



Board Meeting Minutes

Utah Soccer Federation
November 21, 2024 | 6 PM MST

Meeting began at 6:02 PM MST

Attendance

Board Members: Skyler Bell, Matt Rader, Tim Wheelwright, Renata Lawson, Kendra Halterman, Jamie Okey, Gier Olsen, Brian Babcock,

Staff: Bryan Attridge, Blaine Burnett, Jenni Breckenridge, Agustin Pinon, Eric Landon, Scot Boyd, Michelle Wixom, Amanda Sanders, Carly Kent,

Call in: Steve Beckstrom, Wes Austin, Robbi Spendlove

Additional Attendees: Trin and Michael Anglin, Tanisia Davis, Zach Peterson

Study Session

Referee Fee Proposal – Michael Anglin, SYRA

State youth referee administrators, Mike and Trin Anglin presented information regarding number of referees and number of assignments per referees. In their findings they shared that a large portion of our assigned games are done by a relatively small number of referees, out of a 2,000 + referee pool. They suggested slightly increasing referee fees to be able to give referees who do a certain number of games a bonus at the end of the season. They want to reward referees who are doing a lot of games and incentivize other referees to do more games.

To fund this, each team participating in the league pays \$2 more per game. Skyler Bell suggests starting the bonus at a lower game number, possibly 25. He believes that the referees that are doing less games need the incentive. Brian Babcock agrees with Skyler and would like to look at incentives at the lower level to promote growth. Trin suggests having an incentive for referees to attend referee training. Giving them a small bonus of \$5.

Fee Increase Proposal – Carly Kent/Eric Landon

Carly Kent reviewed the fee structure over the past 10 years. There has been no league fee increase since the 20214-20215 seasonal year. Carly proposed 3 different fee structures to the board. Additional revenue generated by this increase will be allocated to the expected Stack Sports technology fee increase (1 year left on contract), increase the charitable giving (~\$500,000 annually), as well as allocate a portion to help subsidize the ODP program in effort to lower the fees for players to participate. The board agrees that

Skyler Bell suggested a team fee. Carly will review player fee vs. team fee concept and present at upcoming board meeting.



Transfer Window - Eric Landon

Eric Landon discusses the possibility of removing the transfer window for all competitive players. The transfer window was removed for premier divisions a few years ago, and Eric and the Player Development Committee have discussed removing it for all divisions. Eric will be having a technical leadership meeting later in December, where this topic will be discussed at length with technical leadership from clubs across the state.

Transfer requests have gone down from previous seasons. In an effort for full transparency, Eric Landon suggests that clubs involved with youth programming should be providing a more detailed description of the fees that they charge on their website. There have been many instances where people register for a team and then want to transfer because they were not fully informed of the fees they are required to pay. Eric would like to require the clubs to fill out a form that asks for a breakdown of their fees. He also added that he will share this idea with the PDC at their next meeting to get feedback in preparation for the upcoming board meeting.

Reports & Announcements

2025 Board Meeting Date Proposal

- 2/13, 5/29, 8/21, 11/19

Shivwits Grand Opening

- 1/16/2025

Protests & Appeals Update – Scot Boyd

Scot Boyd shares with the board that there are 3 separate protests ongoing currently.

Utah Women’s Soccer Network Symposium Update – Carly Kent

There are currently over 70 female coaches enrolled in the network. The first event will be held at the 100 Lions Club on December 7, 2024. Guest speakers, Gary and Leese Price will be presenting at the event, discussing the Statue of Responsibility.

Especially 4 Athletes Leadership Council Update – Bryan Attridge

Bryan Attridge shared with the board an updated structure of the E4A Leadership Council. There are currently 32 high school aged soccer players on the council. Members will serve for one year, work on leadership, engage in service projects and community give back initiatives. The first in person meeting will be December 10, 2025 at the 100 Lions Club.

Adult League Report – Blaine Burnett

Blaine recaps the Fall season and updates the board with the 2025 registration timeline. Team registration will begin in January with Player registration following in February. To merge the youth and adult programs, high school aged players could participate in the adult league instead of the high school provisional league. This could get players familiar with the adult programming as they age out of youth. Field space and lighted fields continue to be an issue that hinders growth.

Miscellaneous Reporting of Outstanding Items (requested by Renata Lawson) – Bryan Attridge

Pushing Tryout back to June – after gathering feedback from club leadership and registrars there is enough pushback that the current timeline will remain the same.



State Cup dates in April – moving the tournament to April frees up space for League games to be held throughout May with limited interruptions. This was very helpful to wrap up the season by the June 1 deadline.

Birth Year Calendar Update – US Soccer board meeting will be taking place on November 22, 2024 to review the age year discussion. Bryan will provide an update to board members following the meeting.

Soccer Parenting Update – Eric updates the board that UYSA is no longer pursuing using the Soccer Parenting platform for parent education. Eric Landon and Lee Davis are working on an alternative.

Consent Agenda

- August 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
- Financials

Business Agenda

Atomic Athletics – Carly Kent

Carly shares with the board an update on the membership information of Atomic Athletics. Both their club president and technical director were present in the meeting to share more about their club. Atomic has met all requirements to be approved as a youth organizational member of Utah Soccer Federation. They are based out of Region 4 and currently have 214 players registered within their programming.

Renata Lawson motions to approve. Tim Wheelwright seconds motion.

USL 2 Membership Renewal (Salt City SC) – Bryan Attridge/Eric Landon

Utah Soccer Federation has owned and operated a USL League 2 team, Salt City SC, for the past 7 years. Most recent 3-year contract was up at the end of this past season. Staff recommendation was to not renew another 3-year contract, potentially transfer the franchise to one of our members, if there is interest, or just wind up completely. In-house counsel will look through our franchise documents to verify the franchise selling options.

Kendra Halterman motions to approve. Skyler Bell seconds motion.

Policy 6366 / SU IRL Tryouts – Steven Beckstrom/Scot Boyd

Steve Beckstrom suggest pushing tryout window and dates in Region 6 (southern Utah) to the first Monday after Memorial Day weekend.

All in favor.

Good of the Game