

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors
November 15, 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 8:10 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
Jodi Wells, Secretary
Kurt Cottrell, Competition Director
Terri Baker, Recreation Director
Orden Yost, District 1 Chairperson
John Gygi, District 3 Chairperson
Brian Smith, District 5 Chairperson
Brandee Nadauld, proxy District 6 Chairperson
Norm Williamson, SYRA

Also present were Bruce Cuppett, (State Cup Chairperson), Jodene Smith (State Registrar), Mindy Wankier (State Tournament Director), Debbie Haycock (Risk Management), Kim Smith (Protest & Appeals Chairperson), Chad Sackett (Real Salt Lake), Scott Reynolds (Real Salt Lake), and Bobby Ginn (State Executive Director).

Excused Board Members were Cindy Baron (Vice President), Joe Johnson (Treasurer), and Greg Maas (State Technical Director).

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 September 20, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting.

REPORTS

STATE CUP

State Cup Chairperson, Bruce Cuppett reported that we had many outstanding volunteers this year. Shannon Campbell with her volunteers from Avalanche (no girls play in the fall), Pat Sebring and her volunteers from LaRoca, Dave Woolley and his volunteers from Rangers and Joyce Roberts and her volunteers from Sparta. Special thanks goes to Jodi Wells my right hand helper, John Lowery game scheduler and web site assistant, Steve Bowler, Burton and Heather Karns who were my Orem set up crew, Jodene Smith

UYSA Registrar, Norm and Linda Williamson SYRA, Greg Maas, Cindy Baron, Scott Maxfield and last but not least Bobby Ginn and the UYSA Office Staff.

For spring play we will once again have north fields for bracket play, and we will start spring play on a Saturday, with rest days before quarters, semis and before the finals. Bond Check refunds have been issued to the teams that did not qualify for Regionals. For Far West Regionals there have been some changes that will be taking place administratively. We will not have to carry birth certificates; we have scanned them into the system. Teams will only need blue rooster and player passes that Jodi and I will hand carry to Hawaii. The coach will carry the medical release papers. Player passes must match the names on the birth certificates, no nick names and all last names must be on the player pass. Also, the player pass will not require a player signature, just the registrars signature and player picture. Another change that will be taking place is that when you travel within the region, all you need to carry with you is player passes, medical release and roster. No birth certificates or travel papers will be needed. There is nothing in writing about this yet, but we are working on it.

State Cup started with 112 teams and finished with 8 winners in U11 thru U18 boys. The winners and finalists have been posted on the web site and contact information for FWR is linked with Region IV for travel providers, airlines, hotels and rental cars. We will not know about wild cards for both the girls and boys until we draw at the US Youth Soccer Workshops held in Pittsburg February 7-9, 2007 for FWR in June 2008. Play dates for FWR will be June 16-22 in Hawaii.

We started off with a team manger meeting in September. After many e-mails and phone calls, all teams attended. We had problems with the meeting site, parking, bad acoustics, poor lighting, small print on the rule books, but over all we were able to answer most problems and cure some of the issues prior to the team check in.

Team check in was held in October and after bad e-mail contacts and wrong phone numbers we still had all teams check in that night. Check in ran smooth with lots of volunteers on hand to assist the teams. Problem again with t-shirts (not the right sizes) and no pins on hand. T-shirts for spring will be ordered off a pre- order form that the team managers will fill out at their meeting and the order will be made from that form. We did not pass out schedules or field maps as they (the teams) have a requirement to check the web site every 24 hours. Teams were mad that they had to play over UEA weekend, check kids out of school and many other issues. We had 15 fields in Orem and 2 fields at Ellison Park in Layton. We set up 2 fields in Layton to help out the Northern teams but some were upset they could not play all their games there and some were upset over what they thought was Home field advantage. I guess where ever you play some one will consider those fields to be a home field advantage to the teams that play or practice there. We even had teams that wanted to schedule their own games and referees. I want to know where you can play in a Cup qualifier or a tournament that you can say when you play, where you play and who you get for a referee crew. Bottom line other than Lakeside Park in Orem where are neutral fields located, if we did not have volunteers that gave up their fields, helped maintain them, and provide field monitors State Cup would have to play for three to four weeks. Also the teams that had the home field advantage in Orem did not advance to the finals. Guess that all the Hawaii teams will have the advantage at FWR this year.

Red cards have gone down, last year we had 38 red cards, this year we had 22 red cards. We have 5 that will have to sit games at regionals.

DOC passes will be changing. The DOC's will have a card/pass that they will carry, but the competition committee will be coming up with the finalization of this change.

