



# Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Association General Meeting held on

**October 3, 2022 via zoom call**

**Attendance:** Officers, Commissioners and Staff

<b>President</b>	David Funke	X	<b>Ballard</b>	Corey McNamee Luke Giustra	X
<b>VP Administration</b>	Keith Leitich	X	<b>Beacon Hill</b>	Keith Leitich Hugh Gallagher	X
<b>Secretary</b>			<b>Capitol Hill</b>	Shelly Chinn	absent
<b>Treasurer</b>	John Clark	X	<b>Hillwood</b>	Jim Shea	absent
<b>VP Operations</b>	Ann Davison	X	<b>Lake City</b>	David Farber	X
<b>VP Development Rec</b>	Kris Espinosa	X	<b>LVR</b>	Greg Parker	X
<b>VP Competition</b>	Corey McNamee	X	<b>Magnolia</b>	Stephanie Skinner	X
			<b>McGilvra</b>	Jeff Scott	X
<b>Disciplinary Chair</b>	Chris Tuttle	X	<b>Mt Baker</b>	Shannon Palmer	X
<b>SSRA SYSA Liaison</b>	Larry Metz	X	<b>Queen Anne</b>	Yarrow Banko	absent
<b>Diversity Chair</b>	Shannon Palmer	X	<b>Seattle United</b>	Kevin Long	X
<b>SYSA Cup Rep</b>			<b>Shorelake</b>	Jenica Bell	X
			<b>Woodland</b>	Mitch Furuglyas	absent

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

## **OCTOBER MEETING**

- Called to order by David Funke (time 7:03)
- Presence of a quorum noted
- Minutes taken by Jenn Ireland, SYSA Communications

## **WELCOME GUEST SPEAKERS**

- Chris Tuttle, new head of disciplinary committee

## **SYSA VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

- None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES & CONSENT OF AGENDA**

- Approval of August minutes – motion to approve Keith Leitich, second by Jeff Scott
- September minutes – include in record even though no decisions were made

## **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*

- Nothing to report

### *Treasurer John Clark*

- Current money going out, nothing coming in. No danger of being overdrawn. Paying for field usage. In the future we will want to go back to what we did before: mid-year percentage, final count at the end.

### *VP of Competition Corey McNamee*

- Have been cleaning up rules and administrative pieces under the rules. Updated version posted on the website.
  - o Add another line for select player rule? – it's down in administration regulations but it's not clear up in the rules (potentially add in line item in the regular rules directing reader to administration location).
  - o Regulation for this season, when we know that there are more than 3 select players on a roster - what is the protocol or consequences?

### *VP of Rec Development Kris Espinosa*

- Nothing to report

### *Diversity & Inclusion Chair Shannon Palmer*

- Nothing to report

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### *SSRA President Larry Metz*

- Things to notes from referee board:
  - Younger players wearing jewelry, necklaces, earrings. You can't wear jewelry, you can't tape earrings.
  - A coaches and all referees should KNOW they need rosters. The referees should be checking the rosters every match, coaches do need to bring rosters every match.
  - For 10s and 11s age-groups, we are hearing uncomfortable feedback about parents.
- 589 registered referees within Seattle, we've been able to get just over 200 active by September. 268 brand new referees this year – clubs did a great job of recruiting.

### *Disciplinary Chair Chris Tuttle*

- Disciplinary Committee is up and running; we have current committee member for everyone except Capitol Hill
- 3 different reports filed from referees with no player listed (jersey numbers not noted)

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### *Registrar Paige Blomso*

- Clubs, expect your bill to come early November
- Registration numbers: 2019 there were 9754 recreational players, 2021 there was 9274
  - 2022 recreation enrollment number is 9610, almost back to pre-pandemic levels
  - Seattle United is currently at 2167
  - Lake City, McGilvra, Shorelake, Woodland all had growth
- We are actively working on:
  - Coach compliance
  - All City Jamboree, registration coming your way soon

### *Field/Game Scheduler Jessica Beckton (report read by David Griffiths)*

- November game schedules will be posted this week
- Bumps with Demosphere, big learning curve, thanks for your patience
- 4 teams withdrew from league play, those division schedules were redone
- Fields updates:
  - Ingraham is still closed through October, issues with drainage
  - Washington park is supposed to open this Friday
  - Miller opened in mid September

### *Executive Director David Griffiths*

- Report attached

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- (David Griffiths) Demand letter, nothing new to report.
- (David Funke) Bylaws update:
  - How should Diversity, Equity, Inclusion committee to be called out in the bylaws? Include or not include this in list of standing committees?
  - Section 5.2.1 voting for candidates, there are details that need to be considered before voting method is changed.
  - Rules committee: Should it be 3 directors and VP of competition?
  - On pace to get this done before we start electing new officers.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- (David Griffiths) Field status/goals status:
  - Goals are getting trashed, not being taken care of. We need to meet and talk about this and make a plan for taking care of them. Goals are getting broken every week. Huge liability issue that we need to pay attention too. Plan for who is responsible for what, let's discuss outside of this meeting
  - We need to put together a grand picture of what fields/goals belong to who.
    - Clubs need to make sure goals are safe to use, and secured between uses.
  - We have started a partnership with parks, to share responsibilities & help each other.
- (Stephanie Skinner) Sportsmanship:
  - Too much unsportsmanlike behavior - coaches have gotten away with this behavior because referees aren't calling them out. Magnolia is going to take a hard line and hold coaches accountable to disciplinary actions when complaints are made against them
  - Action item: best practices for coach counseling and discipline/consequences; clearer definition of what offenses will result in which disciplinary actions. Goal to have completed before City Tournament. (Greg Parker LVR will work on this)
  - (David Griffiths) We do have a resource available on the website under coaches tab. "Disciplinary, judicial and ethics." Click on "Process for handling complaints" button.
  - (Larry Metz) Vast majority of our new referees are 13 and 14 and don't have the skills or experience to confront coaches.
    - Action item: get this message to the referees directly from club presidents, schedule a Zoom meeting with club leadership and referees. Also – provide them another way to report bad behavior than just carding on the field.
- (Jenica Bell) Baseball cleats:
  - New verbiage – “also with a toe stud” to be included in baseball cleat rule. Will vote on this next meeting.

## **REMINDERS**

- None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn, Shannon Palmer, second by Stephanie Skinner (9:05 PM)