



Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Association General Meeting held on

June 5, 2023 via Zoom call

Attendance: Officers, Commissioners and Staff

President	David Funke	X	Ballard	Luke Giustra	X
VP of Administration	Keith Leitich	X	Beacon Hill	Hugh Gallagher	X
Secretary	Noel Maxey	X	Capitol Hill	Shelly Chinn	X
Treasurer	<i>Position open</i>		Hillwood	Silas Lindenstein	X
VP of Operations	Ann Davison	X	Lake City	Mark Baker	X
VP of Rec Development	Kris Espinosa	X	LVR	John Blackham	X
VP of Competition	Corey	X	Magnolia	Stephanie Skinner	X
VP of DEI	Shannon Palmer	X	McGilvra	Nick Tchemitcheff	X
VP of Marketing &	Calen	X	Mt Baker	Shannon Palmer	X
SSRA SYSA Liaison	Larry Metz	X	Queen Anne	Shane Cramer	X
Disciplinary Chair	Chris Tuttle	X	Seattle United	Kevin Long	X
SYSA Cup Rep	Berry Beard	X	Shorelake	Kris Espinosa	X
			Woodland	Mitch Furuglyas	X

Executive Director	David Griffiths	X	Scheduler	Jessica Beckton	<i>absent</i>
SYSA Registrar	Paige Blomso	<i>absent</i>	Communication	Jenn Ireland	X
Assistant Registrar	Anne Bare	X	Bookkeeper	Michele Authier	<i>absent</i>
Assistant Registrar	Kristin Bates	X			

JUNE MEETING

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

OLD BUSINESS

- (Dave Funke) April Minutes needed to be approved (not approved at May meeting)
 - Approved with No objections
- (David Funke) May Minutes needed to be approved
 - Approved with No objections
- (Dave Funke) Bylaws update – Took Greg Parker’s recommendations into account.

OFFICER REPORTS

- President (Dave Funke)
 - Reviewing By-Laws with Stef
- VP of Admin (Keith Leitich)
 - Rave Foundation Update on changing mission – will this affect SYSA?
- VP of Operations (Anne Davidson) – Nothing to report
- Secretary (Noel Maxey) – Nothing to report
- VP of Competition (Corey McNamee) – Not Present
 - Asked to Review Select Player rule
- Treasurer (Dave Funke reporting for)
 - Reviewed P&L for the year
 - \$90K in black (June 1 to May 31)
 - Increase in income from Spring soccer
 - \$40K lower than budgeted for field billing
 - Misc. expenses not spent
 - Balance sheet - \$40K in the black
- VP of Rec Development (Kris Espinoza) – Nothing to report
- VP of Diversity & Inclusion (Shannon Palmer – Not Present)
 - No report
 - Did not meet
- VP of Marketing & Communication (Calen Holbrooks)
 - Coaches Community Proposal
 - Coaches Community – a way to share content, communication, & best practices
 - Utilize SLACK app – a place to customize groups & spaces
 - Feedback from Clubs on SLACK app
 - Hillwood (Silas Lindenstien) – ignored slack when used on a different board, but likes the idea
 - LVR (John Blackham) – likes the idea as a way for peers to address coaches behavior
 - Disciplinary Chair (Chris Tuttle) – way to vent & get peer input

- Calen stated there was a way for Slack to auto-govern based on key words
 - Lake City (Mark Baker) – who will administer?
 - Jenn Ireland stated that could be set up and monitored by 1 person
 - Next Steps
 - Submit a proposal plan
 - Invite coaches to pilot late July/early August w/association coaches
 - 250 free users; non-profit rates for more than that
 - Hillwood Volunteered to pilot
- Disciplinary Chair (Chris Tuttle)
 - Issue with Capital Hill email – not receiving messages
 - Please ensure reps of all disciplinary committee members are checking emails and responding (check in every week or two)
 - Will send out lists of reps for clubs to verify
- SSFA (Larry Metz)
 - Asked Duncan Munro from Seattle Refs Committee (SRC) to speak
 - Look at ways to strengthen partnership
 - Assist in recruiting and retaining referees
 - New Referee certification clinics with local clubs (Woodland, Magnolia, & Beacon Hill clinics in 2022)
 - Need to work on ref development & retention
 - 85% of new refs complete a game within 1 week of course completion
 - Spring program were all new refs
 - Support from Seattle United
 - Please Reach out to Duncan if you would like to host a clinic
 - Areas for improvement
 - Add more adults (70% of new refs are 13)
 - Raise understanding of the game (should this be a requirement for coaching?) & rule changes
 - Sideline Ambassadors – Gameday Calming
 - Contact info: Duncan Munro
 - duncaninseattle@gmail.com
- Registrar (Anne Baare)
 - Meeting in May with clubs & registrars on set-up
 - Questions needed to re-add
 - Select player
 - Medical Release
 - Background checks – 600+ cleared
 - Alignment meeting in Late July – registrar & club leadership required
 - Question on SYSA privacy policy (Chris Tuttle)
 - Storing info on-line could be an issue due to the health questionnaire
 - David Griffiths to reach out to WYS to review
- Field Scheduling (Barry Beard)
 - Finishing next week with field distribution
 - If it says “returned” its not really “returned” – August 15th
 - Fall Changes

