**Seattle Youth Soccer Association**

**Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on July 12, 2021 via teleconference**

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

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| **President** | David Funke |  | **Ballard** | Luke Giustra | \* |
| **VP Administration** | Keith Leitich | 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 Davison | x | **LVR** | Greg Parker | x |
| **VP Competition** | Corey McNamee | x | **Magnolia** | Ben Eckhardt | \* |
|  |  |  | **McGilvra** | Jeff Scott | x |
| **Disciplinary Chair** | Steve Kuhn |  | **Mt Baker** | Shannon Palmer | x |
| **SSRA SYSA Liaison** | Larry Metz |  | **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 | x | **Woodland** | Mitch Furuglyas | x |
| \*Yarrow Banko represented Queen Anne, Andrew Westmark represented Ballard, Stephanie Skinner represented Magnolia  \*\*Keith Leitich assumed the duties of the President and was ineligible to vote | | | | | |
| **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** | Michele Authier |  |
| **Assistant Registrar** | Julie Irwin |  |  |  |  |

Guests/others present: Nick Perera, WYS; Paul Aur, Seattle United; Jon Carver, LVR

**Monthly Business Meeting Call to Order**

Called to order at 7:03pm

**Nick Perera - WYS Executive Director**

Introduced himself and spoke to:

* Learning curve associated with the job
* Serving underserved communities
* Premier club’s role
* Need to reach recreational players who are slipping through the cracks
* Comment from the floor about the Affinity platform; Blomso mentioned given the buyout of Affinity, she and Keli at WYS office are looking at another platform
* D&O insurance — WYS has a claim pending; in the process of doing D&O renewal to ensure that WYS is up and running by August 31
* Appeal of SYSA decision made at the June 7 meeting that had been filed with WYS

**Volunteer of the Month**

Ann Davison nominated Melissa Cromwell, team manager who rallied to keep several teams together

**Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda**

Consent agenda and minutes for previous meeting had been sent in the meeting packet. Hearing no objection, Capitol Hill motioned to approve both, Hillwood seconded, declared approved by consensus

**Club Reports**

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| **SOUTH** |  |
| Mt. Baker | Registrations down 10.5%; working on data to make decision on need for August practice fields; processing a gender identity issue |
| Capitol Hill | Registrations not at the pace hoped for |
| McGilvra | Issue with training support provider UK Elite which is no longer working with community organizations due to a new affiliation; registration numbers are surprisingly good |
| Beacon Hill | Gave Seattle United a flyer to pass out at their local camp; have 242 registered players; new website hopefully coming on in a week |
| **NE** |  |
| LVR | Opened registration for coaches and volunteers and hopefully the alternate process for obtaining RMA clearance without a SS# will work; discussed the dual rostering proposal within their board; about 980 registered |
| Lake City | About 12% down |
| **SHORELINE** |  |
| Shorelake | Numbers are lower than normal, not too bad for this time of year, struggling for coaches |
| Hillwood | At about two-thirds of 2019 registrations |
| **WEST** |  |
| Ballard | Low registration numbers; expecting a lot of late registrations once school gets back in |
| Magnolia | Also down overall, 10-15% and more significantly in the older ages; mod program might be stronger than ever because of demographic changes |
| Queen Anne | Numbers down at the older ages especially; launching a coaching program; have some kids helping with academy program |
| Woodland | Registration numbers down, at around 1000; doing a full-on blitz to coaches; Rob Bayuk is stepping down as president |
| **COMPETITIVE** |  |
| Seattle United | Been working with LVR and Beacon Hill, handing out flyers at the Seattle United camps and happy to pass them out if others would like to do the same; working with Griffiths on some coaching clinics; also working on referees using Sigley fund; Seattle Cup over the just-completed weekend and many Seattle United families came down and spent the day |

**Officer, Staff and Committee Reports**

* **Dave Funke, President**

Not present

* **Keith Leitich, VP of Admin**

Suggestion that clubs work together on combining older teams

* **Phil Herold, Secretary**

No report

* **John Clark , Treasurer**
* Net loss for the completed fiscal was $16,000 which takes into account the PPP loan; gives us some idea of how bad it was
* Ending balance was $700,964; now going through the process of paying for fields so a lot of money will be going out
* Waiting in line for forgiveness of the second PPP loan
* **Corey McNamee, VP of Competition**

Indicated he will send a report by email regarding goalkeeper clinics he’s setting up with West Coast Goalkeeping

* **Ann Davison, VP of Recreational Development**

Reiterated that if clubs want help with team preservation at older ages, they can work through her