X-league issues, Alignment forms. Jodene Smith will have a copy of the alignment form that will be sent out to everyone. The club/DOC will need to sign off for the teams; it will be a very simple form to help us determine where the teams should be placed. Last but not least there will be no trophies for the x-league.

President, Scott Maxfield, Thanked Bruce Cuppett, Jodi Wells, and the State Cup Committee for all the time and effort that is put in to making this a great tournament. It needs to be held to a higher level. We received a lot of positive comments.

REAL SALT LAKE

President Scott Maxfield recognized Chad Sackett and Scott Reynolds from Real Salt Lake and turned the time over to them.

Chad Sackett and Scott Reynolds reported that the stadium is coming along great, and if anyone is interested in checking out the Stadium, contact Chad for a tour.

Scott Reynolds stated that it is a good time to invest in season tickets with the new stadium coming on. You can use them as incentives for your volunteers etc, let us know, and give Chad, Steve Peterson, or myself if you have any questions.

Chad thanked the State Cup Committee for putting on a great tournament. It was really awesome.

Scott Reynolds concluded in stating that he has fund raiser information for clubs if your interested give him a call.

PRESIDENT

President Scott Maxfield reported that Top Soccer Chairperson, Paul Skinner has resigned—I would like to give thanks to him on all the work that he has done.

There are 53,000 kids in Utah that have disabilities, between the ages of 3-21. (2001)

We need to create opportunities for those kids; I was impressed and would like to publicly thank him for all he has done with this program. We are looking for a Top Soccer Chairperson; it would be great to have someone that is involved with them so they would have a better understanding of their needs.

Scott also stated that he would like to work with Norm our SYRA and have a State sponsored referee camp. Region IV has a high level camp, but let's work together. Take a look and find a time. Take 3 nights and put together a camp. Norm will you be in charge, and get this organized.

We should also have in our rules that referees have back ground checks done on 18 years and older, propose that it be part of their fees, risk management and mentoring programs, I will be bringing this up at the SRC meeting. We should be leaders with these items, so let's consider it.

Scott also stated that in all of the Committee meetings, we need to have someone taking minutes, so that we can create archives of those meetings, and when chairpersons change we have public record of what they had been working on. Bobby would you take this on, all committee chairs please e-mail the minutes to him.

Scott also reported a Point of clarification concern with regards to Firebirds pulling their Tournaments Chris Rommer Firebirds President stated that these tournaments were not profitable. I would just like to state that the Firebirds Club is not in bad standings.

We have had a situation where the club leadership has changed, and they have opted to not sponsored the Ice Breaker Tournament, and have withdrawn from The Pioneer Cup, so those are open tournament dates.

I would like to Thank Mindy Wankier and the tournament committee for all they have done to get the tournament dates set.

I appreciate all the work that everyone does to make soccer what it is. Sometimes we are all misunderstood, but I know we are trying to do what is best for the sport.

Scott also stated that Score's State Contract expires in December, if we go with some one else other than score, we will have extra added expense. There is really no good deal out there. Bobby and I met with Score; they have agreed to make a custom uniform for our ODP teams. Recreation soccer program in a growth mode, the new smaller clubs and leagues will be able to buy at the biggest discount, so let's make sure everyone is getting the best deal.

I would like to have this group of people be recognized out side of the board room, so we have asked them to put together some gear, if you are at any function, please wear it. I ask that each of you please fill out a size request on all items.

VICE PRESIDENT

Vice President, Cindy Baron excused.

COMPETITION DIRECTOR

Competition Director, Kurt Cottrell, reported that Eric Blommer has really helped out, while I have been tending to family business. The competition board has been going over the competition rules, DOC passes and red and yellow card discipline. These should be finalized in the near future.

Thanks

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Recreation Director, Terri Baker, submitted the following report:

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Technical Director Greg Maas excused but submitted the following written report:

SYRA

SYRA, Norm Williamson reported that the referee committee would like to have something at the AGM, to get more referees there. We have some FIFA Instructors that are willing to come and put on classes for the referees.

We also can start up a camp similar to what California does, by grading the grade 8 referees to get them to move up.

Norm also stated that it has been brought up about having in-house assigning and payments for the adults.

Norm stated that he would get topics and classes put together for the AGM.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Bobby Ginn submitted the following report:

TREASURER

Treasurer Joe Johnson excused, will have a report next month.

REGISTRAR

State Registrar, Jodene Smith reported that their last registrar meeting, they were only missing 2 registrars. We have really had good attendance at our meetings.

A few items that we would like to see addressed are make some updates to the registration forms—go back to 3 pages maybe, and have a place to put insurance group information, so the coach knows where to send the player incase the parent is not there, and what to do with the red card issue.

We will also be going over section 3 and section 6 of the bylaws and policies to clarify items in both of those sections.

We will be meeting again in December, and then bring feedback back to the board.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Tournament Director, Mindy Wankier reported that we as a tournament committee felt that the Firebirds tournament was not in good standing, not the club.

We would also like to add some items into policy concerning Sanctioned tournaments.

We will be meeting again on January 8, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the State Office.

We have a great committee, everyone is willing to work together, and I was very impressed with the comments that were made.

We have set most of the schedule, but we still have a couple of Clubs without tournament weekends. The following tournament dates have been set and approved for 2008:

May 12-17	District 2 Challenge Cup	District 2
May 22-26	Wasatch Soccer Tournament	Wasatch Soccer Club
June 25-28	Utah Steam Summer Classic	Utah Steam
July 9-12	Utah Rush Nike Mayor's Cup	Utah Rush
July 9-12	Impact Tournament	Impact Club
July 16-19	Rampage Classic	Rampage Club
July 15-19	Western Lights	TC United
July 23-26	LaRoca Futbol Club	LaRoca
July 23-27	Adidas Striker Fest	UC Strikers
July 30-Aug 2	Cache Valley Cup	District 7
July 30-Aug 2	Park City Extreme Cup	Park City Extreme
Aug 5-9	Nike Sparta Cup	Sparta
Aug 7-9	Murray Max Cup	Murray Max
Aug 13-16	USA Adidas Cup	USA Club
Aug 13-16	Strikers Cup	Strikers Club
Aug 28-Sept 1	Utah Rush Nike Mayor's Cup	Utah Rush
Nov 28-29	Dixie Invitational	So. Utah Soccer

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Management, Debbie Haycock reported that she would like to see some risk management education at the AGM this year. If we get the coaches, administrators and parents educated, we would have fewer issues.

We should also be auditing leagues, districts, and clubs financials every year.

We also need to make sure all of the clubs know that you are not allowed to use 15 passenger vans to transport players, our insurance will not cover them.

Debbie also stated that there is a lot of cell phone abuse going on, and coaches should not be doing any 1 on 1 with players. We really need to implement risk management into the E and D license courses. We could have coaches carry a card stating that they have been cleared with a picture of them on it.

We also need to put some teeth into our code of conduct, and we should not have so much personal information on the rosters. We need to get with ADG to have certain areas of the roster not be printable. Also we need to be very careful as to what is on team websites that is not secured.

We really need to be more pro-active in this area.

President Scott Maxfield stated that for the AGM we could have screens/TV's set up with video loops of risk management videos going at all times.

Websites etc.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

John Gygi presented the following four (4) proposed rule changes, as well as an ODP policy change; please review each of them, as they will be an action item for next month.

Proposal 1

Proposal 2

Proposal 3

Proposal 4

ODP

REPORTS

DISTRICT 3

District 3 Chairperson, John Gygi reported that his district is getting ready to try the online registration. We are in the process of getting it up and running.

District 1

District 1 Chairperson, Orden Yost reported that his district feels that the recreation fees are too high; they are not getting any services outside of the insurance. Also the game schedules, they do not like the back to back games—Saturday/Monday games, or Friday/Saturday games.

Also the season was very heavily scheduled for the first half of the fall season, and less the end of the season. Also when you have an 11 team division, the bottom 3 teams usually do not win any games, there is no parity, and we should only have 8 team divisions.

Lastly as a basic thought, I believe that the state has a responsibility to educate the club and league presidents; they do not seem to understand the concepts.

President Scott Maxfield thanked Orden for his district feedback, it is important to receive this kind of feedback to help improve our program.

DISTRICT 2

No Report

DISTRICT 4

No Report

DISTRICT 5

District 5 Chairperson, Brian Smith reported that they are looking for a new treasurer, and they had a successful fall tournament.

DISTRICT 6

District 6 Proxy, Brandee Nadauld reported that District 6 will not be going on line yet, we are going to let someone else work out the bugs before we step into it.

DISTRICT 7

District 7 Chairperson, Delon Brower reported that they are working on a test with ADG to see if we can use their scheduler.

We had our Board meeting last night; we are getting prepared for our District AGM January 16, 2008.

We are also implementing the smaller sided games dual field system for the U6 with pop up goals.

That is all we wish to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No business.

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, December 20, 2007 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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