help with getting them put away. The coconscious of District 3 is to have the U9's stay at district level.

Gygi concluded in stating that at their next board meeting elections will be held for Vice Chairperson and Boys Competition Director.

District 4 Chairperson, Dave Mills reported that they had been having trouble getting a transfer done with the online system. California has been called, and I thing that we are up and running with it.

District 5 Chairperson, Mike Hall reported that their program is going well. One league did not get their information in on time, but that has been taken care of. Hall also reported that when putting in score game information, the second person inputting will wipe out the first teams information on the individual scores. Hall concluded in stating that their last coaching clinic went well, and that James Jaramillo lives in District 5.

District 6 Chairperson, Richard Messenger reported that they had a successful Mayors Cup. We appreciate all of the teams that come from your areas. We also appreciate all the training of all the coaches in Davis County. Messenger also reported that they are currently training the U5 & U6 teams before each of their games, we have had a few complaints, but it has been going well. Messenger concluded in reporting that Linda Kay Messenger has retired from South Davis Soccer, and is no longer working at the office. She is having a blast with her two new granddaughters.

District 7 Chairperson, Delon Brower thanked the State for fixing the on-line system for them to be able to run their District program through it. Brower concluded by stating that they need to get some referee training up in their district.

FIREBIRDS PROPOSAL

Past president Paul C. Burke briefed the Board on a proposal in Salt Lake City to change the zoning of 13 acres of the Mt. Olivet property from open space to institutional. A private developer wishes to acquire the land and wishes to have the property rezoned so that it could construct large buildings for institutional use. Soccer organizations in Salt Lake City and other groups are working to oppose this proposal to save the property as open space for public use. The following motion was then made:

Be it resolved that the Utah Youth Soccer Association (1) opposes all efforts to rezone the Mt. Olivet property to any classification other than Open Space; (2) opposes Congressional legislation that might enable the Mt. Olivet property to be used for any purposes other than as a cemetery or public soccer facility; (3) encourages Salt Lake City and other public entities to lease or otherwise acquire this property for use as a public park with multiple soccer fields; (3) designates past President Paul C. Burke as spokesman for the Utah Youth Soccer Association on this issue; (4) authorizes appropriate announcements on this issue to be posted on the Association's website, subject to the approval of UYSA's president; (5) authorizes the Association make mailings to UYSA members and the public concerning this issue, provided that the cost of

such mailings falls within the following appropriation or is otherwise reimbursed; and (6) appropriates \$5,000.00 to support campaigns against proposals to change the zoning of Mt. Olivet property.

Rational for Motion

The Salt Lake City Planning Commission is currently evaluating a proposal to change the zoning of 13 acres owned by the Mt. Olivet Cemetery from Open Space to Institutional. The proposed zoning change would dramatically increase the value of the land, perhaps enable the sale of the land to private interests, and dash all hopes of developing a public soccer facility on this site.

The Firebirds Soccer Club has appropriated \$5,000.00 to seek the defeat of the proposed zoning change and to support efforts to build a public soccer facility. The Firebirds Soccer Club respectfully asks the state association to match this appropriation in order to support these efforts before the Salt Lake Planning Commission, Salt Lake City Council, and Congress.

The motion was made to accept this proposal as written, seconded.
Motion passed.

RECESS

9:00 p.m. call back to order at 9:05p.m.

HOW TO WORK WITH CITY OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN FIELDS

League 26 President, Dave Josse made a presentation on finding, obtaining and keeping fields. Josse has been able to obtain many new fields in the Alpine/Highland area for his soccer program by doing the following:

Determine field locations by:

- Ask City employees*
- Ask parents*
- Parents who are school/city employees*
- Ask city contracted workers*
- Internet—Google Earth*
- School Locations*
- Other Sport Schedules*
- City Web Site's parks links*
- Take different routes to work*

Determine current issues by:

- Speak with city employees directly involved*
- Develop solutions*
 - Watering*
 - Fertilize/aerate*
 - Safety*
 - Practicality/Usability/Usage*
 - Human waste—port-a-potties*
 - Share resources*

Demonstrate needs/future needs by:

Number of players

Positives

Age groups

Past and Projected growth

Current Building permits/city projections

Establishing/Established fields by:

Keep issues to a minimum

Water schedules

Practice schedule calls

Maintain fields

Watch water

Rotate fields

Garbage pick-up

Parking issues

Safety

Practice fields

City employees know contact information

Have all equipment labeled with contact information on it

Thank you to city employees

Avoid frustrations to city employees

Practice Kissing UP

REVIEW PLAY UP POLICY

*1*GENERAL PLAY-UP POLICY. No player in the U-10 or younger age group may be registered to a team that competes in an age group more than one year older than the players age group. Upon written consent of the players legal guardian and the president of the member organization with which the player is registered, a player who is U-11—U-14 may be registered to a team of an age group not more than two years older than the players age group.*

*2*STATE COMPETITION LEAGUE. No player in the U-9 or younger age group may be registered to play in the State Competition Program. A team in the State Competition Program may not roster more than five U-10 players. Upon consent of a player's legal guardian and the president of the member organization with which the player is registered, a player who is U-11—U-14 during the seasonal year may be registered to a team of an age group up to tow years older than the players age. (The actual age of the player shall determine the play-up not the age division the player is registered in).*

*3*U15 and older players will be unrestricted for play up. (The actual age of the player shall determine the play-up not the age division the player is registered in)*

*4*Waivers to the above policies may be granted at the sole discretion of the State Technical Director. Applications for a waiver under this policy must be submitted to the State Technical Director by the player's legal guardian, and must be accompanied by a letter of the recommendation from the president or technical director of the member organization with which the player is registered.*

Motion was made to strike item 4 completely, seconded.
Motion passed.

Motion was made to amend to read League/Club President of member organization, instead of president of the member organization. Seconded.

Motion passed.

Motion was made to accept the amended policy, seconded.

Motion passed.

GOOD OF THE GAME

President Leisa Vineyard reported that today, September 15, 2005 was declared soccer month by Governor Jon Huntsman. A declaration was signed by the Governor, President, Leisa Vineyard, Vice President Scott Maxfield, Executive Director Scott Harward and Public Relations Coordinator Corinne Piazza was in attendance at the signing.

TEAM AFFILIATION

District 7 Chairperson, Delon Brower presented all the appropriate paper work for Cache Valley Soccer Academy to become affiliated.

Motion was made, seconded, and accepted for Cache valley Soccer Academy to become an affiliated club with UYSA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made and seconded to move into executive session to discuss office and personnel issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the State Office of the Utah Youth Soccer Association.

*These draft minutes were prepared by Secretary Jodi Wells.
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