



# Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Association General Meeting held on

**November 6, 2023 via Zoom call**

**Attendance:** Officers, Commissioners and Staff

<b>President</b>	David Funke	X	<b>Ballard</b>	Luke Giustra	X
<b>VP of Administration</b>	Keith Leitich	X	<b>Beacon Hill</b>	Keith Leitich	X
<b>Secretary</b>	<i>Position open</i>		<b>Capitol Hill</b>	Shelly Chinn	X
<b>Treasurer</b>	<i>Position open</i>		<b>Hillwood</b>	Silas Lindenstein	X
<b>VP of Operations</b>	Ann Davison	X	<b>Lake City</b>	Tony Goodson	X
<b>VP of Rec Development</b>	Kris Espinosa	<i>absent</i>	<b>LVR</b>	John Blackman	X
<b>VP of Competition</b>	Corey	<i>absent</i>	<b>Magnolia</b>	Stephanie Skinner	X
<b>VP of DEI</b>	Shannon Palmer	X	<b>McGilvra</b>	Nick Tchemitcheff	X
<b>VP of Marketing &amp; Communications</b>	Calen	X	<b>Mt Baker</b>	Chris Tuttle	X
<b>SSRA SYSA Liaison</b>	Peter Maunsell, Larry Metz	X	<b>Queen Anne</b>	Shane Cramer	X
<b>Disciplinary Chair</b>	Chris Tuttle	X	<b>Seattle United</b>	Kyle Rodeheaver	<i>absent</i>
<b>SYSA Cup Rep</b>	<i>Position open</i>		<b>Shorelake</b>	Jenica Bell	X
			<b>Woodland</b>	Mitch Furuglyas	X

<b>Executive Director</b>	David Griffiths	X	<b>Scheduler</b>	Stephanie Skinner	X
<b>SYSA Registrar</b>	Paige Blomso	X	<b>Communication</b>	Jenn Ireland	X
<b>Assistant Registrar</b>	Anne Bare	X	<b>Bookkeeper</b>	Michele Authier	<i>absent</i>
<b>Assistant Registrar</b>	Kristin Bates	X	Scheduler	Megan Lund	X

## **NOVEMBER MEETING**

- Called to order by David Funke (time 7:03 PM)
- Attendance noted by Jenn Ireland, SYSA Communications
- Presence of a quorum noted
- Minutes taken by Jenn Ireland, SYSA Communications

## **GUESTS**

- Kevin Long – Forte Non-profit Consulting
- James Mayton – Judkins Park Playfield Improvements

## **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

- (Dave Funke) Volunteer of the month Nominations
  - none

## **OCTOBER MINUTES**

- (Dave Funke) October Minutes
  - Beacon Hill motion to approve October minutes, MBL seconds
  - Minutes approved

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

- President (Dave Funke) –
  - Treasurer report: none of our expenses are exceeding what we would expect this time of year.
- VP of Admin (Keith Leitich) –
  - Looking into ‘Body Confident Sport’ program which helps girls learn how to navigate body image challenges. Will report back, it’s an online course.
- VP of Operations (Ann Davidson) –
  - Signage at fields.
- VP of Competition (Corey McNamee) – Not present
- VP of Rec Development (Kris Espinosa) – Not present
- VP of Diversity & Inclusion (Shannon Palmer) –
  - Looking for DEI committee participants, reach out if you are interested
- VP of Marketing & Communication (Calen Holbrooks) –
  - 157 U10-U16 recreational coaches currently signed up on Slack
- SSRA (Larry Metz) -
  - Updates on coverage for fall programming:
    - Sept - only had 11 rec games without a center
      - 4 Seattle United games not covered (lower age groups)
    - Oct – 49 MOD soccer games not covered (U10-U12)
      - Harder to manage because environment is chaotic (subs, parent comments, etc.)
      - Refs would rather get paid less and be AR on older games
      - Refs are saying teams are saying they do not have to bring rosters
      - 3 Seattle United games not covered (lower age groups)
- Disciplinary Chair (Chris Tuttle)

- We are getting a report about 1x a week this year on sideline behavior. Mostly about adult behavior toward younger refs.
- We have been receiving notifications of red cards, but without names, hard to follow up when we don't have names.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

- Registrar (Paige Blomso)
  - 161 teams in City T, down from last year. Looking for GU19 teams still. Registration is closed for everyone else.
  - We gained 114 kids year over year, for this fall season.
- Registrar (Anne Barre)
  - All City Jamboree closed last week, max capacity. .We have teams waitlisted in each age group
- Registrar (Kristin Bates) – Nothing to report
- Scheduler (Stephanie Skinner)
  - So far so good, working hard to learn all of the intricacies of the scheduling world.
- Scheduler (Megan Lund)
  - Getting ramped up and getting excited to get involved.
- Executive Director (David Griffiths)
  - Schedulers update, things are going great.
  - League of Washington, next year focus will be on placing teams correctly.

## **Old Business –**

- VP of Marketing & Communication (Calen Holbrooks) –
  - Pushing Rec Marketing Campaign to Spring 2024

## **New business –**

- James Mayton – Support for Judkins Park Playfield Improvements
  - Great opportunity to promote access to soccer to families across the city, we want Judkins Park to be a destination. We have put together a coalition of community based organizations seeking to improve playing conditions at Judkins Park and asking for SYSA's support.
- Shannon Palmer - Study of Teen Mental Wellness
  - Looking for survey participants for study, does rec soccer have an effect on life satisfaction in teens? Do recreational sports in general help teens manage symptoms that they already have? Please reach out if you can help distribute surveys.
- Tony Goodson - Request to have a girls player rostered to a boys BU14 team for City tournament.
  - Full disclosure, I am her father and her twin brother is on team. I move that we make an exception of section 1.42 to allow a same-gendered girl to play on a boys team, and a re-rostering rule to allow a player to leave her team and switch teams for City Tournament.
    - Motion dies
- Dave Funke – Proposed Standing Committee Chairs & Members
  - Formal motion by Dave Funke to ask the Board to approve these committees chairs and a set of members that we select at this board meeting and task them with developing committee policies to present to the board at a future date for approval.

- Motion passes by acclimation
- Judicial Committee – Vice President of Recreational Development
  - Luke Giustra
  - John Blackman
  - Nick Tchemitcheff
  - Chris Tuttle
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee – Vice President of DEI
  - Silas Lindenstein
- Governance Committee – Vice President of Administration
  - Shane Cramer
  - Shannon Palmer
- Rules Committee – Vice President of Competition
  - Chris Tuttle
- TBD or not available:
  - Shelly Chinn– not available
  - Tony Goodson- TBD
  - Stephanie Skinner – TBD
  - Jenica Bell – will find a parent to sit on a committee
  - Mitch Furuglyas – will find a parent to sit on a committee
- Motion by Dave Funke, Beacon Hill seconds. Passes by acclimation.
- Dave Funke – recruitment for board positions in the spring. You will be recruiting a new president.
- David Griffiths – field signage. Asking for input, any specific ideas or language? Reach out before November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Silas – incidents involving previous games not finishing up on time, or teams not leaving the field on time. What can we do to let coaches and referees know that they only have the amount of time they are allotted to?
  - David Griffiths – We can add this language to our fall league rules, setting expectations that games starts and end on time.

**Next meeting –**

Next meeting, move to Tuesday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, instead of Monday January 1<sup>st</sup>

- LVR motion and Beacon Hill second
- Passed

**Meeting adjourned –**

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM

- Beacon Hill first, MBL second