



Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Association General Meeting held on

January 3, 2023 via zoom call

Attendance: Officers, Commissioners and Staff

President	David Funke	X	Ballard	Corey McNamee	X
VP Administration	Keith Leitich	X	Beacon Hill	Keith Leitich	X
Secretary	<i>POSITION OPEN</i>		Capitol Hill	Shelly Chinn	absent
Treasurer	John Clark	X	Hillwood	Jim Shea	absent
VP Operations	Ann Davison	absent	Lake City	David Farber	X
VP of Rec Development	Kris Espinosa	X	LVR	Jonathan Carver, Greg Parker	X
VP of Competition	Corey McNamee	X	Magnolia	Stephanie Skinner	X
			McGilvra	Nick Tchemitcheff	X
Disciplinary Chair	Chris Tuttle	absent	Mt Baker	Shannon Palmer	X
SSRA SYSA Liaison	Larry Metz	X	Queen Anne	Shane Cramer, Yar row Banko	X
Diversity Chair	Shannon Palmer	X	Seattle United	Kevin Long	X
SYSA Cup Rep			Shorelake	Kris Espinosa	X
			Woodland	Mitch Furuglyas	absent

Executive Director	David Griffiths	X	Scheduler	Jessica Beckton	X
SYSA Registrar	Paige Blomso	X	Communications	Jenn Ireland	X
Assistant Registrar	Anne Bare	X	Bookkeeper	Michele Authier	absent

Assistant Registrar					
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JANUARY MEETING

- Called to order by David Funke (time 7:05)
- Presence of a quorum noted
- Minutes taken by Jenn Ireland, SYSA Communications

WELCOME GUEST SPEAKERS

- none

SYSA VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

- Bill Wilkins, SU coach, helped during City Tournament with goals at Shoreline. Nominated by Jessica Beckton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & CONSENT OF AGENDA

- Motion to approve agenda from Keith Leitich, second from Corey McNamee. No objections. • Approval of November minutes – motion to approve Keith Leitich, second by Shannon Palmer. No objections. Approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Dave Funke

- Still actively working on bylaws, will report in old business.

VP Admin Keith Leitich

- Nothing to report

VP of Operations Ann Davidson

- Not present

Treasurer John Clark

- 592K in accrued income, but SYSA will not have a lot of income these next 6 months
- We are doing well with budget, nothing much to report
- We will be doing a review of what our fees need to be for next season. We will have something to look at ready for the next meeting.

VP of Competition Corey McNamee

- Unique challenges this year with scheduling. Potentially look at procedures for City T so that we can get ahead of snow closures, etc. Working with rules committee to put this stuff together before next season.

VP of Rec Development Kris Espinosa

- Nothing to report

Diversity & Inclusion Chair Shannon Palmer

- Nothing to report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SSRA President Larry Metz

- (not a referee issue) RATS adult league have been using goals that they thought were Park's and have realized that they are SYSA's. RATS adult soccer league uses MOD soccer fields and MOD soccer goals.
 - RATS are asking for use of the MOD goals at Jefferson, Lower Woodland and Magnuson.
 - Need waiver, to protect against damage to goals and injury stating that SYSA is not liable.
 - Will put together a proposal and have it available for board to look at.

Disciplinary Chair Chris Tuttle

- Not present

STAFF REPORTS

Registrar Paige Blomso

- Currently helping SU teams get ready for state cup games (Founders Cup, Presidents Cup)
- Team registration for Spring Soccer will open January 11th
 - Check website for other dates and info (close of registration, season start, etc.)
- New staff hires start next week

Field/Game Scheduler Jessica Beckton

- January is pretty quiet, working with SU teams that are starting their season
- That was the first time that snow impacted City T in 10 years

Executive Director David Griffiths

- Report attached
- Thank you to the staff for their work during City Tournament
- This upcoming month focus will be on putting together the U17-U19 intraclub league
- Going to Philadelphia for the United Soccer Coaches convention

OLD BUSINESS

- (David Funke) Bylaws update: Recently presented new draft to the executive board which took into consideration the changes that had been presented to me.
 - Comments/additional changes?
 - (Shannon Palmer) Should we include language that defaults to board or another member of board to take responsibility for certain things when a position isn't filled (example: Secretary)? In general, if there is a critical role missing, what happens?

