

Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on October 7, 2019
at the SYSA offices, Seattle

Officers, commissioners and staff attending the meeting:

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

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

Guests/others present: Kris Espinoza, Shorelake, James Redmond, Woodland coach

Monthly Business Meeting Call to Order

Called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Guest Presentation

By James Redmond, Woodland coach. The subject matter was an incident in which the SYSA president, corporate secretary, and Woodland and Capitol Hill clubs had played roles. Those individuals and clubs recused themselves.

At approximately 7:15 p.m. Mr. Redmond left, and those who had recused themselves rejoined the meeting. Those who heard the presentation requested an overview of the incident. Herold and Kuhn shared a brief history. It was originally an escalation of an incident between two coaches, involved the clubs, and was ultimately processed by SYSA and the WYS ethics and appeals committee. Some questions, clarifications and ideas were expressed. Griffiths shared copies of a statement from Mr. Redmond. Kuhn stated that further discussion depended on a motion from the one of the clubs. None was heard and the group moved into the planned business of the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

Dave Funke proposed a correction to the previous meeting's minutes as submitted. Conditional on that correction being made, Mt. Baker motioned to approve the minutes and adopt the consent agenda. Hillwood seconded and the motioned carried unanimously.

Volunteer of the Month

The group recognized Linda Overbay, Lake City referee coordinator

Officer Reports

- **Steve Kuhn, President**
 - Spoke to WYS honor the game event, asked how many commissioners and presidents were there. Several were. BH said groups should coordinate on outreach, there's lots of duplicate effort there. Griffiths had spoken with Maya Mendoza-Exstrom from the Rave Foundation.
 - Reported he had attended some Woodland games; there was an incident with a parent running onto the field, angry with the referee for not calling fouls on perceived rough play at U9 girls.
 - Noted the SYSA 50th anniversary event. An original Woodland coach attended and brought some memorabilia.
 - Summarized disciplinary issues.

- **Alex Johnston, VP Administration**

Had met with Jesus Aguirre, Seattle Parks; not much news; a few new projects possible, some turfing plans were rejected

- **David Funke, VP Operations**

No report

- **Phil Herold, Secretary/MAR**

Spoke to the Redmond letter

- **Treasurer**

Open position, bookkeeper not present

- **Corey McNamee, VP Competition**
- **Ann Sattler, VP Rec Development**

Not present

- **Chase Parker, SSRA Liaison**
 - Reported some coverage statistics:
 - 96% coverage for centers on SYSA rec
 - 99.5% coverage on all referee positions
 - Older divisions, 100% coverage for all referee positions
 - 75% coverage for all referee positions on SYSA rec
 - 88% coverage for lines at all ages
 - Received a complaint from a coach of an older female rec team about physicality not being addressed equally between boys and girls at older ages

- **Jeff Huse, Disciplinary**

Not present, Kuhn gave brief summary of cards

- **Kelly Mullins, Seattle United Board Rep**

Not present

- **Paige Blomso, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, SYSA Registrars**
 - Noted impact of current rule: no Seattle United players on SYSA teams U9 and older
 - Stated that all team officials must complete the background check and the three certifications; will spend the fall following up with the coaches throughout SYSA to be sure they've done concussion and sudden cardiac
 - Reminded clubs that assistant coaches have to be background checked and added to the roster, which is always an issue at City Tournament time and double the issue this year because of the time it takes to get certifications done
 - Reported that City Tournament registration opened on Friday; registration through Nov. 1, late registration through Nov. 6; will allow guests from teams not participating in the tournament; roster freeze Oct. 15, additions by Nov. 8
 - Shared schedule for this year: games begin Dec. 2, finals Dec. 21
- **Jessica Beckton, Scheduler**
 - Busy September getting games posted
 - Quite a few teams requesting to switch divisions which are difficult to make because birthday parties and other events have already been scheduled, generating lots of complaints; wants to get avoid getting stuck in situations where we can't make both teams happy with a reschedule; problem is ultimately with incorrect or lack of information brought to the alignment meeting
- **Andrew Westmark, Volunteer Coordinator**
Not present
- **David Griffiths, Executive Director**
 - Issue with tax returns the last few years, IRS wanted \$10K for taxes but Chuck Porter and Griffiths cleared it up
 - Attended meeting at Brighton Playfield, where Seattle Parks has spent \$6.5 million, partly due to sewer issues; could be online as early as January or as late as May
 - Complaints about fields the first few weeks, one of the Parks employees is new and didn't understand the timelines; clubs need to check on whether fields are ready; led to questions about liability if a goal falls, ultimately where does the responsibility fall?
 - Rec outreach program in week five of six, for the most part well received; Girls Boss Sports coaches well-received; had no-shows among coaches and teams; will be billing the clubs
 - Meeting with the Rave Foundation to talk about building new sport courts for futsal
 - Staff reviews this past month
 - Website updates
 - Potential United Soccer Coaches partnerships
 - PCA classes not well-attended, re-strategizing around that, can we do it online?
 - Social media links: if your club uses Instagram or Facebook, link with SYSA
 - Long phone call concerning state of the game, report sent out by the Aspen Institute; will forward it out

Old Business

Standardized Rules for Citywide age groups

Griffiths shared a draft of a chart showing small-sided formats used by the clubs; discussion about differences between the clubs; segued into discussion about proposed mercy rule

Age Group cut off discussion – Dave Funke

Postponed owing to time

New Business

Uniforms 2020 - Griffiths

Reported that Nike and Adidas had reached out with interest in providing uniforms to SYSA clubs, Griffiths circulated handouts from the companies

Announcements and Reminders

Next SYSA Board of Commissioners meeting Monday November 4

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Hillwood, seconded by Beacon Hill, no objections and adjourned at 9:06 p.m.