**Seattle Youth Soccer Association**

**Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on November 5, 2018 at the SYSA offices, Seattle**

**Officers and Commissioners attending the meeting:**

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| **President** | Steve Kuhn | x | **Ballard** | Luke Giustra | x |
| **VP Administration** | Alex Johnston | x | **Beacon Hill** | Keith Leitich | x |
| **Secretary** | Phil Herold | x | **Capitol Hill** | Perry Lee | x |
| **Treasurer** | Susan Martin |  | **Hillwood** | Jess Gobel |  |
| **VP Operations** | David Funke | x | **Lake City** | Bassim Dowidar |  |
| **VP Development Rec** | Corey McNamee | x | **LVR** | Greg Parker |  |
| **VP Competition** | Corey McNamee | x | **Magnolia** | Alex Johnston | x |
| **Disciplinary Chair** | Jeff Huse |  | **McGilvra** | Jeff Scott | \* |
| **SSRA SYSA Liaison** | Duncan Munro | x | **Mt Baker** | David Funke | x |
| **Seattle United Rep** | Kelly Mullins | x | **Queen Anne** | Ryan Hall |  |
| **SYSA Cup Rep** | Jessica Beckton |  | **Seattle United** | Kevin Long | x |
| **MAR (Rep to State)** | Phil Herold | x | **Shorelake** | Adam Stoecker | \* |
| **Executive Director** | Ed D’Alessandro | x | **Woodland** | Mitch Furuglyas | x |
| **Scheduler** | Jessica Beckton |  |  |  |  |
| **SYSA Registrar** | Paige Blomso |  |  |  |  |
| **Assistant Registrar** | Anne Bare | x | **Volunteer Coord** | Andrew Westmark |  |
| **Assistant Registrar** | Julie Irwin | x |  |  |  |

Jennica Bell represented Shorelake, Anne Bare represented McGilvra

Guests: Chris Espinoza, Shorelake; Peter Maier, SchoolsFirst

**Monthly Business Meeting Call to Order**Kuhn called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**Guest Presentation by Peter Maier, SchoolsFirst**

* Introduction: School board passed a resolution to put two items up for vote during February; a measure for operating funds above and beyond what the state provides, and a capital levy which includes fields
* Field projects covered in the capital levy:
* New fields at Fort Lawton
* Ballard HS turf replacement
* Lights on the E/W field at Jane Addams
* Madison MS turf conversion
* McGilvra elementary turf replacement
* West Seattle HS
* Whitman MS lights
* Total for fields projects: $8 million for Fort Lawton, other projects $7.7 million; some safety improvements are also part of the capital levy
* Overview: not an easy thing to pass; lots of items on capital levies; public confusion about who is funding schools
* Ask is for a statement of support, financial support, and for SYSA to send out a postcard as has been done in the past; general discussion about promotion, what else SYSA can do

Mr. Maier left the meeting; action item deferred to New Business portion of the meeting

**Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda**

Capitol Hill asked that a funding request be added to the New Business portion of the meeting. Magnolia motioned to adopt the consent agenda as revised and to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 10; seconded by Mount Baker; unanimously approved by all commissioners present.

**Volunteer Recognition**

Magnolia submitted John Berta for recognition.

**Officer Reports**

* **Steve Kuhn, President**

No report, most of the activity has been around the executive director search.

* **Alex Johnston, VP Administration**

Deferred his report to later in the meeting as part of the levy support item.

* **David Funke, VP Operations**
* **Phil Herold, Secretary/MAR**

No report

* **Susan Martin, Treasurer**  
  Ed pointed to the financials in the board packet, noted that it wasn’t a busy month in terms of financial activity.
* **Corey McNamee, VP Recreation Development and pro tem VP Competition**  
  Shared a few ideas for consideration as part of the City Tournament in future years, such as recognizing all-star teams, and developing a tournament backdrop with club logos as a backdrop for team photos and the awards ceremonies.
* **Duncan Munro, SSRA Liaison**

Deferred his report to later in the meeting under New Business.

