**Seattle Youth Soccer Association**

**Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on October 5, 2020 via teleconference**

**Officers, commissioners and staff attending the meeting:**

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| **President** | David Funke | x | **Ballard** | Luke Giustra | x |
| **VP Administration** | Alex Johnston | x | **Beacon Hill** | Keith Leitich |  |
| **Secretary** | Phil Herold | x | **Capitol Hill** | Perry Lee | x |
| **Treasurer** | John Clark | x | **Hillwood** | Phil Herold | x |
| **VP Operations** |  |  | **Lake City** | Dave Farber | x |
| **VP Development Rec** | Ann Sattler | x | **LVR** | Greg Parker | \* |
| **VP Competition** | Corey McNamee | x | **Magnolia** | Alex Johnston | x |
|  |  |  | **McGilvra** | Jeff Scott |  |
| **Disciplinary Chair** | Steve Kuhn |  | **Mt Baker** | Shannon Palmer | x |
| **SSRA SYSA Liaison** | Larry Metz | x | **Queen Anne** | Ryan Hall | x |
| **Seattle United Rep** |  |  | **Seattle United** | Kevin Long |  |
| **SYSA Cup Rep** | Anne Bare | x | **Shorelake** | Kris Espinoza | x |
| **MAR (Rep to State)** | Phil Herold | x | **Woodland** | Mitch Furuglyas | x |
| Jon Carver represented LVR | | | | | |
| **Executive Director** | David Griffiths | x | **Scheduler** | Jessica Beckton | x |
| **SYSA Registrar** | Paige Blomso | x | **Volunteer Coord** | Andrew Westmark | x |
| **Assistant Registrar** | Anne Bare | x | **Bookkeeper** | Susan Martin |  |
| **Assistant Registrar** | Julie Irwin | x |  |  |  |

Guests/others present: None

**Monthly Business Meeting Call to Order**

Called to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Volunteer of the Month**

Alyssa Eckroth, registrar for LVR

**Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda**

No additions proposed to consent agenda nor corrections to the minutes; consent agenda and minutes of previous meeting approved by acclamation.

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| **Club Reports** | |
| **SOUTH** | |
| Mt. Baker | No report |
| Capitol Hill | Started practices, not sure how many teams were out; folks camped out on Miller playfield; alternatives are to use the field, or write a letter to parks and they would either move the tents or more likely would close the field |
| McGilvra | Not present |
| Beacon Hill | Not present |
| **NE** | |
| LVR | Processed all of the refunds; good contingent participating in the SYSA and SU programs; Addams returfing is done, Magnuson is underway |
| Lake City | Nothing to report |
| **SHORELINE** | |
| Shorelake | Not much to report, three teams taking part in the SYSA program |
| Hillwood | Fields issues, last to open registration, among first to cancel; a few teams doing SYSA training at Twin Ponds on Friday, otherwise SU Shoreline teams using the few parks fields available; focus is on preservation of retained earnings, directing teams to SYSA spring and hoping for return to play in fall 2021 |
| **WEST** | |
| Ballard | Vandalism: one of the main fields closed by Parks, someone driving onto the field and doing donuts; four of the grass fields and one in Magnolia are closed; fair amount of teams practicing; had a coach with COVID, followed all the protocols, players all tested negative; had to file first SafeSport harassment notice involving inappropriate behavior by 8 year-olds |
| Magnolia | Eight teams signed up for SYSA program; Smith Cove project will likely not happen for four or five years, 40 lit turf fields in the city and none in Magnolia; a lot of interest in playing but not much can be offered |
| Queen Anne | Started practicing last week, at Queen Anne playfield and Smith Cove, fields not in great condition; going OK so far, fingers crossed; kudos from Funke on Queen Anne’s return-to-play plan |
| Woodland | Working through the refunds, looking forward to spring |
| **COMPETITIVE** | |
| Seattle United | Not present |

**Officer, Staff and Committee Reports**

* **David Funke, President**

Only three weeks since last meeting, staff got the programs off the ground; referenced terse email from state office

