

UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors
May 18, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association was called to order by President Leisa Vineyard at 8:00 p.m. at the State Office of the Utah Youth Soccer Association in Salt Lake City, Utah. The following Board members were present during the meeting:

Leisa Vineyard—President
Cindy Barron, Vice President
Jodi Wells, Secretary
Rick Henage, Treasurer
Paul Brockbank, Recreation Director
Kurt Cottrell, Competition Director
Alan Jones, District 1 Chairperson
Trish Roberts, District 2 Chairperson
John Gygi, District 3 Chairperson
Dave Mills, District 4 Chairperson
David Josse, District 5 Proxy
Rich Egan, District 6 Chairperson
Norm Williamson, SYRA

Also present were Greg Maas (State Technical Director), Director), Bruce Cuppett (Risk Management Chairperson), and Gerrilynn Mason (Disciplinary Chairperson).

WELCOME

President Leisa Vineyard welcomed those board members and visitors in attendance and thanked them for coming.

Motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda and allow Mark Gibb from Avalanche to have a few minutes.

Mark Gibb, Avalanche club approached the Board of Directors about the 5 girl's teams that did not make it to the mandatory state cup check in.

He stated that it is not too late to do the right thing, and it is not too late to do the fair thing. Let the girls play.

Gibb concluded in stating that the Board had treated him well and had been accommodated well by this group. Thank you very much for the time that you have given me.

Motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda and allow Mauricio Menjivar from Impact to have a few minutes.

Mauricio Menjivar, Impact club thanked the board for all that they have done. I appreciate all that you do, but I feel the best thing for the players is to allow them to play. Neil Richardson, Impact club stated that an unfortunate thing has occurred; we are in hopes that we can start some healing. Things were done with pure innocence, there was no malious intent. We would like your open mind ness on this and allow the girls to play. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made and seconded to move into Executive session and discuss the State Cup Appeals issue.

Motion to adjourn out of executive session

REPORTS

Reports are included in the packet.

GAME CANCELLATION POLICY

John Gygi, District 3 Chairperson, presented this policy, the Board could determine the penalty if any.

The following is the proposed amendments to the policy to be placed in Section 6:

CANCELLING/RESCHEDULING GAMES:

1. Reasons for Cancellation: A scheduled game may be cancelled only for the following reasons:

- a. The coaches of both teams agree to cancellation;*
- b. One of the teams has a conflict with a State Cup match;*
- c. One of the teams has at least 2 players involved in a conflicting ODP function;*
- d. The scheduled field has been closed by an appropriate authority;*
- e. The center referee determines the scheduled field to be unplayable or otherwise terminates the game pursuant to the Laws of the Game;*
- f. A qualified referee*

2. Limit on Cancellations. In any one particular season, a team may only be involved in a maximum of three cancelled games for the reason set forth in paragraph 1a above. There is no limit to cancellations for the other reasons, but teams should make a concerted effort to avoid cancellations if possible.

3. Procedures.

- a. To cancel a game for the reason set forth in paragraph 1a above, the home team , as determined by the season schedule, must notify the appropriate Referee Assignor at least 40 hours prior to the start time of the game.*
- b. To cancel a game for the reasons set forth in paragraph 1b or 1c above the canceling team must notify an administrator of the opposing team at least 72 hours prior to the start of the game. The home team must then notify the appropriate Referee Assignor at least 48 hours prior to the start time of the game.*

- c. *To reschedule a cancelled game, the home team must contact the appropriate Referee Assignor to obtain possible dates, times and fields for the rescheduled game. The home team must then contact an administrator of the opposing team to come to an agreement on the reschedule. The two teams must cooperate in the spirit of good sportsmanship. The home team must then contact the Referee Assignor to finalize the date, time, and field for the rescheduled game. If the two teams cannot come to an agreement for the reschedule, the matter will be submitted to the State Competition Director, who will make the final determination.*
- d. *Any violation of the procedures set forth in paragraph 3a above shall be reported to the appropriate Referee Assignor.*

4. *Penalties.*

- a. *If the teams agree to cancel a game pursuant to paragraph 1a above, and the home team fails to properly or timely notify the Referee Assignor of the cancellation as required in paragraph 3a above, the home team shall be responsible for payment of the referee fees for the game. If a team fails to attend a scheduled game and has either failed to obtain the consent of the other team for a cancellation or has failed to notify the other team pursuant to paragraph 3a or 3b above, the non-attending team shall forfeit the game and shall be responsible for half of the referee fees for the game.*

Motion was made and seconded to accept the changes. Motion passed.

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

Greg Maas, Technical Director, Thanks to District 2 and Alan Jones comments on the parents code of conduct, I have went thru several and worked them out, this covers everything and is very simple. The following is the proposed Parents Code of Conduct:

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

This Parent Code of Conduct has been developed to clarify and define the standards of professional, ethical, and moral behavior from parents affiliated with the Utah Youth Soccer Association (UYSA).

- 1. I will emphasize that the game is played for fun, and for the benefit of the youth, not adults.*
- 2. I will act as a role model by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and game officials—regardless of race, creed, color, gender, religion, or ability.*
- 3. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, parent, or spectator such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.*

4. *I will teach my child to play within the spirit and intentions of the rules and the Laws of the Game.*
5. *I will refrain from criticizing the game officials, and will respect their authority and decisions during the games.*
6. *I will never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of the players.*
7. *I will demand a sports environment free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sporting events.*
8. *I will not encourage, invite, nor recruit any player from an opposing team to join my child's team during the playing season.*

I understand that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned UYSA Parent Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- *Verbal warning by official, team coach, and/or head of league organization*
- *Game forfeiture through an official or team coach*
- *Parental suspension with written documentation to be kept on file with UYSA*

I have read this UYSA Parent Code of Conduct. I understand its requirements and agree to abide by the letter and spirit of this UYSA Parent Code of Conduct.

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Dave Mills, District 4 asked if we could do this electronically.

Alan Jones, District 1 Chairperson, stated that this is good, but maybe we could group some of these together, to make it a little shorter.

Bruce Cuppett, Risk Management Chairperson, stated that we are not going to change any of the older team parents; we really need to educate the younger team's parents.

Rich Egan, District 6 Chairperson stated how we enforce this.
Greg Maas, the coaches and or officials.

Dave Josse, District 5, stated that it would be nice to have this for both parents to sign.

Leisa Vineyard, President stated that lets start with this as written and try it out.
Motion was made and seconded to accept the Parents Code of Conduct as written.

X-LEAGUE STRUCTURE

Greg Maas, Technical Director, stated that we get a lot of questions on how this is run.
Bruce Cuppett and I have put together some basic structure.

The x-league was to help build a bridge between recreation and competition. This has really helped keep things under control.

I would like to eliminate the U9 age group. Keep them only U10 teams. The U9 players can play up to U10, and that would eliminate the U8 players from playing up in the U9 age group.

- This is a development program. / Jr. Competition program. State wide run program.
- An entire U9 team can play up in the U10 x-league.

U10 x-league coaches need to have at least an E license.

I have left it open to the board to determine if we would allow a 1 year waiver.

We could also use the youth modules as well.

- The districts need to step up to the youth modules. we could offer the waiver, if they had a completed 1 level of youth module.

Leisa Vineyard stated that this x-league outline looks good. Greg needs to take this back and rework it with what we have discussed.

Greg Maas stated that we are hosting the National Youth License August 21-26. We are getting a lot of feed back and applications. Get this information out to your leagues and districts, if you are able to fund a couple of your people that would be great. This is a great event, let's support this. This is an all day event, Monday thru Saturday.

RECESS

Greg Maas, Technical Director stated that on the National C and B licenses, I am working with Real, and the 2nd and 3rd week in November looks like we would be able to hold those. The coaches wanting to attend national licenses this summer, there are not many options. It is very slim, mostly back East.

IN-HOUSE REFEREE ASSIGNOR

Motion was made and seconded to table this until later date.

CONCERNS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL PASS—OPEN DISCUSSION

Bruce Cuppett, Risk Management Chairperson, stated that we need to have the printed roster and the game cards in house if we have a development pass. Then, We freeze the developmental pass right before state cup; we may want to look at how and when we limit the developmental pass with state cup.

Kurt Cottrell, Competition Director, stated that the development pass is being used because teams are not having enough players. The problem is if they use District players, they have not paid the state competition fee, so they would not be eligible to play.

Leisa Vineyard, President, stated that we need to take this back to the competition board.

GAME SCHEDULING OPTIONS

Leisa Vineyard, President stated that included in you packet is a list of fields and availability. It is impossible to schedule when you have 5 teams playing on the same field. We can not schedule 3000 games by hand.

Alan Jones, District 1 Chairperson, stated that he has built a spread sheet that would do it for you. I know that it works. The schedules were done on x-cell and it worked. Our field was always open. I do not want to hear that it is the systems problem. My parents are getting frustrated with this. You are able to create better ways. If we can't make it work it, why are we still doing it?

Paul Brockbank, Recreation Director, asked Alan to take this springs season and run it out on your program and let's check this out. Bring it back and see if it works.

Rich Egan, District 6 Chairperson stated that it is hard to always leave work early, on the younger age groups, would it be feasible to move the games to 6pm or 6:30. It would be easier on the coaches and the parents who work.

Kurt Cottrell, Competition Director stated that I sent it out to the competition group, it would be great for the spring, but the fall, and it is a lot harder with the decrease in daylight.

Alan Jones, District 1 Chairperson, stated that he will work with some random divisions and test the schedule out on my system, and bring it back to the board.

Leisa Vineyard, President, stated that we need to have all the boards discuss 8v8 for U11 and U12, We are the only region that has held out, and so we need to move forward with this.

Greg Maas, Technical Director stated that we really need to revisit this and get this up and running, State wide, to be in compliance with Nationals.

Leisa Vineyard reminded the board that it is UYSA night at Real on Saturday. The youth parade will start at 6:30 p.m.
Thanks for all you help.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 10:40 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Youth Soccer Association is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. at the State Office of Utah Youth Soccer Association.

*These draft minutes were prepared by Secretary Jodi Wells.
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