* **Jeff Huse, Disciplinary**

Not present

* **Kelly Mullins, Seattle United Board Rep**
* Noted four board members had termed out, new board members are coming on
* Mentioned the club’s major fundraisers are underway: raffle and planning for the February gala
* **Paige Blomso, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, SYSA Registrars**
* Primarily working on City Tournament and All-City Jamboree registration; numbers for both events trending well, with 157 CT teams entered so far vs. 160 last year; 27 teams for ACJ vs 30 last year
* CT activity includes age verification, photos and ensuring coaches are RMA-cleared; a couple teams have added guest players under the policy; any age group with more than 16 teams will have two divisions; so far U11 boys/girls, U12 boys/girls, U14 boys will have two divisions; general discussion of CT registrations among older teams
* **Jessica Beckton, Scheduler**
* **Andrew Westmark, Volunteer Coordinator**

Not present

* **Ed D’Alessandro, Executive Director**
* Referred to written report and mentioned upcoming All-City Jamboree and City Tournament finals

**New Business**

**Seattle Soccer Referees Assoc.: Update and change in Liaison position**

* Munro reported that the Liaison position was created to keep track of the development funds
* New leadership at SSRA has changed the organizational structure; Chase Parker, new president, would like to become the primary liaison to SYSA; Munro noted many positives surrounding new leadership at SSRA
* Munro will continue to maintain oversight of the spring mentoring program, which is where the bulk of the $5k from SYSA goes

**Seattle Schools Levy: Update on fields and support request**

* D’Alessandro shared history of SYSA levy support; last levy was 2015 and at that time, SYSA voted to contribute $4K and also paid for printing of a postcard at a cost of around $600; SchoolsFirst did the postcard design and we gave them one-time use of our mailing list and use of our non-profit permit
* Magnolia motioned for SYSA to officially endorse the levy campaign and to contribute $6000 to the SchoolsFirst campaign as well as $600 toward the postcard mailing; Capitol Hill seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote of all commissioners present.

**Bookkeeper change: Changes to bank account signing permission list**

Noted that with the transition in the bookkeeper role, the board of commissioners needs to formally act to authorize changes to the signing authority. The accounts so impacted are the checking and Callahan Fund accounts at Commerce Bank, and the checking and Sigley Family funds at Columbia Bank. Beacon Hill motioned to authorize David Funke, Steve Kuhn, Susan Martin and Ed d’Alessandro as signers for the SYSA accounts at both Commerce Bank and Columbia Bank. Magnolia seconded. It was noted that the signing authority will need to be revisited after D’Alessandro transitions out of the Executive Director role. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of all commissioners present.

**Soccer Without Borders support request by CH**

Capitol Hill gave an overview of the Soccer Without Borders program operated through the World School. With all the players registered as scholarship players, Capitol Hill is paying the hard costs for this program and it was noted that the low-income community outreach line-item in the SYSA budget is $10,000, with $7,000 used so far during the current fiscal. Capitol Hill motioned that SYSA contribute $2508 in scholarship support to defray Capitol Hill’s costs for the Soccer Without Borders program. Magnolia seconded. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of all commissioners present.

**Old Business**

**Protocol for complaints and grievances: Proposal for SYSA process**

Ed referenced a draft of the proposed policy/guideline document distributed in the meeting packet. It describes how the clubs and SYSA handle complains and grievances that don’t involve a referee’s match report and therefore don’t invoke action of the SYSA Disciplinary Committee. He requested that the commissioners take the document back to the clubs and solicit input and/or support for ratification at a future meeting.

**Good of the Game**

This item was moved earlier by consensus. Beacon Hill shared that the UW assistant coach is also coach of US deaf kids team and wants to put on a clinic for hearing impaired kids. It was asked if anyone present knows of kids who have hearing problems and wear hearing aids, or how clubs in general go about identifying kids with hearing problems.

**Executive Director Search Committee: Update on process/progress**

Guests and SYSA staff who report to the Executive Director position, including the acting commissioner from McGilvra, left the meeting. Magnolia motioned to enter executive session, Mount Baker seconded, and the group entered executive session by unanimous vote of all commissioners present. The executive session began at 8:15 pm and ended at 9:05 pm. During executive session, Magnolia motioned to accept the search committee’s recommendation, and to authorize the committee to negotiate the intial term of contract, transition plan and compensation, and to make an offer to the recommended individual. Beacon Hill seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote of all commissioners present, with one abstention.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:05 pm.