* **Larry Metz, SSRA President**

SSRA is organizing clinics starting August 21, will send a flyer

* **Steve Kuhn, Disciplinary Committee Chair**

Not present

* **Shannon Palmer, DEI chair**

No report

* **Paige Blomso, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, SYSA Registrars**
* July 21 alignment meeting: making sure registrars are preparing for that and communicating with coaches; placement will be tricky with U11 and U12s, with no prior results; U10/11/12 will be self-selected
* Alternative clearance process: communicated the alternative path is available, only six people so far have requested it
* Registrations: at 7,000 players now, we’re down 3,000 at this point; this is not a year to be hard and fast about late additions, we would discourage clubs from closing registration; have started a review of alternate registration platforms, Affinity’s support has disappeared
* Youth volunteers (minors 18 and below): have to complete SafeSport, there’s a different education session for them; also an alternative RMA process
* **Jessica Beckton, Scheduler**
* August field time is out to the clubs; asked clubs to turn back time they won’t use
* Has Fall field time but is waiting on a few more fields
* Update on construction/lighting projects; some fields won’t be available
* **David Griffiths, Executive Director**
* Washington has reopened, masks not required anymore, field vendors may impose their own restrictions; unvaccinated adults need to wear masks and that’s a requirement of the field providers; SYSA sent out a statement that we will follow what our field vendors require
* In addition to their normal structured programs, City Parks is eager to get coaches to run drop-in clinics and get kids back on the field
* Six coaches clinics starting August 23, locations TBD, in conjunction with SU
* Worked with United Soccer Coaches to reinstate our membership, all the coaches who are registered by August 23 will receive an email with all the login credentials, it will be a four-month membership covering the fall season
* West Seattle club is continuing to talk about an intertie
* Rainier Beach will get a second turf area where the “practice field” is
* Parks is clearing the homeless camps, don’t know if that’s a summer thing or not
* Fields Task Force update, James at Mount Baker is putting together spreadsheets to simplify the fields scheduling process
* Staff meetings are biweekly during the summer, presidents’ calls are still happening
* TOPS soccer: Seattle has a strong program that could be bigger; if you can help support or know of families who need support

**New Business**

**Dual Rostering Rule Change - Seattle United**

A proposal to amend section 3.3 of the SSYA Rules of Competition and section 3.4.8 of the Administrative Regulations, and to add a new section 3.4.9 had been distributed with the meeting packet. During discussion, it was proposed that dual-rostering be restricted to the younger ages, and requested that the intent behind the specific mention of the North Puget Sound League be clarified in the language.

The following language was then presented to the commissioners (additions underlined, deletions in strikethrough):

Change to Rules of Competition

3.3 Except as specifically allowed under the SYSA Administrative Regulation Dual Rostering Rule, n~~N~~o player shall be allowed to register or participate simultaneously on more than one WSYSA registered team during the same season. This includes the situation where a player is registered to and plays for a recreational team under SYSA, and simultaneously for a team within another club or association that is also part of WSYSA.

Change to Administrative Regulations

3.4.8 No player may be registered on more than one team at any given time within SYSA or WYS jurisdictions, except as provided under the Dual-Rostering Rule.

3.4.9 Dual Rostering Rule - a U9 or younger player who participates in a junior academy program of the SYSA select and premier club may be dual-registered and rostered to a recreational team and club, and participate in an in-house league or in association league play. A player registered and rostered to an SYSA select team at U10 and above may, at the same time, be also registered, rostered and participate with an SYSA recreational team in association league play under the following conditions:

a) The player participates with one and only one recreational team, in addition to the select team.

b) For purposes of this rule, a select player is defined as a player on a team participating in the lower tier of select soccer, specifically, teams that participate in the Washington Youth Soccer North Puget Sound League. SYSA select/premier players participating in other leagues are not eligible for dual-rostering.

c) All dual-rostering must be approved by both the recreational club registrar and the SYSA registrar. The SYSA registrar will consult with the SYSA select club to verify the player’s participation is appropriate for recreational play.

d) A recreational team may have no more than three SYSA select players.

e) This rule applies only to select players registered with SYSA; players who are registered and rostered in other WYS associations may not be rostered on SYSA recreational teams.

f) The select player must be rostered to the recreational team by September 30 of the current seasonal year and will be eligible to participate in both league play and the City Tournament. No select players may be added to a recreational team after this date.

g) The SYSA registrar will maintain a list of SYSA select players participating under the Dual-Rostering Rule including the rostered teams. A player’s continued appropriateness for dual rostering is subject to review in each seasonal year as the player develops.

Queen Anne motioned to approve, McGilvra seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements and Reminders**

* Next SYSA Board Meeting Monday Aug 2
* Look out for and confirm attendance with iCal notifications via email from Griffith

**Adjournment**

Hillwood motioned to adjourn, Lake City seconded, meeting adjourned at 8: pm