

# Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on June 1, 2020 via teleconference

## Officers, commissioners and staff attending the meeting:

<b>President</b>	David Funke	x	<b>Ballard</b>	Luke Giustra	*
<b>VP Administration</b>	Alex Johnston		<b>Beacon Hill</b>	Keith Leitich	x
<b>Secretary</b>	Phil Herold	x	<b>Capitol Hill</b>	Perry Lee	x
<b>Treasurer</b>	John Clark	x	<b>Hillwood</b>	Phil Herold	x
<b>VP Operations</b>	David Funke		<b>Lake City</b>	Dave Farber	x
<b>VP Development Rec</b>	Ann Sattler	x	<b>LVR</b>	Greg Parker	x
<b>VP Competition</b>	Corey McNamee		<b>Magnolia</b>	Alex Johnston	
			<b>McGilvra</b>	Jeff Scott	x
<b>Disciplinary Chair</b>	Jeff Huse		<b>Mt Baker</b>	Shannon Palmer	x
<b>SSRA SYSA Liaison</b>	Chase Parker		<b>Queen Anne</b>	Ryan Hall	
<b>Seattle United Rep</b>			<b>Seattle United</b>	Kevin Long	x
<b>SYSA Cup Rep</b>	Anne Bare	x	<b>Shorelake</b>	Kris Espinoza	x
<b>MAR (Rep to State)</b>	Phil Herold	x	<b>Woodland</b>	Mitch Furuglyas	

\* Andrew Westmark represented Ballard

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

Guests/others present: Larry McCann, Beacon Hill

## Monthly Business Meeting Call to Order

Called to order at 7:05 p.m.

## Volunteer of the Month

Susan Lawrence, registrar at Woodland and Jonathan Smith, fields assignor at Capitol Hill were recognized.

## 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

Herold joined the meeting at approximately 7:10; due to late arrival, club reports were not captured for these minutes.

## Officer, Staff and Committee Reports

- **David Funke, President**

Items addressed included bank change, return-to-play and attending staff meetings.

- **Alex Johnston, VP Administration**

Not present

- **Phil Herold, Secretary/MAR**

WYS AGM was May 16:

- Felipe Mendez is new president, taking place of Dan Popp, who had termed out
- Return to play was the big issue; John Drezner presented
- There was a question from the floor at the meeting about statewide adoption of school-year based vs. birth year team formation for recreational play statewide; it was reported that WYS took a survey and respondents were split down the middle; issue declared dead until someone takes it up again

- **John Clark, Treasurer**

- Announced that today is first day of new fiscal
- As of April 30, SYSA holds \$550K in checking, not including Callahan and Sigley funds
- Shared a summary of receivables, other changes we're expecting, spring donations; summary is SYSA can go into an uncertain year in a good situation

- **Corey McNamee, VP Competition**

Not present

- **Ann Sattler, VP Rec Development**

Shared that she is going through a review of the governing documents

- **Chase Parker, SSRA Liaison**

- **Jeff Huse, Disciplinary**

Not present

- **Paige Blomso, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, SYSA Registrars**

- Been working with a couple clubs on how to use Affinity; let Paige know if you want some training
- BH and Hillwood are only clubs who haven't opened registration
- Working on finalizing playdown routine for season, medical playdowns haven't changed, working on the documentation requirements; we voted to allow summer birthdays to go to a grade-based playdown; have an opening on the committee; Mt. Baker, Magnolia and LVR are represented on the committee
- If issues with volunteers getting registered, can send them to the SYSA registrars
- Bare and Irwin gave update on clubs for whom they're handling registration

- **Jessica Beckton, Scheduler**

- Update on spring field refunds due to COVID-19 cancellation:
  - Seattle and Shoreline parks fields were fully refunded, \$28K check from Seattle, \$9K check from Shoreline
  - Have credits for fields Seattle United would have used, and we could ask for those as a refund or as a credit
  - Will also get a refund from Arena but they're waiting until they back to the office
- Seattle Parks fields still closed for rentals, presumably until the county is in Phase 3
- Question about upcoming Seattle Parks projects; everything is delayed, no update on timing

## **Kevin Long, Seattle United**

- No report

## • **David Griffiths, Executive Director**

- Involved with bank move
- Presidents' calls still happening; reminder that they're Tuesday 3 p.m., weekly unless a Board of Commissioners meeting week
- Field task force is meeting
- Attended various meetings with parks and return to play meetings
- Fielded calls re rec outreach program from Girl Boss Sports and UK International
- West Seattle requested to bring in their older teams, might want to return to full participation in SYSA but that's way down the line; 29 teams want in; group discussed the pros and cons

## **New Business**

### **Disciplinary Chair Open**

Appointment of Steve Kuhn announced by Funke

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Return to Play Protocol – David Griffiths**

No update for the rec clubs

## **By-Law Updates**

Status report: There is a copy of the current by-laws, posted online, and Sattler had suggested some changes. Herold then updated the document with corrections and comments that had been made by a rules committee formed ad hoc during spring of 2018. Some were suggested changes made verbatim within the document; others in comments needing further review and language to be crafted. Among the issues identified by the ad hoc rules committee and others:

- Items that seem to trace back to the forming of the association where clubs were still coming in, so the bylaws don't reflect the current reality which is that every square inch is covered by a recreational club
- Several places where we've been operating in contravention of our bylaws
- Description of officers' duties that are badly outdated
- References to programs that no longer exist, such as Canadian Exchange
- Potential exposure in areas such as the indemnification clause owing to inconsistent terminology

Noted that this is a longer-term project; but will do our best to expedite. Commissioners are invited to access the online document doc and add comments. Herold will re-take the lead on this project, and Parker, Sattler and Leitich will weigh in.

## **Announcements and Reminders**

- Next SYSA Board Meeting July 6, 2020
- Look out for and confirm attendance with iCal notifications via email from Griffiths

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Hillwood, seconded by Beacon Hill, no objections and adjourned at 8:06 pm.