



Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on
February 7, 2022 via zoom call

Attendance: Officers, Commissioners and Staff

President	David Funke	X	Ballard	Luke Giustra	X
VP Administration	Keith Leitich		Beacon Hill	Keith Leitich	
Secretary	Phil Herold		Capitol Hill	Perry Lee	X
Treasurer	John Clark		Hillwood	Phil Herold	
VP Operations	OPEN		Lake City	Dave Farber	X
VP Development Rec	Ann Davison		LVR	Greg Parker	X
VP Competition	Corey McNamee		Magnolia	Stephanie Skinner	X
			McGilvra	Jeff Scott	X
Disciplinary Chair	Steve Kuhn		Mt Baker	Shannon Palmer	X
SSRA SYSA Liaison	Larry Metz	X	Queen Anne	Yarrow Banko	
Diversity Chair	Shannon Palmer	X	Seattle United	Kevin Long	
SYSA Cup Rep	Anne Bare	X	Shorelake	Kris Espinoza	X
MAR (Rep to State)	Phil Herold		Woodland	Mitch Furuglyas	X

Executive Director	David Griffiths	X	Scheduler	Jessica Beckton	X
SYSA Registrar	Paige Blomso	X	Social Media		
Assistant Registrar	Anne Bare	X	Bookkeeper	Michele Authier	
Assistant Registrar	Eden Riddell				

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Called to order at 7:08pm

Introduction & Welcome Guests:

No guests this month.

Volunteer of the Month

Consent Agenda"

Agenda additions: no additions

Approval of January minutes - LVR moves, MCG Seconds

CLUB REPORTS

MBL: Not much to report, promoting spring season.

CH: Not much, promoting spring

McG: Pretty quiet, getting teams set for spring.

BH: not present

LVR: In the process of implementing the Stack/Sports connect platform with their club. Recruiting volunteers, and promoting the spring season. Storage unit was broken into, LVR canopy stolen and found in an encampment, recovered.

LC: Had the first Board meeting, not much to report. Looking ahead to registration preparation.

SL: Gearing up for spring soccer. Trying to grow their Board.

HW: not present

BAL: Running a winter 5 aside program, outdoor futsal style. Good turnout. Recruitment for spring soccer. Held a 'drop in' session that had good turn out. No major changes in the Board. Had a great fall season, glad to be back and gain momentum from the positive season.

Mag: Finalizing expenditures, budget. Checking in with fall teams for the spring season.

Nearly all teams from Association ages are signed up for spring.

QA: not present

WD: New officers, new president - Steve Simpson. Training new officers through the next cycle. A few new registrars on board.

SU: not present

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dave Funke, President:

AGM coming up in April - work with the Executive Board on the budget, WYS fees are unchanged. We need volunteers of the year. Instituted a monthly meeting, to help direct business. Reviewing the Demosphere contract. Reviewing contract for Dave Griffith in the next month, will report next meeting. Would like to find a Secretary.

Keith Leitich, VP of Admin:

Not present

VP Operations - OPEN

Secretary - OPEN

John Clark , Treasurer:

Figured cost per team for City Tournament was \$202.00, not including the cost of Referees for finals day. SYSA has received a bill for all Referee fees, which should be split among the clubs. Hoping to be able to split the cost and billed to the clubs. Upon closer look at the cost for the tournament and the registration fee, we need to look at raising the tournament fee next year.

No financial statements over the last few months. Are considering if we need to find someone local (current Accountant is in FL) or require documents be supplied in a timely manner. Financial statements should be supplied.

Corey McNamee, VP of Competition:

Discussion in the Executive Board meeting task: Do the job titles/descriptions apply? Looking to update the current titles, and apply what is actually relevant to what we do? Institute coaching plans, coach resources, and make them available to clubs? Work more on the fall season, not just the City Tournament.

Ann Davison, VP of Recreational Development:

Larry Metz, SSRA President:

Working on data collection for Referees by club, to share with the clubs. Possibly could benefit the clubs and encourage more referees joining. Development program in the SU 8,9,10 program, which has been really helpful. This assists them in moving into roles later on.

Steve Kuhn, Disciplinary Committee Chair:

Not present.

Shannon Palmer, DEI Committee Chair:

Nothing to report. Need to come up with a proposal if we want to ask for demographic data from clubs. Going to roll this out in MBL, then be able to present to the Board next month.

