



Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Association General Meeting held on

October 2, 2023 via Zoom call

Attendance: Officers, Commissioners and Staff

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| President | David Funke | X | Ballard | Corey McNamee | X |
| VP of Administration | Keith Leitich | X | Beacon Hill | Keith Leitich | X |
| Secretary | Noel Maxey | X | Capitol Hill | Shelly Chinn | <i>absent</i> |
| Treasurer | <i>Position open</i> | | Hillwood | Silas Lindenstein | X |
| VP of Operations | Ann Davison | <i>absent</i> | Lake City | Kevin See | <i>absent</i> |
| VP of Rec Development | Kris Espinosa | <i>absent</i> | LVR | Jonathon Carver | X |
| VP of Competition | Corey | X | Magnolia | Stephanie Skinner | X |
| VP of DEI | Shannon Palmer | <i>absent</i> | McGilvra | Nick Tchemitcheff | X |
| VP of Marketing & | Calen | <i>absent</i> | Mt Baker | Chris Tuttle | X |
| SSRA SYSA Liaison | Larry Metz | <i>absent</i> | Queen Anne | Shane Cramer | X |
| Disciplinary Chair | Chris Tuttle | X | Seattle United | Kyle Rodheaver | X |
| SYSA Cup Rep | <i>Position open</i> | | Shorelake | Kris Espinosa | X |
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| Executive Director | David Griffiths | X | Scheduler | <i>Position open</i> | |
| SYSA Registrar | Paige Blomso | X | Communication | Jenn Ireland | X |
| Assistant Registrar | Anne Bare | X | Bookkeeper | Michele Authier | <i>absent</i> |
| Assistant Registrar | Kristin Bates | X | | | |

OCTOBER MEETING

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

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

- (Dave Funke) Volunteer Of the month Nominations
 - Katie Ricker – McGilvra Field Scheduler (1st year)

SEPTEMBER MINUTES

- (Dave Funke) September Minutes recommended changes
 - Formatting review
 - Stated August”” when should say “September”
 - Minutes approved with stated changes

OFFICER REPORTS

- President (Dave Funke) – Nothing to report
 - Catching up from vacation
- VP of Admin (Keith Leitich) – Nothing to report
- VP of Operations (Anne Davidson) – Not Present
- Secretary (Noel Maxey) – Nothing to report
- Treasurer (Dave Funke reporting for)
 - Reviewed what was due to fields
 - \$250K in checking
 - \$278K in money market
 - November is when clubs get billed for player dues – getting moved up to Oct 15th
- VP of Competition (Corey McNamee) – Nothing to report
 - Focused on reviewing scores
- VP of Rec Development – not present
- VP of Diversity & Inclusion (Shannon Palmer) – Not present
- VP of Marketing & Communication (Calen Holbrooks) – Not present
- SSRA (Larry Metz) - Not Present
- Disciplinary Chair (Chris Tuttle)
 - Reviewing a few reports of incidents where action may need to be taken
 - 1 has been addressed
 - 1 passed to disciplinary committee (Corey)
- Registrar (Paige Blosma)
 - City tournament & Jamboree (U9 and U10) registration to open & publish in newsletter this week
 - Player fee billing moved up – needing firm player counts
 - Teams that were late to register are still eligible for City tournament
 - Focusing on complains (Age & RMA)
 - Recommends that multiple adults get registered on rosters for city tournament
- Registrar (Anne Barre)
 - Focus on RMA compliance
 - Some clubs doing very well

- Assisting some club with coaches who have no certification or expired certification
 - Question asked: How do clubs know if coaches are not in compliance?
 - Affinity can still show this – does everyone know how?
 - Registrars need approval to get into club affinity site to check backgrounds – can be delayed due to syncing of staff
 - Communication to be sent to club leadership on how to check who is not compliant
- Executive Director (David Griffiths)
 - Scheduling update
 - Working with interim schedulers (Jessica & Phoebe)
 - At interview stage with 6 candidates
 - Interview committee: Kyle, Phoebe, Jessica, & Dave G)
 - Oct 15th is target date to hire a new scheduler
 - League WA update
 - Dave G sits on Disciplinary committee
 - Minimal activity to report – 1 red card
 - Have been some lop-sided scores
 - SYSA is now a member of the King County Play Equity Coalition
 - Good committee to be on
 - Local sports teams are joining
 - Will put link to Coalition on the SYSA website
 - Field Scheduling – have been a few double bookings
 - Rec game scheduled at same time as Select game at Van Assault
 - Caused by a communication breakdown
 - If any further issues please reach out to David G
 - Question asked: Is there a way to work out in real time?
 - Try to work out amicably
 - Usually team that travels furthest stays
 - Lop-sided games
 - Seen in both League WA and SYSA games
 - Continue to work with coaches on sportsmanship
 - Lop-sided score rule – refs may not allow
 - David G to follow up with SSRA on this
 - Does this happen at U10 & lower
 - Need to look closely at team when placing in a division
- Communication (Jenn Ireland) – No report

Club Reports

- Mt Baker (Chris T)– Nothing to report
- Capitol Hill – not present
- McGilvra (Nick T) – Nothing to report
- Beacon Hill (Keith L)
 - 599 players registered (all time high)
 - Futsal league received approval at the Van Assault Community Center
 - League in Spring (Jan/Feb through March)
- LVR (Jonathon C)

- Regarding lop-sided scores – some teams not accepting the support or charity
- Strong numbers at U6
- Lake City – Not Present
- Shorelake (Kris E)
 - Possibly an all time high in player registration this year
- Hillwood (Silas L)
 - Recommended a Best Practice Policy: Location for where parents and teams sit
 - Parents sit across from their team (opposite sidelines)
 - Email to go out to all regarding this rule to all SYSA clubs (4.8.4)
 - Easier for refs to manage games
 - Less incidents
 - Easier to transition players
 - Can be harder for coaches to manage parents
 - Will send out to coaches U10 & older
- Ballard (Corey M)
 - Everything is running smoothly
- Magnolia (Stephanie S) – Nothing to report
- Queen Anne (Shane C)
 - Little kids numbers are up
 - Changed vendor for picture day to Legends – gives them an A++
 - Few parents are upset with Select player rule
- Woodland (Mith F)
 - Steve Simpson also in attendance
 - Reviewed situation with parent from Blue Falcons
 - Roster was invalid due to number of select players
 - Met with mother to explain process & the exception
 - 3 Player rule is exclusive to SU
 - Mother asked if SYSA had reviewed all other options
 - Mother thought the practice was exclusionary
 - SYSA wanted to accommodate ability for everyone to play soccer, but could not accommodate ability for everyone to hand pick their own team
 - All compromises were rejected
- Seattle United (Kyle R)
 - Took over as the Executive Director in May
 - 6 Teams made it to the round of 16 in National Championships
 - 2 went to the Elite 8
 - 1 went to National Championship game
 - Over \$400K in financial aid given out this year – largest amount in country
 - Could go higher

Old Business – N/A

New business -N/A

Next Meeting scheduled for Nov 6th

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM