

Utah Youth Soccer Association  
August 25, 2022 | 8 PM MST  
Board Meeting Minutes

those in attendance-

*Brian Smith, Brian Attridge, Brian Babcock, Tim Wheelwright, Wes Austin, Jamie Okey, Scot Boyd, Cindy Baron, Carly Brown, Amanda Sanders, Matt Rader, Eric Landon*

### **Reports & Announcements:**

- Protest and Discipline Update – Scot Boyd

Scot Boyd provided recap of current and resolved protests and disciplines. Discussion started about review button that officials can use to alert office to review a game. Contact Affinity to find out if the coaches have the check box to ask for match to be reviewed by office - Brian Smith

- Adult Soccer Update – Bryan Attridge

Positive news regarding Adult Soccer. The Adult Board met and voted on the merger. Will follow up with agreement to move forward.

- 2021 Field Grant Update – Amanda Sanders

Amanda gave the Board a summary of how the 2022 Funds will be awarded for the Field Grants. She will notify this year's recipients following board meeting (next week) and will email the Board an update on last year's Field Grants.

- NCS & Presidents Cup Results – Carly Brown

Carly recapped Nationals and President's Cup.

Far West Regionals took place in Boise-

Bryan Attridge, Brian Babcock, Brian Smith, Carly Brown and Erin McFarline attended.

32 UT Teams competed in Far West Regionals

Four Teams won Far West Regionals and advanced to the National Championship in Orlando Florida. An additional 5 UT teams qualified either as a runner up or through National Pro. 9 teams competed in the National Championship.

Bryan Attridge, Brian Babcock, and Brian Smith attended.

Wasatch SC 07 G ZB won the Girls U15 national title.

Bryan Attridge talked about our Recognition night for the Nationals Teams at Rio Tinto and invited the board to attend.

- U11 transition to U12 Reminder – Scot Boyd

Scot provided a recap of how alignment will work for U11 – U12.

Self-Alignment for 12U Fall

Will allow 12 prem to be as large as necessary

We have met with club leadership regarding this

Self-Alignment- Brian Babcock asked how the self-alignment works

• Staffing Update – Bryan Attridge

Bryan thanked Jen and Skyler for their time working for the association.

The positions have been posted and will work to be filled by the first of the year.

Study Session

• Loss of Membership – Carly Brown

We have recently had clubs drop below the minimum 100 and Carly discussed with the board what/if anything should be done to membership status. Ideas included loss of club pass and voting at AGM. Probation for remainder of the seasonal year. Loss of benefits.

Brian Smith believes that the number of players to qualify should be 200.

Jamie and Wes mentioned that they believe that the small clubs need the club passing – to help them get through.

Eric asked how much they are using the CP

Also mentioned if a club is under probation maybe they can ask for a petition/special permission to use club passing.

The board also discussed making the number 200 and losing privileges at 100. Carly will put together an official recommendation based on the discussion and will follow-up in a future board meeting.

• UPSL Membership/Boys ODP Oldest Age Group – Eric Landon

Eric proposed the idea of having the oldest ODP age group participate in the UPSL. This is an existing high level adult league. Higher level games 19-18 year old playing with adults. For example, park city red wolves play in the UPSL league. Players will stay in their own club programming and provide them an alternate option from Red Wolves who ask their players to leave their club programs. They can stay in their club and get matches in UPSL. 2006 and 2005 would be eligible its optional. He has talked to uysa club directors and they are on board with this idea.

Jamie mentioned that it would be great for High School kids to have an option outside of High School Soccer.

US Youth soccer signoff rule was mentioned.

• Open Contact Window – Cindy Baron

In the Spring we have the open contact window. Policy says that they must notify their coach. It would be for a week or 2 that they would not have to notify their coach. Between the second sat in May- June 1<sup>st</sup>. Brian Smith is in favor of this change. Matt Rader felt strongly that this is a good change. Cindy will put together and bring back for a vote at the next board meeting.

• Away Jersey Color – Cindy Baron

Cindy suggested that we switch the word light for white. Last year we had the protest of the jersey colors and too many problems arise with teams' home or away color conflicting with the other team. Hopefully problems would become minimal if all teams had a white away jersey.

Jamie suggested, If the away team causes the problem they should have to change their jersey. Office will look at changing the rule to having the team that causes the conflict change their uniform.

• Anticipated Fees for team in offer letter – Cindy Baron

There are clubs that are not including their fee prices. Cindy would like for clubs to include that info in the offer letter so that parents are notified beforehand and are not surprised by fees later on.

Consent Agenda

- May Board Meeting Minutes

- July 2022 Financials

Business Agenda

- 7325 - Registration Date Change – Carly Brown

For the youngers- changing the registration open period for them.

Motion for discussion-

\*Jamie Motion

\*Matt Second

All in favor- passes

- 6365 - SU IRL Alignment – Scot Boyd

Scot mentioned that this was drafted by Steve Beckstrom (SU IRL)

\*Kyle motions to approve

\*Second by Brian Babcock

\*All in favor

- OM Applications

o Gremio FC

Estrella is on the call.

Gremio has a total of 13 teams

Total players 186 Total Coaches 19

\*Tim motions for approval

\*Brian Smith - All in favor

o Cougars FC

Cougars FC is a Roosevelt club with 8 teams

Their President was on the call.

106 players 14 coaches

Jamie proposes to approve

Wes mentioned that there are coaches on waver, but Carly clarified that the coaches all have new wavers good for the whole season.

\*All in favor

o Legends F.A

Tabled

Good of the Game

Executive Session

Executive session was held