- (Shannon Palmer) 4.5.1 - Reword sentence about how notices are served
- (Shannon Palmer) 5.2.1 – Can we review length of time board is given to review candidates?
 - (Kevin Long) 2 weeks sounds like a pretty tight timeline
 - (David Funke) Make it 30 days minimum that candidates need to submit statement?
- (Shannon Palmer) 5.7 for treasurer, legacy language, can we change this? ▪ (Shannon Palmer) 7.4 DEI, submitted new proposed text
- (Greg Parker) How will the inter-league play work with the disciplinary committee as these different leagues will have different committees?
- (Greg Parker) Suggestion on the bylaws update process, final document ready for the Annual meeting in February? We could benefit from taking what we've done thus far, editing out confusing and archaic language, and also thinking about having a tiered structure that covers how we adopt policy. Let's get a group of 3-4 people to sit down and put together a good, substantive draft for February. Plan for functional doc by February, send it to legal in March, AGM in April.
- (Greg Parker) Complaints about game day behavior, grievances process and repercussions: ○ How do our individual clubs deal with trying to manage sideline behavior? ▪ Put together a 'best practices' document to find a common approach to managing this
 - Review what authority SYSA has

CLUB REPORTS

Mt Baker: Nothing to report (Shannon Palmer)

Capitol Hill: Not present

McGilvra: Jeff is optimistic about the state of the club as he retires (Nick Tchemitcheff)

Beacon Hill: Membership totals held from previous year, despite reduced enrollment in schools. High enrollment in MOD program for 5-7 year olds. Transitioned all volunteers on backend to Demosphere. New jerseys were a highlight of the year. (Keith Leitich)

LVR: Observation that the new non-profit act warrants all entities go back to bylaws and work on those, which LVR will be doing. (Greg Parker)

Lake City: Great season, membership was up. Tournament was a lot of fun, thank you SYSA staff. (David Farber)

Shorelake: Nothing to report (Kris Espinosa)

Hillwood: Not present

Ballard: Andy and Corey headed to United Soccer Coaches Convention in Philly. This may be of interest to SYSA, Andy met with a club leader from Oregon and they were saying down there they

don't have enough players to field single gender teams so it's all coed in the older age groups (Corey McNamee)

Magnolia: Great City Tournament. Appreciate all the hard work from SYSA. (Stephanie Skinner)

Queen Anne: Season went great. Enrollment was up, especially in the MOD groups. Lost some teams at U8 and U9 and still seeing diminishing numbers at older ages (Yarrow Banko)

Woodland: Not present

Seattle United: Pleasure to be a part of the Jamboree. Looking forward to heading to Philadelphia for Convention again. SU Gala is coming up first weekend in February, all funds raised go to low income players. (Kevin Long)

NEW BUSINESS

- (Corey McNamee) Compliance process for select player rule:
 - SYSA changed the rule a few years ago to include SU players because Celtic and Emerald City were playing and we didn't want to exclude SU
 - We should move forward with changing registration to include a mandatory field asking about what teams players are playing for, outside of SYSA. Club, level of play and possibly the league they play in, are among potential required pieces of information.
 - Both Emerald City and Celtic are in agreeance to help. They will tell their families to answer the select soccer questions during recreational registration honestly.
 - This change will not happen for spring, but can have in place for fall
 - (Paige Blomso) A lot of our families just don't understand the rule, and we are relying on volunteer coaches to get this information to them. We need to do a better job at the association level in letting our families know the rules. We need to start at the grass roots level.

REMINDERS

- Next SYSA Board meeting will be on February 6th at 7 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn, Greg Parker (LVR), second by David Farber (LCSC) (8:55 PM)