

Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on June 3, 2019 at the SYSA offices, Seattle

Officers, commissioners and staff attending the meeting:

President	Steve Kuhn	x	Ballard	Luke Giustra	x
VP Administration	Alex Johnston	x	Beacon Hill	Keith Leitich	x
Secretary	Phil Herold	x	Capitol Hill	Perry Lee	
Treasurer			Hillwood	Phil Herold	x
VP Operations	David Funke	x	Lake City	Bassim Dowidar	x
VP Development Rec	Ann Sattler	x	LVR	Greg Parker	x
VP Competition	Corey McNamee	x	Magnolia	Alex Johnston	x
			McGilvra	Jeff Scott	x
Disciplinary Chair	Jeff Huse		Mt Baker	David Funke	x
SSRA SYSA Liaison	Chase Parker		Queen Anne	Ryan Hall	
Seattle United Rep	Kelly Mullins		Seattle United	Kevin Long	x
SYSA Cup Rep	Anne Bare	x	Shorelake	Adam Stoecker	*
MAR (Rep to State)	Phil Herold	x	Woodland	Mitch Furuglyas	x

* Jennica Bell represented Shorelake

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

Others present: Chris Espinoza, Shorelake; Jon Carver, LVR president, Dave Farber, incoming Lake City president

Monthly Business Meeting Call to Order

Called to order at 7:03 pm

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

There was a request to amend the submitted minutes of the May 6, 2019 meeting to include the names of the clubs that had submitted the playdown requests (Ballard and LVR). It was suggested and clarified that addressing a possible August cutoff date for “school year” team formation would be included in the agenda, under New Business, as part of the item on standardized rules. There were no additional requests or objections and both the minutes as amended and the consent agenda were declared approved by consensus.

Officer Reports

- **Steve Kuhn, President**
Referenced filming for 50th anniversary video

- **Alex Johnston, VP Administration**
Announced addition of lights at Big Howe
- **David Funke, VP Operations**
No report
- **Phil Herold, Secretary/MAR**
Reported on an incident in which a rec club coach had reached out to SYSA staff, claiming that inclusion of a team in Spring Soccer under a name other than the recreational club automatically qualified the team for inclusion as a new club in SYSA for fall league play. Herold summarized the current bylaws, which don't allow for admission in this manner, but suggested that SYSA should revisit the terms in the bylaws concerning admission of clubs. The existing bylaws appear to be left over from the formative years of SYSA, have never been readdressed, and don't reflect the current reality that all of SYSA territory is covered.
- **Treasurer**
Position unfilled and bookkeeper not present
- **Corey McNamee, VP Competition**
No report
- **Ann Sattler, VP Rec Development**
Not present at time of report; arrived later
- **Chase Parker, SSRA Liaison**
- **Jeff Huse, Disciplinary**
Not present
- **Kelly Mullins, Seattle United Board Rep**
Not present, report presented by Kevin Long
 - Tryouts complete, essentially status quo on team formation, overall numbers down a bit
 - Reported on participation in a U.S. State Department-sponsored trip to Israel revolving around youth sports diplomacy
 - Club entering summer tournament season, B03 Copa in USYS national championships
 - Worked with Phinney Ridge Neighborhood Association on streaming Women's World Cup games at neighborhood venue
 - Fielded a question about SU select program and community select team option
- **Paige Blomso, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, SYSA Registrars**
 - Alignment meeting July 22, 7 pm start, every club must be represented
 - Affinity rep will be in town next week, will meet with registrars
 - Query from floor about how clubs can see who has or hasn't completed SafeSport training
- **Jessica Beckton, Scheduler**
Not present
- **Andrew Westmark, Volunteer Coordinator**
Will have slate of summer program activities within the next week

- **David Griffiths, Executive Director**

- Presented pages from the new web site; looking for pictures from the clubs; went through list of sponsors
- Spoke to 50th Anniversary video
- Passed around Coaches' Code of Conduct, KidSafe Policy, Parent and Player Code of Conduct agreement, Side-by-Side Sideline Policy and Select Player Rule; part of a longer-term effort to standardize and update rules and other documents

Old Business

Select Players on Rec Teams (Confirm and vote on Policy)

The group continued the discussion from the previous meeting. After some discussion, an informal poll indicated the group was evenly split with several commissioners abstaining or undecided. Among points raised in the continuing discussion was to put a focus on policies that make it clear to parents, and to focus on sportsmanship issues. After further discussion, Magnolia motioned to put a rule in place that SYSA rec players cannot play on more than one team, unless the other team is a school team. Seattle United seconded. After further discussion, Beacon Hill motioned to end debate and postpone indefinitely, Ballard seconded, and the motion carried by a two-third majority with two commissioners voting against.

New Business

Standardized Rules for Citywide age groups, By-laws, Regs, etc Website Launch and Social Media Push

Both items were covered under the Executive Director's report, however, there was a reminder from the floor that changing the cutoff date for school-year team formation remains unaddressed

Reminders

50th Anniversary kick-off event September 7

Next SYSA Board Meeting July 1

Adjournment

Meeting declared adjourned by consensus at 9:19 pm