STAFF REPORTS

SYSA Registrars: Paige Blomo & Anne Bare:

276 teams registered now, almost 3 weeks to go. Very few complaints or assistance needed to register in Demosphere. There was some concern that Omicron might impact registration, but there doesn't seem to be an impact. Anne is working on player registration, Paige will open up Skills Academy on time.

Very little support needed for coaches trying to register. Written communication going out this week to all clubs, offering a Demosphere webinar for all clubs to see the process/system. Set for February 18th, and this is a great chance to see the product in action. Demosphere is user friendly, so it should be an easy transition for families. Data upload is complete, so fall 2021 team data is in the system.

McG asks: need to rebuild websites, since current sites are in Affinity? Yes, they will need to create an independent website. Can check to see if Demosphere can host the site.

LC: each club contracts separately? How does this happen? Introductory email out this week, then clubs can find out pricing, etc...

We are fielding questions about All Gender teams from membership. We currently do not have all gender options for spring, but started conversations to see if there is opportunity for this option. Who would it impact, or turn away, if we are not inclusive or welcoming. Conversations are ongoing, with parents waiting on the decision. Paige and Dave G are looking at it. Worth having the conversation to make sure all players have a space to play.

SYSA Scheduler - Jessica Beckton:

Primary focus is SU game schedules into March. Field time is decreased into spring. Starting to prepare for Rec spring soccer league in Demosphere. Need to input all data as it is a new system for SYSA. Initial set up is a bigger task. Georgetown, Miller and WA Park are set to be re-turfed, and Interbay should be closed for 6 months, starting in December 2022. This will impact the Spring 2023 season. Parks and Schools are close to finalizing a new use agreement, giving schools an additional 15 minutes of use, losing time on those fields.

BAL asked about Soundview. Has been tabled for now.

LC: Has mostly school fields, so time change will impact the club. Has no Parks fields reservable in the area. Usage at Meadowbrook should not change, as it's a parks field, not a schools field. Jessica can share this information, but was not really invited to the conversation in the Use agreement. Dave Griffiths feels he can start the conversation with the Parks dept he has been working with.

SYSA Executive Director - David Griffiths:

Went to USSC convention in January, a great place to share ideas. Looking to move to using Capelli sport as a vendor for us, jerseys, canopies, etc... Adidas is contracted through 2025, but willing to let us out of the contract if something better comes along. Sponsorship - able to help provide financial aid support to clubs. Office is going to move and SYSA will continue to share the space with SU. Still waiting on invoices from some clubs. Still looking for Board members to fill vacant spots. Would like to diversify our Board if possible.

New Business:

"NO Room for Racism" - Keith Leitich

As clubs are buying jerseys, please include the "no room for Racism" patch on their jerseys. Should be available to all clubs. Unsure of the organization behind it, we need to know more. DG says: close ties to the english premier league, hoping to add it to all jerseys. Similar to the 'Respect' logo on the jerseys. Can add or create our own, DG suggests.

Great campaign, need to find more information on how to find/include the source.

Discussion suggests we should come up with our own.

Current Mask/Covid Policy for Spring 2022 - Dave Griffiths

Document provided. No players (any age) will be asked to mask on the field, only on the bench. This is for parks fields, schools fields have a different rule.

Old Business

Rave Foundation Partnership - Dave Funke

Proposal didn't happen previously. Now it is moving forward, approved back in 2019. Still support the program now. Soccer and Futsal court build.

Demand Letter (Update) - Dave Griffiths

Nothing new to report. No update, no communication from the other attorney. Will circle back when needed. LVR asked about coach conduct and making sure there is an investigation on the coaches, and gauge the merit ourselves. Has this been done?

Done due diligence on coach behavior. DG believes no action has been taken on coaches named in the complaint. Attorneys should have everything in place should this move forward.

Dave Funke asks to pick a date for the AGM in April:

Will it be in person or Zoom? Need to discuss.

Maybe the 23rd? Sounders away. Proposed for the 22nd.

Approved by LC, seconded by MBL.

Zoom event.

REMINDERS

Next SYSA Board meeting on Monday, March 7th

Please confirm attendance with iCal notifications via email from David Griffiths

ADJOURNMENT

CH motions to adjourn 8:42

McG seconds