



Board Meeting Minutes

Utah Soccer Federation
August 21, 2024 | 6 PM MST

The Utah Soccer board meeting began at 6:04 PM MST.

Attendance

- Board Members: Brian Babcock, Skyler Bell, Matt Rader, Kendra Halterman (on call), Renata Lawson, Jamie Okey, Steve Beckstrom, Wes McGuire (on call)
- Staff Members: Bryan Attridge, Carly Kent, Scot Boyd, Blaine Burnett, Jenni Breckenridge, Holly Gundred, Amanda Sanders, Eric Landon, Michelle Wixom
- Committee Members: Trin Anglin

Study Session

- Shivwits Field Reservations – Tournaments/Outside Parties – Steve Beckstrom
Steve Beckstrom shared his thoughts on field reservation and pricing for the fields outside of league play. Main factors to consider are field maintenance, preventing heavy toll on the fields, and not losing money. There was discussion amongst the board on when we would open fields up for people to use and what the price point would be for that. Pricing would be in line with the other complexes in the area.
Bryan Attridge talked about the idea of member pricing for clubs that want to host tournaments there, and non-member pricing. He also suggested a rest period between tournaments for the fields to recover. He plans to discuss field usage with Chris and Brooks. We plan to include John Schippert as well in these conversations.
- Referee Update – No tolerance review – Scot Boyd
Scot Boyd believes that the zero-tolerance policy has made a significant difference since it has been put into place.
Trin Anglin with the SYRA talked about the main concern of referees is their uncertainty that issues with games are being addressed. She added that it's helpful for them to be notified that the game is being reviewed. She suggested increasing communication to referees. Scot gave insight on his process to see the games that are checked by the referees. He then runs a report to investigate those games and addresses the concerns from there. Trin suggests that we send an email to the referees so that they know that their concerns are being addressed. There was discussion on adding this topic to the next newsletter as a resource to help educate referees on this subject. Brian Babcock suggests Scot work with Holly on the responses to the referees in addressing their concerns.



Reports & Announcements

- UPL Update – Eric Landon
Eric Landon provides update to the board on the Fall UPL. The Fall season games have an average of 4 games per team. Girls U15-U19 will play in one event February 19-23, 2025 in a showcase tournament format.
- State Cup Policy Updates – Creighton Atkin
Creighton Atkin introduced the policy changes to the board following a meeting with the State Cup Committee. The State Cup Committee has approved the recommended changes to the State Cup policy thoroughly. These policies are effective for the 2025-2026 seasonal year.
- Southern Utah Update – Bryan Attridge
- Bryan Attridge discussed to the Board about the plan for Southern Utah with the passing of Terry Ogden. He felt it was best to not fill this position as Terry's roles with UYSA were established over the years and covered a broad spectrum of responsibilities that would be hard to be filled by someone new. Bryan added that UYSA does plan to hire two people for the position, one more coaching based and the other to do administrative things. Shivwits is in good hands with Brooks, and our consultant, Chris Burrows. John Shcippert is meeting with both Brooks and Chris weekly.
- Steve Beckstrom told the board that he is getting feedback from local clubs that they would like to have the position be held by someone living in the area. Bryan Attridge said we plan to have the staff members present in southern Utah for support.
- Staff Update – Carly Brown
Cole Bagley has left UYSA and has moved on a new position with KSL. UYSA is planning to hire a remote part-time position. This position will travel to tournaments and events.
- Discipline/Protests – Scot Boyd
Scot talked about how there were recently 3 incidents with moms on the soccer field.
- Adult Soccer Update – Blaine Burnett
Blaine Burnett informed the board that membership is up 20 percent. He updated the board about the adult futsal tournament held in July.
- National Championship Series Updates – Bryan Attridge
Bryan Attridge shared how USYS is moving away from regionals to a big national event. USYS has not announced if this will be implemented in 25/26 year or 26/27 year.

Consent Agenda

- May Board Meeting Minutes
- Financials

All in favor.



Business Agenda

- Policy 6325 and 6322 Premier Alignment Structure – Scot Boyd
Scot Boyd's discussed the policy change request on alignment. In summary, these sections affect how UYSA is doing youth alignment, exceptions have been removed, and clarification on no scores no standings for u11 and u12.

Motion to consider policy change:

Jamie Okey
Matt Rader

All in favor of 6355 and 6322 to change policy.

Good of the Game

Brian Babcock shared how nice it was to see the community come together and show support for Terry Ogden after his passing.

Bryan Attridge talked about how two Utah teams won the National Championship

Moton to adjourn by Skyler Bell and Seconded by Jamie

Meeting ends at: 8:20 PM MST.