

Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on February 3, 2019 at the SYSA offices, 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	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		LVR	Greg Parker	*
VP Competition	Corey McNamee	x	Magnolia	Alex Johnston	x
			McGilvra	Jeff Scott	x
Disciplinary Chair	Jeff Huse		Mt Baker	David Funke	x
SSRA SYSA Liaison	Chase Parker		Queen Anne	Ryan Hall	
Seattle United Rep	Kelly Mullins		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	

*John Clark represented LVR

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: Greg Lanier, Lake City

Monthly Business Meeting Call to Order

Called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Volunteer of the Month

None presented

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

No additions proposed to consent agenda nor corrections to the minutes; consent agenda and minutes of previous meeting approved by acclamation.

Club Reports

Mt Baker	Focus on recruiting at the younger ages
CH	Volunteers still a challenge, three doing the work plus Bare and Irwin from SYSA staff
McGilvra	Numbers a bit down; changes in the elementaries, reaching out to community organizations; hosted south end mod meeting and looking to get consensus over play formats
LVR	Mostly stable; setting fees comes next; trying to develop coaching staff
Lake City	Turned over a lot of the board, all getting adjusted; had a good season; Safe Sport

	created a challenge for getting coaches; school construction will impact fields availability
Shorelake	Finances solid; field space issues
Hillwood	Held annual awards night; next up is setting fees; disciplinary issues among parents
Ballard	Biggest difficulty will be replacing registrars; discussion of fields availability and projects that hopefully come online; spoke to co-ed program at younger ages
Magnolia	Coaches at younger ages not a problem, numbers drop off with the olders; Magnolia still shuffles players until they reach association play; lots of crummy fields, but Jesus Aguirre from Seattle Parks said not spending money on fields in Magnolia
SU	Finished the fundraising season which includes annual raffle and gala; three winners and five finalists at WYS Founders Cup; high school boys tryouts coming up

Kuhn recapped the main themes: kids dropping off at older ages, fields availability, volunteers

Officer, Staff and Committee Reports

- **Steve Kuhn, President**
President candidate search, one candidate has been identified
- **Alex Johnston, VP Administration**
No report
- **David Funke, VP Operations**
No report
- **Phil Herold, Secretary/MAR**
No WYS fee increase, and WYS Annual Player Fee Meeting was in other respects uneventful
- **Treasurer**
Will be working on the bank change; noted that there is a lot of diligence for the banks in dealing with non-profits
- **Corey McNamee, VP Competition**
Update on lopsided games rules/policies; proposal was distributed. Items of discussion:
 - Lopsided rules in place at Eastside and Thurston County associations as well as Seattle CYO
 - Suggestions to encourage the coaches to be more proactive, go back to them if they win by lopsided score and some repercussions needed; put information in the coaches' guide, give examples of how to manage if a game gets out of hand
 - Statistics about number of blowouts at various ages
 - Discussion around changing the culture, what steps to take vs. imposing hard rules out of the gate; roll it forward from U10?
- **Ann Sattler, VP Rec Development**
- **Chase Parker, SSRA Liaison**
- **Jeff Huse, Disciplinary**
Not present

- **Paige Blomso, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, SYSA Registrars**
 - SYSA Newsletter: reintroducing/revitalizing this; one of the features will be club corner
 - Spring soccer: are requiring two coaches on every roster to ensure that anyone who referees is SafeSport compliant, as well as to prevent reschedule requests
 - Spring registration: just closed early registration, tracking ahead of last year and lower age groups are up; individual registration is open; will be offering spring skills and games for U6-U8 without teams

- **Jessica Beckton, Scheduler**

Mostly Seattle United games right now but gearing up for spring soccer schedules; a lot of work to accomplish in a small amount of time

- **David Griffiths, Executive Director**
 - Spring coaches meeting March 22 at Phinney Neighborhood Association; setting up spring coaches' clinics
 - Collecting nominees for coach and volunteer of the year; need them in the next two weeks
 - Working on tidying up storage and equipment; have full-sized Far Post goals in storage to give away
 - Seattle TOPS Soccer; we should promote more through the clubs
 - United Soccer Coaches meeting report; each club has a free account so pass it on to your coaching director
 - Futsal, would like to start promoting it; could we start a pilot event, league or tournament?
 - Getting budget ready for the March meeting
 - Re-forming fields task force

New Business

Low Income Support Request from BH

Beacon Hill shared their request. There was discussion around what Beacon Hill charges at the micro and association levels. Some commissioners indicated that they wanted a deeper understanding of the linkage between the number of low income players reported and the dollar amount requested; where are the SYSA dollars going? A motion to approve the request as submitted was made and seconded; three votes were in favor, six against, two abstentions. Beacon Hill was asked to come back with more substantiation of the numbers.

Old Business

President Candidate Search - Steve Kuhn

Presented in the context of president's report

Change of Bank with Sponsorship Opportunity – Alex Johnston

Noted some advantages of change of bank: return on Callahan and Sigley funds, fraud protection tools and possible sponsorships

Old Business

United Soccer Coaches Partnership – David Griffiths

Covered in Executive Director report

Standard Rules Development – David Griffiths

Still a work in progress through ongoing communication with the clubs; will be advisory at younger ages but still something we should strive for. There was a suggestion from the floor that we might be able to curb some lopsided scores by keeping scores at U10 in order to place teams appropriately for their U11 year; could record the scores but not publish the standings provided the software allows

Complaints and Grievances Document - Phil Herold

This document had been discussed at previous meetings and was re-presented to the commissioners. There was a question asked about sanctions against parents, which is an issue SYSA disciplinary has been dealing with, and whether the document as submitted would cover that. Opinion was that the parent scenario would require a separate rule. Motion to approve the document as presented by Mount Baker, second by Beacon Hill, passed unanimously.

Announcements and Reminders

Next SYSA Board Meeting first Monday in March

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mount Baker, seconded by Hillwood, no objections and adjourned at 8:58 p.m.