- Montlake Playfield – changes not impacting fields
 - Jefferson Playfields – still waiting to hear back on re-turfing timeline
 - Getting alerts from Parks about too much trash left behind after use
 - More fields got lights for this fall
 - Dahl Field issues (Lake City) – please disseminate contact info to clubs on how to get lights tuned on
- Executive Director (David Griffiths)
 - WYS to push standardized rules across competition
 - Ease for refs
 - Reduce level of disinformation & animosity on confusion
 - U17-U19 club is moving on!
 - 100% interest in program from surveys
 - Cost \$55 or less
 - Spring soccer – 2 weeks left
 - Easier this year than others (fewer issues & less complaints)
 - Successful ref program w/mentors
 - AGM WYS (May 20th)
 - US Youth universities – great resource for coaches
 - \$5 for profile
 - Parent ed
 - Mental health
 - Drills
 - Coaches Education
 - Clubs to host certification run by SYSA (?)
 - \$40-\$80/coach
 - Darigold Sponsorship – Hillwood, Capital Hill, & SU camps – provided \$10K for Cappelli shirts
 - Club Services & support
 - Asking who need field support set-up this year?
 - Scheduling for Coaches training
 - Free clinics on website
 - Grass roots scheduling TBD
 - Shall we do this?
 - Affiliated with USSF
 - Locations?
 - Age group specific?

CLUB REPORTS

- Seattle United (Kevin Long)
 - Tryouts completed over 3 weeks
 - 2097 players registered
 - Annual coaches summit held
 - Kevin Long stepping down at end of summer
 - Kyle Rodheaver to cover until a permanent decision made
- Woodland
 - Registration is open
- Queen Anne
 - Registration is open

- Question on select player rule – does SU or other clubs give lists on who were playing on their teams, but are not anymore
 - To check with Kevin, Anne, or Paige
- Magnolia
 - Registration is open (at 45% of target)
- Ballard
 - Registration is open
 - Need to fill 1-2 board positions
- Hillwood
 - Registration is open – lots of micro players registered
- Shorelake
 - Registration is open (80% of last year)
- Lake City
 - Registration is open
- LVR
 - Registration is open; nervous about impact of Celtic and Select Player Rule
 - U6 Program running (3rd year)
- Beacon Hill – no report
- Mc Gilvra – Registration is open (numbers close to last year)
- Capital Hill
 - Email is not functioning
 - New email created
 - Registration is open but are down quite a bit
- Mt Baker
 - Registration is open (up 60% over last year)
 - Fields person leaving in August – trying to recruit support, but may need help

SELECT PLAYER RULE

- Problems
 - Who are select players?
 - Rule Changes – Registrars to manage
 - Potential of teams breaking up
 - Considerations for older age groups to prevent drop outs due to low numbers
 - Purpose of rec & desire to honor that spirit
- Ideas
 - Diagram on website to illustrate the rule
 - List nomenclature of select teams and what level they fall in
 - Change some sentences in rule (i.e. if you have 3 select players team will play up a year)
- What can we do?
 - David G. – registrars , exec director, competition committee to make decisions on how many players a team can have?
 - Daivd G. – decisions made to avoid slaughtering of teams
 - Stephanie – age group rule difference? Develop a process for teams to go to the board for exceptions?
 - Mark B – Problem in alignment – divisions are not true to actual level
 - Anne – registrars can move teams based on record

- Dave F – Goal is to keep teams playing & to keep play competitive
- W/out allowing some select players, you could lose them to USSF programs (i.e. Celtic)
- Anne – two most common things heard
 - What defines the levels between select & rec?
 - What Celtic teams are considered Select?
 - Managing select players – can you have all your select players on field at once? (managing game to keep spirit of rec.)
- Shelly – volunteered to reach out to Celtic for advice on what levels they consider Select.
- Mitch – woodland supports the rule
- John – concerned that select players could displace rec players or reduce their playing time
- Dave G – are we propping up rec teams or supporting select teams – need to look at club philosophy on forming teams.

PROPOSED BY LAW CHANGES

- Dave Funke – should we allow an officer position to be filled by a board member?
- By Law Changes read in
 - 10 yays (Ballard, Hillwood, Lake City, LVR, Magnolia, Mt Baker, Queen Anne, Seattle United, Shorelake, Woodland)
 - 3 not present

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM