



Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on
January 3, 2022 via zoom call

Attendance: Officers, Commissioners and Staff

President	David Funke	X	Ballard	Andrew Westmark	
VP Administration	Keith Leitich	X	Beacon Hill	Keith Leitich	X
Secretary	Phil Herold		Capitol Hill	Perry Lee	X
Treasurer	John Clark	X	Hillwood	Phil Herold	
VP Operations	OPEN		Lake City	Dave Farber	
VP Development Rec	Ann Davison	X	LVR	Greg Parker	X
VP Competition	Corey McNamee	X	Magnolia	Stephanie Skinner	
			McGilvra	Jeff Scott	X
Disciplinary Chair	Steve Kuhn		Mt Baker	Shannon Palmer	X
SSRA SYSA Liaison	Larry Metz	X	Queen Anne	Yarrow Banko	X
Diversity Chair	Shannon Palmer	X	Seattle United	Kevin Long	x
SYSA Cup Rep	Anne Bare	X	Shorelake	Kris Espinoza	X
MAR (Rep to State)	Phil Herold		Woodland	Mitch Furuglyas	x

Executive Director	David Griffiths	x	Scheduler	Jessica Beckton	x
SYSA Registrar	Paige Blomso	x	Social Media		
Assistant Registrar	Anne Bare	x	Bookkeeper	Michele Authier	
Assistant Registrar	Julie Irwin				

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Called to order at 7:02pm

Introduction & Welcome Guests:

Peter Maier, Jake Ewart, Schools First Campaign Manager

- Requesting support for the school levies. Capital Projects Levy - Fund all athletics and improvements for all athletic and school fields. Around \$38 million to support school/field improvements. On the ballot in February. Ask to send out a postcard/send an email to membership asking for families to vote yes to approve the levy. \$31 million to replace or update facilities and expand access and lighting for existing fields. Can provide us a list of upgraded fields. Willing to send out the postcard if we will share our membership distribution list. Vote is February 8th, ballots arrive around 18/19 January. LVR encourages us to endorse this.

Volunteer of the Month

Mitch WD - nominates Rob Bayuk, outgoing president, for years as coach and president for their club.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

-Consent to Agenda

Motion to approve - SU

Second to approve - WD

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dave Funke, President

- Not present to start the meeting.

Keith Leitich, VP of Admin

Nothing to report.

VP Operations - OPEN

Secretary - OPEN

John Clark, Treasurer

Cash position is strong.

Corey McNamee, VP of Competition

Nothing to report

Ann Davison, VP of Recreational Development

Nothing to report. Would like a list of target objectives to focus on in the off season.

WD suggested including the Referee training information be sent out before the fall season registration. Try to bolster participation of incoming referees. BH shared there was a major shortage of Refs across all levels of play during the fall season. We need to bump up participation.

Larry Metz, SSRA President

70% new Refs on board. Would like support from clubs/leadership to encourage respect and cooperation from coaches, parents, players.

Steve Kuhn, Disciplinary Committee Chair

Not present.

Shannon Palmer, DEI Committee Chair

Question for all: should we add a voluntary section for identifying nationality/identity to registration?

What do you think are the diversity/equity issues we should try to tackle?

How do we get more girls playing? Also, we should try to fill open officer positions with more diverse applicants.

Paige shared: if we vote to make this an Association wide requirement, we need to draft a statement and vote this in. If clubs opt to do this independently, they can do so. Shannon to craft a proposal.

STAFF REPORTS

SYSA Registrars: Paige Blomo & Anne Bare

- Paige - turning attention to spring soccer, will set up the season in Demosphere.
- Spring soccer will open a bit late this year, due to the transition.
- Safesport has changed their software, now housed in US learning center. Will update as we find the best avenue forward for volunteers. QA shared that they are already using the

US learning Center as their primary platform for coaches to complete all required compliance in one location.

- Anne - City Tournament was successful. Cold and wet, but teams were excited to be out there and grateful to have the tournament back on this year.

SYSA Scheduler - Jessica Beckton

- With City Tournament wrapped up, attention moves to State Cup scheduling, for competitive teams.
- Looking forward to moving to Demosphere to learn the new platform.

SYSA Executive Director - David Griffiths

Happy New Year to everyone.

Good to return to a "normal" season in 2021. Thanks to staff for supporting the shift.

Thank you to club leaders/commissioners for continuing to support the season.

About 350 teams participated in spring season last year. Hoping to match or exceed that number for 2022.

Fall 2021, down about 100 teams, some clubs impacted more than others.

City Tournament up by about 20 teams registered.

Had 71 cases of Covid, only affecting 16 games, most in the spring. Only 2 cases of spread within a team. Good overall percentage.

Would like to institute parent/coach education across the clubs.

Interest in increasing Referee introduction. Be more active in enlisting new referees, as the Association. Increase social media presence. Grow the TOPS soccer program. Continue the president's calls. Patience with transition to Demosphere. Possible summer tournaments and futsal programs are still something we would like to do.

New Business

- Open SYSA Executive Board Positions - Dave F
- We need to fill the open positions. How can we recruit these?
- Shannon had asked for a description of roles, to present to possible candidates.

- Select Player Rule - David G - voted in July to allow Select players to participate.
 - Many teams had Select players play, not with SU, so we can't track them.
 - Dave G points out that players with Celtic/Emerald City are Select, but we can't police those players. Ask clubs to enforce this with their coaches/membership that Select is Select. Protect the integrity of Rec soccer.
 - MBL asks if this is specifically about the CT, not the regular season play. Asks if parents/coaches know what we are trying to establish. Competitive level increases during the tournament. Do we change that?
 - Paige shared: Select kids change the dynamic of play, but it's hard to enforce.
 - Beacon Hill Financial Support Request - Larry/Keith
 - Asking for support for funding for the fall 2021 season.
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- Referral to the new business - School Levy. Jessica didn't hear many fields we will benefit from.
 - Fields mentioned won't directly benefit our club.
 - Are we spending money on fields we will not use?
 - Jessica voiced concern that Seattle Parks will take from Seattle Schools fields?

Motion to allow the provision of SYSA email list and \$6000 to the schools first levy.

Unanimous decision to approve.

Old Business

Letter of Demand: Nothing new to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Next SYSA Board meeting on Monday, February 7th

Please confirm attendance with iCal notifications via email from David Griffiths

ADJOURNMENT

MBL motions to adjourn.

WD seconds to adjourn.