

Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Annual General Meeting & Monthly Business Meeting held on April 4, 2020 via teleconference

Officers, commissioners and staff attending the meeting:

President	Steve Kuhn	x	Ballard	Luke Giustra	x
VP Administration	Alex Johnston	x	Beacon Hill	Keith Leitich	x
Secretary	Phil Herold	x	Capitol Hill	Perry Lee	x
Treasurer	John Clark	x	Hillwood	Phil Herold	x
VP Operations	David Funke	x	Lake City	Dave Farber	x
VP Development Rec	Ann Sattler	x	LVR	Greg Parker	*
VP Competition	Corey McNamee	x	Magnolia	Alex Johnston	*
			McGilvra	Jeff Scott	*
Disciplinary Chair	Jeff Huse		Mt Baker	David Funke	*
SSRA SYSA Liaison	Chase Parker		Queen Anne	Ryan Hall	
Seattle United Rep			Seattle United	Kevin Long	x
SYSA Cup Rep	Anne Bare	x	Shorelake	Kris Espinoza	x
MAR (Rep to State)	Phil Herold	x	Woodland	Mitch Furuglyas	*

Michael Wills represented Mt. Baker, Rob Bayuk represented Woodland, Jon Carver represented LVR, Anne Bare represented McGilvra, Ben Eckhardt represented Magnolia

Executive Director	David Griffiths	x	Scheduler	Jessica Beckton	x
SYSA Registrar	Paige Blomso	x	Volunteer Coord	Andrew Westmark	x
Assistant Registrar	Anne Bare	x	Bookkeeper	Susan Martin	
Assistant Registrar	Julie Irwin	x			

Guests/others present: Ben Raker, LVR; Mitch Furuglyas, Woodland; Larry McCann, Beacon Hill

Discussion of Election Procedures

Herold summarized the process for election of officers; with the meeting conducted purely by teleconference and three candidates for president, in a best-faith effort to comply with SYSA by-laws and Robert's Rules, options were a roll-call vote or confidential ballots. Several commissioners indicate preference for confidential ballots. Process would be: ballots would be sent to each commissioner representing a club; commissioners to send the completed ballots to all of the three tellers (incumbent officers not standing for election consisting of Johnson, Sattler and Clark) by email; tellers would cross-confirm the tally with each other by email and announce the result to the group via the teleconference. After discussion, it was the consensus of the commissioners that there would be no run-off election; the top vote-getter (plurality of votes cast) would carry the election, rather than requiring a majority of votes cast.

Call to Order

Called to order by Kuhn at 10:18 am

Introductions & Welcome

Reference to the extraordinary circumstances of COVID-19 and most-recent Spring Soccer Update as communicated to SYSA membership.

Volunteers of the Month

In lieu of Volunteers of the Month, the association recognized the following annual award winners:

Outstanding work within SYSA - Phil Herold (HW)
Girls Recreational Coach of the Year - Ben Raker (LVR)
Boys Recreational Coach of the Year - Matt Cal
Girls Competitive Coach of the Year - Nico Arellano (SU)
Boys Competitive Coach of the Year - Drew Torkelson (SU)
Administrator of the Year - Linda Overby (LC)
Volunteer of the Year - Melinda Wang (Bal)

Consent Agenda

No proposed additions to agenda as submitted nor corrections to March meeting minutes; declared approved by consensus.

Club Reports

Each club gave a brief report. Herold was effectively in absentia, preparing emails and ballots for the election process, therefore no minutes recorded. Kuhn summarized reports collectively as top concerns being COVID-19 impacts and prospects for opening fall registration.

Officer, Staff, and Committee Reports

Steve Kuhn, President

- Looks forward to handing off to incoming president; made appeal for outreach programs and promotion of recreational soccer

Alex Johnston, VP of Admin

David Funke, VP of Operations

Phil Herold, Secretary

John Clark, Treasurer

Corey McNamee, VP of Competition

- No report

Ann Sattler, VP of Rec Development

Mentioned she is working on the SYSA bylaws

Chase Parker, SSRA President

Jeff Huse, Disciplinary Committee Chair

Not present

Paige Blomsø, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, Registrars

- Sent communication to coaches; background checks expire April 30; clubs need to have registration up by May 1
- Coaches should have received SafeSport and Concussion Compliance email; non-response will be an issue if Spring Soccer is able to start
- Proceeding as if SYSA and member clubs will open fall registration on May 1; adding graduation year to the collected fields so staff can investigate when kids leave soccer and how many play all through high school
- New playdown approval routine
- Adding consent for use of image

Jessica Beckton, Field/Game Scheduler

- Update about planned renovations for the summer: Lower Woodland 2 and 7, Magnuson 6/7, Queen Anne Bowl scheduled for turf replacement; takes eight weeks to replace; Parks says all will be done by fall
- Seattle Public Schools plans on renovating some fields: Ballard, Addams (both fields), Nathan Hale
- Lights in the plans for Addams, Whitman and Franklin

David Griffiths, Executive Director

Lots of meetings with various soccer bodies, discussing legalities of restarting in the wake of COVID-19; even if governments say you can return to play, worried about lawsuits from parents over unsafe return to play.

New Business

Election of Officers

The tellers announced that two candidates had the most votes and there was a tie. The tellers suggested and it was agreed and accepted as consensus by the group that the commissioners who had voted for the third candidate resubmit their votes to break the tie. Conclusion of the election was laid on the table pending submission of those votes, with no objections.

Herold indicated he would continue on as secretary and Funke indicated that regardless of the president vote, he would continue in his role as VP of Operations. Both were elected by acclamation.

Budget

It was reported to the commissioners present that the SYSA officers had met and agreed in principle that in response to the COVID-19 epidemic and potential cancellation of spring soccer and subsequent impact on revenue, that SYSA would dip into reserves to cover the shortfall. Therefore the fall fees as discussed at prior meetings would stand and there were no further increases proposed. Beacon Hill and Capitol Hill seconded a \$3 increase for U10+ in respect of increasing field costs, and a flat annual fee to the clubs for processing service fee paperwork. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Standardized Rules Development

The play formats as proposed were distributed with the meeting packet. It was stated that this is a target for SYSA member clubs to work toward, in the interest of standardizing the clubs' younger-age programs association-wide. Lake City motioned to approve, Magnolia seconded, approved unanimously.

New Business Continued

The election of officers was taken from the table. The tellers announced that with the resubmitted votes, the two candidates were still deadlocked. It was suggested by the tellers, agreed without objections and accepted by consensus that the one club not in attendance be given the opportunity to break the tie. The tellers agreed to follow up and report the result following adjournment.

Announcements

- Next SYSA Board Meeting Mon May 4th

Adjournment

Hillwood moved to adjourn, seconded by Lake City, approved unanimously at 11:35 am.