**Seattle Youth Soccer Association**

**Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on March 1, 2021 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 |  | **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 | x | **Magnolia** | Alex Johnston |  |
|  |  |  | **McGilvra** | Jeff Scott | x |
| **Disciplinary Chair** | Steve Kuhn |  | **Mt Baker** | Shannon Palmer | x |
| **SSRA SYSA Liaison** | Larry Metz | x | **Queen Anne** | Ryan Hall |  |
| **Seattle United Rep** |  |  | **Seattle United** | Kevin Long | x |
| **SYSA Cup Rep** | Anne Bare | x | **Shorelake** | Kris Espinoza | x |
| **MAR (Rep to State)** | Phil Herold |  | **Woodland** | Mitch Furuglyas | \* |
| \*Rob Bayuk represented Woodland | | | | | |
| **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: None.

**Monthly Business Meeting Call to Order**

Called to order at 7:04 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. Seattle United had requested if club could use SYSA families’ postal addresses to mail out promotional materials, added to new business.

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| **Club Reports** | |
| **SOUTH** | |
| Mt. Baker | Planning for fall, a couple teams registered for spring. |
| Capitol Hill | Issue on agenda under New Business. |
| McGilvra | About 20 teams registered for spring; thinking about new ways to market for fall. |
| Beacon Hill | Starting to plan for fall season. |

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| **NE** | |
| LVR | Waiting for coaches’ feedback about spring soccer. Unaffiliated families looking for spaces to play, LVR might take on placement task. Looking for a coaching director. Looking to add U6 to the house league program. |
| Lake City | Not a lot going on, concern going into fall is fields availability. School district employee approached a Lake City board member at Meadowbrook fields, over joint use agreement and safety issues. |
| **SHORELINE** | |
| Shorelake | Looking for alternative ways to market. |
| Hillwood | Nothing to report. |
| **WEST** | |
| Ballard | Sent messages out for spring. |
| Magnolia |  |
| Queen Anne |  |
| Woodland | Handful of teams in winter training, looking forward to spring. |
| **COMPETITIVE** | |
| Seattle United | Back to soccer, playing games, in masks. Some referees saying mask enforcement isn’t their responsibility. |

**Officer, Staff and Committee Reports**

* **David Funke, President**

Sitting in on staff meetings. Starting to think about next year’s budget, since next month is the AGM. No financial statement for previous month to share.

* **Alex Johnston, VP Administration**

Not present

* **Phil Herold, Secretary/MAR**

No report

* **John Clark, Treasurer**

Cash position is stronger than expected; checks going out for fields. Starting to look at projections for next year. Pleased with new bookkeeper.

* **Corey McNamee, VP Competition**

Nothing to report.

* **Ann Sattler, VP Rec Development**

Nothing to report.

* **Larry Metz, SSRA Liaison**

No thoughts personally on masks. Been working on more consistency on the issue; mixed messaging from admins on the state level and with high school girls’ sports saying referees don’t do anything about masks. Any negative comments about masking communicated directly to the referees have involved visiting teams from south King County area. Referees will treat mask-wearing like shinguards and other player equipment.

* **Steve Kuhn, Disciplinary**

Not present

* **Shannon Palmer, Diversity & Inclusion Chair**

Attended the SU version of anti-racism workshop. Opportunity to do PCA training; have date options in March; format is 90 minutes with breakout sessions.

