**Seattle Youth Soccer Association**

**Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on February 1, 2021 via teleconference**

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

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| **President** | David Funke | x | **Ballard** | Luke Giustra |  |
| **VP Administration** | Alex Johnston |  | **Beacon Hill** | Keith Leitich | x |
| **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 | x |
| **VP Competition** | Corey McNamee |  | **Magnolia** | Alex Johnston  |  |
|  |  |  | **McGilvra** | Jeff Scott | x |
| **Disciplinary Chair** | Steve Kuhn |  | **Mt Baker** | Shannon Palmer | x |
| **SSRA SYSA Liaison** | Larry Metz |  | **Queen Anne** | Ryan Hall | x |
| **Seattle United Rep** |  |  | **Seattle United** | Kevin Long | x |
| **SYSA Cup Rep** | Anne Bare |  | **Shorelake** | Kris Espinoza | x |
| **MAR (Rep to State)** | Phil Herold |  | **Woodland** | Mitch Furuglyas | x |
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| **Executive Director** | David Griffiths | x | **Scheduler** | Jessica Beckton | x |
| **SYSA Registrar** | Paige Blomso | x | **Volunteer Coord** | Andrew Westmark |  |
| **Assistant Registrar** | Anne Bare | x | **Bookkeeper** | Michele Authier |  |
| **Assistant Registrar** | Julie Irwin | x |  |  |  |

Guests/others present: Jon Carver, Yarrow Banko

**Monthly Business Meeting Call to Order**

Called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Volunteer of the Month**

None submitted

**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.

**Officer, Staff and Committee Reports**

* **David Funke, President**
* Attended staff meetings and WYS Annual Player Fee Meeting
* Busy with setting up winter trainings, publicity about spring soccer
* Michele Authier is now SYSA bookkeeper
* SYSA Annual General Meeting coming up in April
* **Alex Johnston, VP Administration**

Not present

* **Phil Herold, Secretary/MAR**

Reported on Washington Youth Soccer Player Fee meeting; no fee increase

* **John Clark, Treasurer**
* The money is still there; approx. $400K in accounts with Washington Federal; positive about the outlook for the finances
* Another PPE loan opportunity coming available, plus Griffiths is working on some grants
* **Corey McNamee, VP Competition**

Not present

* **Ann Sattler, VP Rec Development**
* Thinking about U13+ and how to get constituency back engaged
* Reported on email exchanges with groups looking to do park cleanup; led to discussion about appropriateness of having kids doing that kind of cleanup
* **Larry Metz, SSRA Liaison**
* **Steve Kuhn, Disciplinary**

Not present

* **Shannon Palmer, Diversity & Inclusion Chair**
* Committee has had a rough start, some missteps, people unavailable
* Positive Coaching Alliance diversity training:
* Connected with PCA through Leitich, proceeding on some new training they have
* Shared the materials with D&I committee and they will pursue it for SYSA commissioners and staff
* Scheduled for March; takes 90 minutes, might be some prework; will be held via Zoom
* Do we have the coaches take something similar or have teams take it?
* **Paige Blomso, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, SYSA Registrars**
* Spring soccer
* Have not formally announced spring soccer, waiting to add some documents to the site
* Have a communication drafted and ready to go out
* Not charging teams until we can be sure we’ll have a spring season
* 32 teams registered for spring soccer; Woodland has sent out a club email and explained how program will work, 1/3 of the teams registered are Woodland teams
* Team training
* Starts February 7, have 13 teams right now
* Griffiths wants to close registration Wednesday evening
* Responses to questions from various clubs
* Confirmed that SYSA staff handles registration; questions about coach registration for new spring coaches and RMAs
* Newsletter went out to all of SYSA, a coach email will be going out this week; suggested that clubs communicate to their families, have coaches reach out to teams
* SYSA will not place unknown players on existing teams, any Spring Soccer placements should be community and family-driven
* $40 registration covers WYS and SYSA administration; team fee is additional cost
* **Jessica Beckton, Scheduler**
* Has the allotment through end of May, have the fields we normally get
* Assuming no access to Shoreline school fields, so no Ridgecrest
* Questions about using Arena Sports
* Seattle United planning games for next weekend, RCL and ECNL leagues have games through mid-May
* Nervous about demand for fields into May, which is a time where in a normal year, there aren’t a lot of Seattle United games
* Haven’t actually gotten permission from Seattle Parks to play games; conjecture that they’re deciding how many spectators to allow and Parks might have a no-spectators rule
* **Kevin Long, Seattle United**
* Gala overview, SYSA is invited; silent auction opens tomorrow, livestream event is on Saturday night
* Two former Seattle United players, Paul Rothrock and Jackson Ragen, drafted by MLS teams
* **David Griffiths, Executive Director**
* Personal note re Paul Rothrock
* Waiting on PPE and small-business grants
* Some web updates completed
* Next presidents’ call Tuesday Feb 9
* RAVE Foundation reached out, developing a field initiative; looking for people to help invest in that
* SYSA AGM coming up, will definitely be a virtual event
* Winter programming starts Sunday
* COVID-19 return to play status
* In contact with the Governor’s office regarding new Phase 2 rules; includes a car-to-car mask rule, number of spectators is still open for debate and is being reviewed by the Mayor’s office
* Seattle United will be playing games as soon as possible
* There is no plan for a phase 3 and thinks we’ll be in phase 2 for a long time
* Potential for a Spring Soccer season looks great, idea for a late spring/early summer tournament might have to be adjusted
* Phases revisited every two weeks, next date is February 12
* Attended Parks meeting
* Going to revise their advisory board
* Construction projects are behind; construction staff are at-risk workers and weather has been an issue, but they are close to completion
* Cleanups are happening, one park at a time; at Miller, “no action due to legality of moving people out” and need places to put those people

**New Business**

**Volunteer of the year awards**

* They’re coming up; need some nominations
* Noted that SYSA and some clubs have had programs during the COVID and some great volunteers have stepped up to make them happen

**Old Business**

None

**Announcements and Reminders**

* Next meeting: Look out for invitation and confirm attendance with iCal notifications

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Hillwood, seconded by Beacon Hill, all in favor and adjourned at 8:10 p.m.