



Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Association General Meeting held on

March 4th, 2024 via Zoom call

Attendance: Officers, Commissioners and Staff

President	David Funke	X	Ballard	Corey McNamee & Luke	X
VP of Administration	Keith Leitich	X	Beacon Hill	Keith Leitich	X
Secretary	<i>Position open</i>		Capitol Hill	Shelly Chinn	X
Treasurer	<i>Position open</i>		Hillwood	Silas Lindenstein	X
VP of Operations	Ann Davison	X	Lake City	Dave Levine	X
VP of Rec Development	Kris Espinosa	X	LVR	John Blackman	absent
VP of Competition	Corey	X	Magnolia	Stephanie Skinner	X
VP of DEI	Shannon Palmer	X	McGilvra	Nick Tchemitcheff	X
VP of Marketing & SSRA SYSA Liaison	Calen	X	Mt Baker	Shannon Palmer	X
	Peter Maunsell & Larry Metz	X	Queen Anne	Shane Cramer	absent
Disciplinary Chair	Chris Tuttle	X	Seattle United	Kyle Rodeheaver	X
SYSA Cup Rep	<i>Position open</i>		Shorelake	Jenica	X
			Woodland	Mitch Furuglyas	X

Executive Director	David Griffiths	X	Scheduler	Stephanie Skinner	X
SYSA Registrar	Paige Blomso	X	Communication	Jenn Ireland	X
Assistant Registrar	Anne Bare	X	Bookkeeper	Michele Authier	absent
Assistant Registrar	Kristin Bates	X	Scheduler	Megan Lund	X

MARCH MEETING

- Called to order by David Funke (time 7:05 PM)
- Attendance noted by Jenn Ireland, SYSA Communications
- Presence of a quorum noted
- Minutes taken by Jenn Ireland, SYSA Communications

GUESTS

- None

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

- (Dave Funke) Volunteer of the month nominations: None

FEBRUARY MINUTES

- (Dave Funke) February minutes:
 - Beacon Hill motion to approve January minutes, MBL seconds
 - Minutes approved, no objections

OFFICER REPORTS

- President (Dave Funke) – nothing to report
- VP of Admin (Keith Leitich) –
 - South end MOD fields are now registered with the City under SYSA for administration purposes, and passed through to Beacon Hill (so they can get the insurance benefits). Beacon Hill is still paying for the fields in full, and allocating the time usage.
 - Working on coming up with an affirmative statement for what we believe rec soccer is
- VP of Operations (Ann Davidson) –
 - Will start to spearhead focus on preparation for World Cup games, starting to lay some groundwork for that, working with Marketing team
- VP of Competition (Corey McNamee) –
 - Keith's committee is going to take over the administrative side of the rules, we are going to separate these and make them into two documents, my committee is doing the 'Rules of Play'
 - We are currently cleaning up copy. It will be ready to go for the AGM.
- VP of Rec Development (Kris Espinosa) –
 - Nothing to report, it's been a fun 2 years
- VP of Diversity & Inclusion (Shannon Palmer) –
 - Nothing to report
- VP of Marketing & Communication (Calen Holbrooks) –
 - We are still looking into funding and options for video work
 - Sounders SYSA day isn't happening in May, but may be an additional date option in July; September IS happening
 - More to come next month
- SSRA (Peter Maunsell & Larry Metz)
 - Two clinics coming up in March and April in preparation for spring recreational league
 - We use the spring rec league to train new referees, or for refs that are newer and want to get ready and prep for fall league

- We want to talk about getting adults into refereeing and what we can do about that together
- Disciplinary Chair (Chris Tuttle) –
 - One outstanding incident from City Tournament final that we are still sorting out