* **Paige Blomso, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, SYSA Registrars**
* About to close spring soccer team registration, will leave it open until end of the week because there’s a big backlog of emails
* Still confusion about team registration closing equating with player registration closing; still time for players to join in
* Exchanges with LVR regarding placing players on teams
* Still trying to put on spring soccer as it was intended; it’s not a team-building opportunity
* Players can be on more than one team in spring, SU players can participate with some limits
* 254 teams registered compared to last year’s 474
* 50 teams at U6 last year, this year we had 1; younger families are having a more difficult time, U6 didn’t play in fall; skills and games academies for youngers is full with a healthy waitlist; families want to re-engage with soccer.
* Clubwise, everybody’s at about 50% of last year
* Seattle United PDA starts on Friday; SU is also hosting spring break camps
* **Jessica Beckton, Scheduler**
* Phase 2 rule is maximum 75 participants and attendees; therefore SYSA spring will have to pare down number of fields at Lower Woodland and Garfield for the U8s.
* At all ages, we won’t be able to have parents at the fields
* Will probably have to extend the five minute rule to be a 10 minute rule to clear the fields
* Number of teams will be lower than the past for spring season, but ability to host games is also reduced
* **Kevin Long, Seattle United**

(Bypassed; see Club Report)

* **David Griffiths, Executive Director**
* Applied for second PPP loan, same amount as the first which was $57,000-and-change
* State business grant was for $19K, haven’t heard anything back
* Been working with Friends of Athletic Fields, also with an organization to clean up Miller
* Working on budget for next year, doing weekly finance meetings
* Helping Beacon Hill with their website
* Was contacted by an organization to raise money for cardiac arrest; want to put a percentage of proceeds into our association to go toward scholarship funds
* Presidents’ calls; next call is Tuesday March 9
* Winter training program in its fourth and final week; 15 teams
* Cleaning out storage unit, have a couple of Far Post goals available

**New Business**

**Sounders/Rave Foundation Futsal Project**

* Information was included in meeting packet; project to resurface a sport court, originally wanted Judkins, now identified Lakeridge which is in Baker/Lakewood territory
* Multi-use court for futsal; SYSA wouldn’t be able to use it on a regular scheduled basis, but could use for special events
* Sounders would use for camps and local community events
* Proposal is cost split three ways, SYSA/SU/RAVE Foundation

Motion from McGilvra, second from LVR to contribute $10K toward RAVE Foundation’s multisport court project at Lakeridge. Carries unanimously.

**Soccer Without Borders Support**

* Capitol Hill gave the history of this program; soccer team at the Seattle World School playing SYSA fall, been doing it for three years, CH has hosted their teams
* Team has asked for help with SYSA costs as this year they’re looking at playing spring soccer, and players will need to register
* Proposal is for SYSA to fund the three teams by waiving the team fees for spring soccer and covering the $40 player fee for registration

Motion to waive the spring season team and per-player fees for Soccer Without Borders teams made by Hillwood, seconded by Beacon Hill, carries unanimously.

**AGM Plan & Budget**

Funke made a call for nominations for Of the Year Awards which will be presented at the SYSA Annual General Meeting. After discussion, the group nominated and arrived at consensus for:

* Volunteer of the Year: Yarrow Banko, Queen Anne, for putting on the winter programs
* Administrator of the Year: Shelly Chinn, Capitol Hill, for her efforts putting teams on the field
* Special Posthumous Award: Mike Carney, Beacon Hill
* Coach of the Year: To come, from among rec coaches who conducted social-distanced sessions during the COVID-19 pandemic

The group agreed on April 24 for the AGM, 10am.

**Board Openings (VP Admin & VP Operations)**

Announced: VP Operations is currently open, VP Administration will be as of the AGM

**Spring Soccer Return to Play**

Coaches meeting is scheduled, will be conducted online

**Good of the game**

Active board members who aren’t otherwise a coach, do your RMA and compliance training now and you’ll be good through April 2022. Process it through the SYSA spring soccer page.

Recognition of Palmer for diversity committee work; hope we all take the PCA sessions seriously. A lot of work going on behind the scenes, hope all take it as seriously as the committee members.

**Announcements and Reminders**

* Next SYSA meetingSat April 24 (Annual AGM)
* Next meeting: Look out for invitation and confirm attendance with iCal notifications

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Mount Baker, seconded by Beacon Hill, all in favor and adjourned at 8:50 p.m.