* **Alex Johnston, VP Administration**

Parks capital projects not underway; Big Howe, Smith Cove will be years away; emphasis will continue to be underserved in the south end, money will be a problem

* **Phil Herold, Secretary/MAR**

No report

* **John Clark, Treasurer**

Need to start billing the clubs for some of the fields and SYSA staff registration work; would like some leeway to work payment plans for the clubs

* **Corey McNamee, VP Competition**

Not much competition going on; question was asked about a City Tournament during December

* **Ann Sattler, VP Rec Development**

No report; seen a lot of clubs practicing but they’re not SYSA clubs

* **Larry Metz, SSRA Liaison**

Referees got the same information about return to play, waiting just like everybody else is

* **Steve Kuhn, Disciplinary**

Not present

* **Paige Blomso, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, SYSA Registrars**
* Been working with Woodland processing refunds, and have had some conversation with LVR; clubs have to remove the player, process the refund and cancel the application; no way to reinstitute teams that have been refunded and disbanded, need to re-register and re-form the team; WYS count needs to be accurate
* Will have to run spring soccer differently if still in phase 2.5 or 3; will share those details later on, it will look different and hope families will be ready for that
* Follow up with John Clark and will communicate to the clubs, received the RMA invoice from WYS; typically billed to the clubs, all those registrations are valid until April 30 and will be needed for spring soccer
* Will be in touch with clubs in the weeks ahead; need to get everybody back in compliance for sudden cardiac
* City Tournament: families would have to re-register if we can have a tournament
* Bare is working with two clubs that are holding in-house programs, Queen Anne and Capitol Hill; great to have kids out and playing; CH president had boxes of hand sanitizer and masks on her front porch for coaches
* **Jessica Beckton, Scheduler**
* Spent the last few weeks dividing up fields for clubs, ensuring enough fields for SYSA program
* A lot of field problems; grass fields destroyed in Ballard, encampment at Miller, lights not coming on or going off early
* Reported on discussion with Parks regarding Miller; Parks superintendent advised the Parks scheduler to close Miller if people are having problems with it; they no longer have the navigation team and Parks superintendent doesn’t want his crews going to Miller either; if we could get some conversation going with Capitol Hill with some community input, that would go further to getting something done
* Going to be billing the clubs directly for fields they use, sent the September costs to Susan which aren’t significant, but those clubs should expect invoices to come; getting costs for field time takes some work, Becton has to pull it off the permit and then adjust for fields closed or lights shut off; make sure the coaches have the number for the lights because if they use it, Parks will switch them back on pretty quickly
* Shoreline B will be closed until January
* **Kevin Long, Seattle United**

Not present

* **David Griffiths, Executive Director**
* Last two weeks have seen uptick in complaints about teams, people are getting sensitive about seeing large numbers of players on the field; been responding to those and working with the clubs, mostly it’s Celtic, ECFC and Shoreline Sports Club, but a few are SYSA
* Watched the Capitol Hill and Queen Anne practices, they’re well-organized with players socially distanced and coaches wearing masks; will be around the city the rest of the week
* Asked for a COVID acknowledgement form from all families
* Attended Girl Boss Sports meeting on possible issues related to the SYSA training program
* Referenced return-to-play proposal submitted to governor’s office, we may not get all of it

**New Business**

**Old Business**

**Diversity and Inclusion Chair and Proposal – Shannon Palmer**

* Sent an email out; of four who have shown interest, two have committed, waiting to hear from another; there’s a Beacon Hill parent interested
* Requested that if clubs have volunteers who would like to be involved, contact Palmer; parents, coaches, referees, anyone who would be interested

**Insurance - Greg Parker**

* Herold and Griffiths explained some of the history of the Washington Youth Soccer insurance and the linkages between some of the coverages
* SYSA’s concern is about changes that don’t give clubs adequate time to respond; decisions like these need to be made before registration opens; Griffiths communicated concerns about last-minute notice to the state office; doesn’t expect any other surprises in the near future

**Announcements and Reminders**

* Next SYSA Board Meeting Monday, November 2; look out for and confirm attendance with iCal notifications

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Hillwood, seconded by Mt. Baker, all in favor and adjourned at 8:09 p.m.