

Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Annual General Meeting held on April 6, 2019 at The Great Hall at Green Lake, Seattle

Officers, commissioners and staff attending the meeting:

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

* Larry McCann represented Beacon Hill; Jennica Bell represented Shorelake; Jimmy McAlister represented Seattle United

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

Guests: Jon Carver, Jon Clark, LVR; Ben Eckhart (Magnolia); Yarrow Banko (Queen Anne); Chris Espinoza (Shorelake); Ken Sloan (SYSA spring soccer)

Association Of the Year Awards

The following were recognized:

- Girls Competitive Coach of the Year - Olivia Lee
- Boys Competitive Coach of the Year - Abdella Hassan
- Girls Recreational Coach of the Year - Jose Martinez
- Boys Recreational Coach of the Year - Bassim Dowidar
- Volunteer of the Year - Stacy Heilgeist
- Administrator of the Year - Jon Carver

Call to Order

After presentation of the awards, the AGM was formally called to order at 9:37 am.

SYSA Clubs Roundtable Report: 3-minute report from each club about successes, challenges, upcoming issues or initiatives

Ballard	Working on new web site, recruitment a priority, social media a focus, school liaison project
Beacon Hill	Focused on website development, looking at social media, social justice
Capitol Hill	Spoke to past declines, stabilized now and on a growth curve, highest registration fees in SYSA but liberal scholarship policy, field allocations an issue in particular Bobby Morris
Hillwood	Spoke to loss of olders, how Hillwood chose to absorb the WYS/SYSA fee increase
Lake City	Micro program during the week probably one of the biggest successes, revitalized board
LVR	Age verification a success, numbers holding steady, rolling out new website, local “select” club recruiting rec players, low income population at Sand Point and need for diversity
Magnolia	Numbers steady, but noting drop off at older ages
McGilvra	Not present
Mt Baker	Some new blood on the board, neighborhood gentrification, described U6 mod program
Queen Anne	Numbers pretty good, financially solid, older board so “in distress”
Seattle United	Noted club is entering its tenth year, focused on serving as a community asset
Shorelake	Slight bump in numbers, spoke to referee program, emphasis on player and coach development, spring break camp, adopted TeamSnap, finding board numbers an issue
Woodland	Working on web site

President’s Report:

Kuhn spoke to issues of clubs allowing Internet domains to lapse, Positive Coaching Alliance, possibility of changing program for older kids

Scheduled Recess

Election of Officers

The following officers had agreed to continue and were up for re-election: VP of Administration, Alex Johnston; VP of Competition, Corey McNamee; VP of Operations, David Funke. All were elected as a slate by acclamation.

Association 2019-20 Fiscal Year budget

Griffiths presented the budget and noted that it includes a request for a \$2 fee increase. There was a request for clarification as to how this relates to the WYS fee increases that had been passed at the March meeting, and for a clarification/recap of the total per-player fee that SYSA charges to each player through the clubs. Capitol Hill motioned to approve the \$2 increase. Mt. Baker seconded. During discussion, Beacon Hill suggested cost-cutting, particularly unused fields. Lake City noted that every dollar added is a dollar not covered by volunteers. The motion carried with one opposed and one abstention.

The AGM portion of the meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on April 6, 2019 at The Great Hall at Green Lake, Seattle

Call to Order

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 11:15 am.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

With no comments or corrections, minutes of the March meeting and consent agenda both declared approved by consensus.

Officer Reports

- **Steve Kuhn, President**
Deferred
- **Alex Johnston, VP Administration**
Spoke to select players in rec, need to pin down what the rule is
- **David Funke, VP Operations**
Proposed addition to the playdown rule basically allowing August kids to play with classmates
- **Phil Herold, Secretary/MAR**
Spoke to birth year change and discussion that took place at WYS Annual Player Fee Meeting
- **Treasurer**
Open position, no report from Susan Martin, bookkeeper
- **Corey McNamee, VP Competition**
- **Chase Parker, SSRA Liaison**
- **Jeff Huse, Disciplinary**
- **Kelly Mullins, Seattle United Board Rep**
Not present
- **Paige Blomso, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, SYSA Registrars**
 - Shared that when spring soccer crunch is over, attention turns to registration
 - SYSA registrars are here for support if club registrars need help, training or assistance with setting up registration
 - Requested the clubs notify SYSA registrars if club registration doesn't open May 1
- **Jessica Beckton, Scheduler**
Not present, but report was shared with the group:
 - Clubs should have a practice fields assignor to communicate with Beckton over the summer
 - Worked with Griffiths on fields meeting with parks
 - Reign FC had worked directly through the Mayor's on procuring fields and will be using Bobby Morris
- **Andrew Westmark, Volunteer Coordinator**
Spring break camp starting on Monday

- **David Griffiths, Executive Director**

- TOPS soccer is becoming more supported by SYSA, Andy will be working with them
- Has met with some of the club boards
- Working on website, hope to have it up early May, includes social media and newsletter platforms
- Working with parks and city on fields utilization and density
- Working with Kyle and Jessica on fields design for projects underway
- Good turnout for spring soccer coaches meeting, PCA sessions upcoming
- 50th anniversary, designed scarves, looking at putting together a video, will be shooting at the fields, looking at putting together a 50th anniversary event
- Working with Susan on budget
- Looking at sponsorships and community partners

New Business

Registration Process & Requirements

Presented by Paige Blomso, Head Registrar

- SafeSport requirements; compliance is tracked in Affinity and is linked off the Affinity account page
- SYSA will take the lead in communicating but clubs will have to help
- Coaches can be rostered but team can't be "activated" unless/until coaches, assistants, volunteers are all compliant
- Focus on U10s, teams have to be activated for Beckton to do her work scheduling the U10s so focus on those coaches

Adjournment

Motion by Mt. Baker/Lakewood, second by Magnolia, adjourned at 12 pm.