

Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on May 4, 2020 via teleconference

Officers, commissioners and staff attending the meeting:

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| President | David Funke | 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 | * |
| VP Development Rec | Ann Sattler | x | LVR | Greg Parker | * |
| VP Competition | Corey McNamee | | Magnolia | Alex Johnston | x |
| | | | McGilvra | Jeff Scott | x |
| Disciplinary Chair | Jeff Huse | | Mt Baker | Shannon Palmer | x |
| SSRA SYSA Liaison | Chase Parker | | Queen Anne | Ryan Hall | x |
| 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 | x |

*Jon Carver represented LVR (Greg Parker joined late), Gregg Lanier represented Lake City

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

Guests/others present: none

Monthly Business Meeting Call to Order

Called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Volunteer of the Month

None presented

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

It was noted that the result of the election for SYSA president at the AGM was not reported in the minutes; Herold explained that the outcome was not known until after the meeting adjourned, and the election of Funke would be inferred by reference to this meeting's minutes. No additions proposed to consent agenda nor corrections to the minutes; consent agenda and minutes of previous meeting approved by acclamation.

Officer, Staff and Committee Reports

- **David Funke, President**

Has participated in staff meetings, decision to cancel spring soccer; PPP loan; spent time setting up gmail account for president, completed his Safe Sport, concussion and RMA

- **Alex Johnston, VP Administration**
Concerns about city's budget and impact on field projects, hopefully funds won't be robbed to pay for West Seattle bridge; thinks unlikely projects in six-year plan will happen
- **David Funke, VP Operations**
No report
- **Phil Herold, Secretary/MAR**
WYS AGM upcoming, official item of business is election of directors; return-to-play for fall likely the main topic
- **Treasurer**
Deferring for now until later in the meeting; witnessed some incredible and impressive activity by staff in getting spring soccer refunds out
- **Corey McNamee, VP Competition**
Not present
- **Ann Sattler, VP Rec Development**
No report
- **Chase Parker, SSRA Liaison**
- **Jeff Huse, Disciplinary**
Not present
- **Paige Blomso, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, SYSA Registrars**
 - Thanks to Clark for kudos, thanks on behalf of Bare and Irwin
 - Martin has been writing refund checks, has processed all refunds for spring soccer including team and individual program registration
 - Some teams opted out of refunds and allowed SYSA to keep it, but can't share a full summary; quite a few coaches also said they wanted to donate but after refunds had gone out
 - Working with clubs on payment plans for fall registration; checking that everyone's board is background checked and registered; all board members and coaches need to complete those
 - Hoped to have new playdown process in place, but didn't quite get it done
 - Most of the clubs opening player registration May 15 or June 1, a few clubs opened May 1
- **Jessica Beckton, Scheduler**
 - Had reached out to field providers to find out what the governor's plan means for field rentals; no answer yet, still getting guidance, hopefully in the next week or so
 - Working on refunds from Shoreline Parks and Seattle Parks; it takes a while
- **Kevin Long, seattle united**
 - SU tryouts didn't/won't happen, player placement program as a substitute; coaches asking last year's players if they'll return with understanding there might be adjustments to teams; 2100 players last year, just under that number this year
 - Providing digital content along with coach Zoom meetings with teams and parents
 - Most other clubs have adopted SU model; Jimmy McAlister was interviewed by national publication about the SU model

- **David Griffiths, Executive Director**

- Good to see teams donating spring fees back to us
- Completed PPP loan, funded last week to the tune of \$56K
- Have been reviewing bylaws
- Trying to build resources online and having conversations with Patrick Ianni, will be running a board training; question about what parts of Ianni's services will require SYSA funding, where that's budgeted and oversight role of commissioners
- Presidents' calls weekly, 7-8 presidents have joined when they can
- Calls with US Soccer, WYS and governor's office to try and figure out what return to play will look like
- Switching banks, working on that with Clark
- Coach of the Year awards went out
- Xbox tournament has gone well

New Business

Bylaw Notice of Update – Phil

Phil will update the online Google doc with past changes processed by the ad hoc rules committee; those changes were proposed but never discussed nor implemented

Current Budget/Financial Update – John Clark

- Update on financial position of the association
- Total refunds on spring soccer still TBD, impact but not a great impact, fact that people are stepping up with donations is good to see
- Applied for PPP grant, net result is \$56K, hasn't seen the docs; don't want to lose our people, it's not finalized as far as signatures but it's coming; discussion of PPP loan and what it's for, staff impacted
- \$800K end of March, \$150K in refunds for spring soccer making cash position approximately \$650K which doesn't include fields refunds from Seattle and Shoreline parks; loss of spring surplus that defrays fall season deficit likely offset by spring refunds that were donated as voluntary contributions

Executive Board Position/s – Dave Funke

VP positions unfilled; discussion of which positions are vital; status quo seems workable but Funke will still look for candidates

Return to Play Protocol – David Griffiths

- On a call with US Youth and WYS, were looking for our support and feedback, testing the waters on return to play protocol; 50 states with differing circumstances, can't throw a blanket protocol out there nationwide; US Youth has formed a national committee to facilitate the discussion and create a protocol with help of WYS
- Liability is a concern, that revolves around when state and federal government says it's OK to get back to play; anything we communicate has to have a disclaimer; we have an opportunity to lead the way
- Conversation is about small groups, what are practices going to look like? Fields will be a constraint giving spacing issues

- Clubs present invited to share their opinions; some did
- Invitation to edit the document; would like to send to WYS prior to the AGM

Announcements and Reminders

- Next SYSA Board Meeting June 1, 2020
- Look out for and confirm attendance with iCal notifications via email from David
- Presidents' Zoom call every Tuesday at 3pm

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Hillwood, seconded by BH, no objections and adjourned at 8:13 pm.