

Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on August 5, 2019
at the SYSA offices, Seattle

Officers, commissioners and staff attending the meeting:

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

* Corey McNamee represented Ballard, Jennica Bell represented Shorelake

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	x
Assistant Registrar	Julie Irwin	x			

Guests/others present: Kris Espinoza, Shorelake

Monthly Business Meeting Call to Order

Called to order at 7:09 pm

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

With no objections heard, minutes of the June 3 meeting and the consent agenda as submitted both declared approved by consensus

Volunteers of the Month

The group recognized Jim Osborne and Tiffany West, Shorelake

Officer Reports

- **Steve Kuhn, President**
- **Alex Johnston, VP Administration**
No report
- **David Funke, VP Operations**
Referenced the alignment meeting

- **Phil Herold, Secretary/MAR**
Nothing to report
- **Treasurer**
Distributed copies of the final P&L for the just-concluded fiscal year
- **Corey McNamee, VP Competition**
- **Ann Sattler, VP Rec Development**
No report
- **Chase Parker, SSRA Liaison**
Summarized changes to the LOTG; will put a communication together; given turnover at USSF nationally having trouble getting clarifications on some issues
 - Drop balls will be preferential to one side, others and opponents to be 4 ½ yards away
 - If GK tries to clear the ball with the feet and misplays, can pick it up with the hands
 - On free kicks within the penalty area, ball in play when it's touched and moves (not when it's clear of the penalty area as previously)
 - Attacking players can't be in the wall
 - Keeper foot on the line during PK
 Also referenced some other initiatives, including knowledge management system and implementing membership levels for tracking development
- **Jeff Huse, Disciplinary**
Not present, Griffiths shared his report
 - Trying to transition out, is still in the position
 - Noted that not all clubs have a disciplinary rep
- **Kelly Mullins, Seattle United Board Rep**
Report given by Seattle United commissioner
 - B03 Copa at USYS National Championships
 - Surf Cup in San Diego, many Seattle United teams attended
 - Annual club picnic August 9 in Shoreline
 - SU member and author Garth Stein issuing invitations to exclusive preview of movie based on his novel
 - Women's World Cup games at Phinney Ridge Neighborhood Association
- **Paige Blomso, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, SYSA Registrars**
 - Summary of rec club numbers; Lake City, Queen Anne, McGilvra holding; larger clubs including Ballard, LVR, Woodland and Hillwood are down; noted need to focus on advertising and marketing
 - Volunteer certification process is ongoing; need to focus on assistant coaches and team managers; nobody should be on the roster without Safesport compliance and background check; priority is on assistant coaches so they can be on the roster for City Tournament
- **Jessica Beckton, Scheduler**
With all clubs on Affinity, will be posting games through Affinity's system rather than generating and posting .pdfs

- **Andrew Westmark, Volunteer Coordinator**
 - Reported on SYSA summer camps which didn't populate and were cancelled
 - Rec outreach training, almost all of the coaches have been recruited
- **David Griffiths, Executive Director**
 - Continuation of rec outreach report: a number of clubs are staffed already; need information from Hillwood and Queen Anne regarding field setup and times
 - Coaches clinics: some held, more are coming; ten clinics total including three with PCA, and some with Seattle United, Girl Boss Sports, Arena Sports
 - Meeting with Seattle Parks: attended by Griffiths and Beckton
 - 50th Anniversary: will kick off the season with event at Eaglestaff, 12-7 pm, September 7; hoping to get as much involvement and engagement to play in the games there, SU will bring the inflatable field and "JimmyDome"; golden scarf holders and Sounders will be there
 - International visit: From a club that's in a suburb of Liverpool
 - Web site/social media: Need pictures for the site; intern will be coming on board on August 15 to help with social media push
 - TOPS Soccer: needs coach support

Old Business

Cut-off date adjustment for registration

Number of play-down requests has triggered this. Items mentioned during discussion:

- Current cutoff date is July 31, proposal is to move to August 31
- We receive between five and ten medical play down requests a year
- Play down requests often triggered for boys who were held out of school for a year; happens for boys more often than girls
- Some independent private schools use a June cutoff
- The registration software can only accommodate one cutoff

It was proposed that the next step is to survey parents of players with summer birthdays

Disciplinary Procedure & Policy

Item was skipped

Competitive Mis-match Policy (Discussion & Development)

With the inaction on the select player policy at the last meeting, outstanding question is how to manage mismatches. Among remedies discussed:

- Allow the team behind to add players, or some other form of a "mercy rule"
- Stop keeping score at some threshold
- Sportsmanship director as used at Woodland, who follows up if club sees blowout scores
- Foster a cultural shift starting in the mod leagues; coach education on how to manage blowouts; look up and keep track of blowouts and follow up
- Force teams to break up or play up a year

Parker offered that referees can enforce a policy if rules are black and white

New Business

Reminder about 50th Anniversary kick-off event September 7; contact Griffiths if you have anyone who can help you put together a booth or give away merchandise; have your house league teams play their games at the event

Reminders

Next SYSA board meeting September 9

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by BH, second by Hillwood, no objections and meeting declared adjourned by consensus at 8:52 pm