STAFF REPORTS

- Registrar (Paige Blomso)
 - Team registration for Spring Soccer is closed
 - 431 teams playing Spring Soccer this year, 434 last year
 - We spend majority of the time now helping teams set their rosters and helping kids get on teams
 - Coaches communication has been sent with roster-editing protocol
 - We have passed things off to the schedulers to get started
- Registrar (Anne Barre)
 - TOPSoccer, almost as many players signed up already as all of last year, and it's still a month away from starting
 - Looking for high school students to be Buddies
 - Coach compliance will be one of the focuses for me here going forward
 - About 200 kids signed up via individual registration and are looking for teams
- Registrar (Kristin Bates) –
 - Spring Skills is 2/3 of the way full, session 1 is completely full, session 2 has space
- Scheduler (Stephanie Skinner)
 - Working through getting everything scheduled and preparing for coaches meeting this upcoming weekend
- Scheduler (Megan Lund)
 - Nothing to add
- Executive Director (David Griffiths)
 - See attached XD report
 - Something to add: we are busy prepping for coaches meeting this weekend, Great Hall at Greenlake, Saturday 1-3 pm; remind folks that we want to make this a great experience for everyone, encourage your coaches to come out
 - Feedback regarding League Washington
 - Low number of people had problem with travel
 - Positive overall
 - 3 areas to focus on: competitive alignment & placement, large disparity in age groups, rules alignment (we want to make sure all associations are in alignment with rules)
 - Some associations want dual rostering (including us) and some do not

CLUB REPORTS

- MBL –
 - Can we work through SYSA to get MOD fields so that they can be under the SYSA insurance? (David Griffiths) Yes
 - We need 2 new goals by June for community use for the summer
 - We have a new board member, he's a lawyer and is looking into how we can get our own insurance so that we can have more community offerings

- Spring camp/workshop with UK international coaches; trying to increase south end offerings for spring and summer camps
- Capitol Hill –
 - We are working with UK international at Judkins and Genesee for camps in April
 - Our website is down
 - We have a new volunteer who will be taking over as vice president
 - We were not able to include Seattle World School this spring due to older players in the school group; can we look into getting insurance coverage for them?
- McGilvra –
 - Looking to recruit some people to help with the club
 - Ramping up for registration
- Beacon Hill –
 - Nothing new to report, just ramping up for registration
- LVR – not present (report sent along)
 - Logo refresh
 - Prottime supplier
 - Finances are strong
 - Hoping to invest in coach education programs this year
- Lake City –
 - We used Girl Boss sports in the past to run Micros but they are no longer operating, I'm going to reach out to UW soccer team, but if anyone knows anyone who might be able to run Micros 2 days a week for 8 weeks, that would be great
- Shorelake –
 - Gearing up for fall and working to implement some of the new ideas we learned at the United Soccer Coaches convention in January
- Hillwood –
 - Held first Hillwood soccer celebration since Covid
 - Who do I reach out to for coach development stuff? What can we bring up to Shoreline to help educate coaches? (David Griffiths) On-field clinics and mentorship programs?
 - New logo
- Ballard –
 - Board meeting last month, identified a few open positions
 - 14 teams playing futsal
 - Continuing to work on sponsorship activities
- Magnolia –
 - Recruiting board members
- Woodland –
 - Looking for board members
 - Prepping now for fall
- Seattle United –
 - HS boys had school tryouts next week
 - Regional teams are starting spring soon
 - Annual fundraising gala was last weekend

Old Business –

- Dave Funke: open board positions
 - (David Griffiths) 13 people have reached out via email and phone

- We will give them another 7-10 days to submit their information

New business –

- Lake City, Spring play exception request (Dave Levine): Pippa, U14 player, request to play on the Lake City Thunderdaws for SYSA Spring Soccer 2024
 - Her twin brother plays for the Thunderdaws, her dad coaches
 - It's been an exception in years past, I would like to make a motion for the board to approve this exception
 - (Paige Blomso) It wasn't an exception in years past, it was a decision made by David Funke after discussions with me and David Griffiths
 - (Anne Bare Noted she plays for Emerald City so the team will need to make sure the select player limit is not exceeded
 - (Shelly Chinn, Capitol Hill)– I second the motion
- VOTE to grant exception: 6 yes, 1 no, 4 abstain, 2 absent, motion passes, conditional upon the team meeting select player limits for spring teams.
- (Dave Funke) Proposed Budget for adoption at AGM (attached):
 - WYS fees will higher as reported earlier. Budget modeled on same number of fall players as 2023-24, slight decrease in Spring season numbers based on trend. No increase in SYSA fees proposed. Budget gives a small net income ~\$19,300.

Next meeting –

Next meeting on April 6th, 10-12 at Green Lake Great Hall

Meeting adjourned –

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm

MBL motions to adjourn, Beacon Hill seconds