

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
Utah Youth Soccer Conference Center
Sandy, Utah
September 18, 2014 8:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association was called to order by Brian Smith, President at 8:10 on Thursday September 18, 2014, at The Utah Youth Soccer Board Room in Sandy, UT. The following Board Members were present during the meeting.

Roll Call

Brian Smith – President
John Gygi – First Vice President
Toby Yoshida – Region 2 Director
Loren Mott – Region 3 Director
Debbi Francis – Region 5 Director
Andrew Hiatt – CEO

* Conference Call: Allan Haycock – Region 1 Director

Others in attendance: Tim Wheelwright– Protests and Appeals, Norm Williamson– SYRA, Jodene Smith– State Registrar, Bryan Attridge – Director of Operations, Eric Landon – Director of Coaching, Carly Brown –Member Services Manager, Jenni Breckenridge – Receptionist, Mica Goodrich– Events Manager, Terry Ogden– Region 6 Administrator, Keeton Ogden, Mitch Isrealson, Dustin Smith– Especially for Athletes, Tracy Proulx, Patrick Rennie– Competition Committee Chair

Excused absence: Brian Babcock – Second Vice President, Victor Galindo—Region 4 Director, Kyle Pasley—Region 6 Director

Guest Presentations

National League Presentations

Mica introduces Sparta U14 boys and La Roca U15 girls who have been selected to play in the National League.

Brian Smith congratulates them on being chosen to play in the National League. The board approves to cover the cost of the entrance fee for this league.

Athletic Training Station

Keeton Ogden presents his Eagle Scout project to the board of directors. His project is to create a trainers station at the Mesquite Sports & Events Complex. He has kindly asked for UYSA to donate to the funding of this project. Keeton was tasked to send Presidents Brian Smith an email with descriptions of the project and what he needs from the association.

Especially 4 Athletes

Dustin Smith presents what Especially 4 Athletes is and the positive impact it can instill on players. Dustin will be working directly with the State Select (ODP) program in Mesquite, NV at the combine and will be presenting at the 2015 AGM.

Study Session

Brian Smith opens the study session at 9:03 pm.

Lack of Referees on League Games –Plan of Action

Andrew explains to the board the issues, such as referees are not showing up to matches, referees not submitting game reports in a timely manner, and teams requesting refunds of referee fees when referees do not show up to matches. Eric informs the board about a conference called that he and League Commissioner Daren Woolstenhulme held for the Directors of Coaching from the Member Organizations to address the issues. Long term and short term solutions have been created to help fix these issues.

Small Sided Play Modification

Andrew proposes to table this until further information is given at from US Soccer Federation.

Player Release and Transfer timeline modification

Debbie recommends changing Bylaw 7327 Player Release and Transfer from 5 days to 15 days to allow the League Commissioner to determine approval or denial of the request to release or transfer. Brian moves the Player Release policy change to the Board Meeting to be voted on.

Member Organization Renewals

Bryan explains the policy of the renewal application process and shares with the board the Member Organizations who have submitted their required applications and forms. It has been proposed to change from the requirement to have 501©3 status to change to being registered in the state of Utah as a Charity.

Bylaw 441 Standing Committee's

To be tabled until bylaw is further examined and prepared to be voted on.

Stay and Play at Presidents Cup

Mica expresses the importance of creating a policy requiring teams to have a minimum of 4 room per team to use the Stay and Play program or have a opt out penalty fee. Board supports Mica in this action and will add instructions to the Presidents Cup webpage.

Brian Smith closes study session at 9:59 pm.

Board Meeting

Board meeting opens at 10:00 pm.

Acceptance of Minutes – August 18, 2014

CEO Report

Financial Update – Field/Building

Staffing Updates

Alex Krelo– Referee Program Manager

Terry Ogden– Region 6 Administrator

Desert Premier League -

** LINK ON WEBSITE OF DPL SCHEDULE WITH TEAMS**

Need Committee Appointments

- Rules and Revisions Committee

Business

New Member Organization

Olympia FC–tabled until next board meeting (point of contact Ron Dummar)

Utah Valley Elite– Debbie motions to approve the club as a MO, John motions to discuss. Brian suggests that the MO is not approved until the current president serves their designated probation. Motion denied to be approved as a Member Organization.

Player Release and Transfer timeline modification

In reference to the discussed policy change in the study session, John motions to approve the modifications for policy 7327 to change from 5 days to 15 business days. Debbi seconds motion, motion approved.

State Select Coaches 2014-2015 Ratification

Vote stands ratified

Spectator Special Consideration Policy

Toby explains the spectator and bench areas in the UYSA policies and advises that Special consideration be given to elderly, people in wheelchairs, with oxygen tanks etc.

Toby motions to insert an amendment into policies. John seconds motion. Motion passes, effective immediately.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 pm.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Directors – October 16, 2014.