

Seattle Youth Soccer Association

**Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on March 2, 2019
at the SYSA offices, Seattle**

Monthly Business Meeting Call to Order

Called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Volunteer of the Month

None presented

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

It was proposed to add a school year/birth year item to the agenda. No additions or corrections to the previous meeting minutes; consent agenda as amended and minutes declared approved by consensus.

Officer, Staff and Committee Reports

- **Steve Kuhn, President**

Mentioned and recognized Seattle United for its COVID-19 communication. No SYSA communication needed at this time, but need to reconsider in March as spring soccer season approaches.

- **Alex Johnston, VP Administration**

- Friends of Athletic Fields aiming to start up again, with new members. Discussion around whether the group is still effective; Parks tends to do things on their own and FOAF seems to work better when it can impact individual projects such as Wilson Pacific and Ballard. Johnston will attend March 20 meeting and present/participate as requested or needed.
- Seattle Public Schools/Seattle Parks Joint Operating Agreement updated and copies distributed to stakeholders.

- **David Funke, VP Operations**

No report

- **Phil Herold, Secretary/MAR**

Not present

- **John Clark, Treasurer**

- **Corey McNamee, VP Competition**

- **Ann Sattler, VP Rec Development**

- **Chase Parker, SSRA Liaison**

No report

- **Jeff Huse, Disciplinary**

Not present

- **Paige Blomso, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, SYSA Registrars**

- Member consent to use of images added to registration process
- Spring soccer report shared with update on registrations
- Worked with Affinity to negotiate SYSA fee, given size of organization; able to keep fee at the current rate

- **Jessica Beckton, Scheduler**

No report

- **David Griffiths, Executive Director**

- Spring soccer: coaches meeting Mar 22; planning continues
- State of Play Meetings: King County initiative focused on diversity and giving groups with smaller numbers more opportunities to play; numerous organizations involved; still trying to formalize, create a board
- Sounders FC meeting: partnership growing, many ideas and new initiatives
- Submissions needed: Coach of the Year (Rec & Competitive), Volunteer of Year, Admin of the Year
- Budget: thanks to John Clark and Susan Martin for their work on this
- Interplay request: Eastside YSA inquiring about Fall 2020 participation with SYSA teams for high school-age teams
- COVID-19: Discussion around spring soccer measures e.g. not shaking hands, limiting number of parents; consensus of group was to follow guidance from governmental organizations

New Business

2020-21 Budget presentation

- Revenue based on 2019 registration numbers
- Player fee increase of \$3/player for fields, U10+
- Membership services service fee with an increase of 10%; proposed and discussed
- Summary of all expenses, highlighted necessary increases
- Key take-aways for commissioners: \$3/player increase and club fee service charge to discuss with your club leadership

Old Business

Officer search

Noted that individuals have stepped forward with interest in president position

Beacon Hill low income support request

Magnolia moved and Capitol seconded to approve the \$4000 request. Topics for discussion included fee collection procedures; registration practices; aid application process; general questions about guardrails; whether club can become self-sustaining. With discussion ended, motion was approved with eight votes in favor, four against.

It was motioned to require any club seeking SYSA financial assistance for the Fall 2020 season to meet with the Executive Director, VP of Operations and SYSA registrar for a review of business and registration practices prior to opening of registration. Passed unanimously.

Standardized Rules

Griffiths reported that he will meet with Chase Parker to review document from referees' perspective and pending that, will look to present document at the April meeting.

WYS – Survey – birth year v. school year

Kuhn shared SYSA's official response to a Washington Youth Soccer survey.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Beacon Hill, seconded by Capitol Hill, approved unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.