**Seattle Youth Soccer Association**

**Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on August 3, 2020 via teleconference**

**Officers, commissioners and staff attending the meeting:**

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| **President** | David Funke | x | **Ballard** | Luke Giustra | x |
| **VP Administration** | Alex Johnston | x | **Beacon Hill** | Keith Leitich | x |
| **Secretary** | Phil Herold | x | **Capitol Hill** | Perry Lee | \* |
| **Treasurer** | John Clark | x | **Hillwood** | Phil Herold | x |
| **VP Operations** | David Funke |  | **Lake City** | Dave Farber | x |
| **VP Development Rec** | Ann Sattler | x | **LVR** | Greg Parker | x |
| **VP Competition** | Corey McNamee | x | **Magnolia** | Alex Johnston | x |
|  |  |  | **McGilvra** | Jeff Scott | x |
| **Disciplinary Chair** | Steve Kuhn |  | **Mt Baker** | Shannon Palmer | x |
| **SSRA SYSA Liaison** | Chase Parker | x | **Queen Anne** | Ryan Hall | \* |
| **Seattle United Rep** |  |  | **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 |
| \* Shelly Chinn represented Capitol Hill, Yarrow Banko represented Queen Anne | | | | | |
| **Executive Director** | David Griffiths | x | **Scheduler** | Jessica Beckton | x |
| **SYSA Registrar** | Paige Blomso | x | **Volunteer Coord** | Andrew Westmark |  |
| **Assistant Registrar** | Anne Bare | x | **Bookkeeper** | Susan Martin |  |
| **Assistant Registrar** | Julie Irwin | x |  |  |  |

Guests/others present: Larry Metz, Ben Eckhardt, Jon Carver, Ryan Hall

**Monthly Business Meeting Call to Order**

Called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Volunteer of the Month**

None submitted.

**Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda**

No additions proposed to consent agenda nor corrections to the minutes; consent agenda and minutes of previous meeting approved by acclamation.

**Club Reports**

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| Mt Baker | Board discussed position on return to play and what happens if we don’t go to a full season |
| Capitol Hill | 37% registration |
| McGilvra | About half registration, two coaches said they aren’t going to coach |
| Beacon Hill | Didn’t do any promotion, 85 kids signed up, no viable teams, 11 coaches |
| LVR | Registration numbers at 900-some, 90-some coaches, drop off in house leagues at some age groups |
| Lake City | Not a lot of promotion, 150 kids, about 20 coaches |
| Shorelake | At about half of last year |
| Hillwood | Half of last year, wide discrepancy at ages and numbers, school district is non-committal on fields access |
| Ballard | Meeting this week, numbers are down; coaches concerned about health issues |
| Magnolia | Spoke to sponsorship program |
| Queen Anne | Numbers significantly lower, club received its 501(c)(3) |
| Woodland | Numbers down |
| Seattle United | Training several days a week, 45 minutes a session with social distancing; KIRO did a piece of the training program; no games |

**Officer, Staff and Committee Reports**

* **David Funke, President**
* **Alex Johnston, VP Administration**
* No report
* **Phil Herold, Secretary/MAR**

Shared news from other associations and leagues

* **John Clark, Treasurer**

650K in reserves, trying to pull in everything that’s not being used; looking at every invoice to be sure it makes sense; much of our income is fee income and expenses based on individuals, the numbers work out as long as we’re careful and smart

* **Corey McNamee, VP Competition**
* **Ann Sattler, VP Rec Development**

Worked together on some of the return-to-play proposals

* **Chase Parker, SSRA Liaison**

Waiting on outcomes of this meeting to determine next steps for referees

* **Steve Kuhn, Disciplinary**

Not present

* **Paige Blomso, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, SYSA Registrars**
* Sent registration numbers out prior to the meeting; we’re at 7000 overall
* Clubs that opened later are playing catchup
* 533 administrative positions registered, compared to 1400 in a normal season; difficult to pull off season if coaches aren’t going to participate; looking for clubs to communicate with coaches to get them registered
* Anticipating a fall season, alignment meeting August 24, three weeks from tonight
* **Jessica Beckton, Scheduler**
* Parks department still understaffed, most grass fields haven’t reopened; asked SYSA to prioritize which fields we need, sent that to the fields task force for input and sent the list to Seattle parks
* Northgate Elementary, Thornton Creek, Upper View Ridge are grass fields that are school fields and probably won’t reopen
* Shoreline fields won’t re-open for games until Phase 4
* Had planned to do maintenance over the summer on Lower Woodland and Magnuson, pushed that back to the fall and can’t guarantee availability, both fields at each facility could be down
* Regarding August field allocation, waiting to find out if any rec clubs are planning to use August field time
* Parks hasn’t issued allocation for September - November
* **David Griffiths, Executive Director**
* Been trying to find as much factual information as possible regarding fields, phases and return to play
* Been working with WYS, SYSA staff and executive board, club presidents, city departments, referees, to get a sense for best way to attack the situation
* Survey provided valuable information

**New Business**

**Diversity & Inclusion Chair & Proposal – Shannon Palmer**

Shannon asked for feedback on the proposal she had submitted, included in the meeting packet. She’s looking for a few individuals from SYSA clubs to guide what it looks like. The intent is to come up with what the plan might be; five to seven people for the working group would be ideal. There’s a lot of organization in the city, and an opportunity to bring in outside voices; hope there’s enough passion in SYSA to think this effort is important.

**Old Business**

**August Field Return – David Funke**

* SYSA’s default position is we’ll return the fields unless any of the rec clubs explicitly want to use them.

**Return to Play Update & Options – David Funke**

A document with options was shared as part of the meeting packet. Griffiths stepped through the options. There were questions, points raised and discussion around:

* Phase 2 sessions, whether they’re working, number of kids infected
* Referee perspective around guidance, protocols, and rules; referees working across chapters; return-to-play guidance needs to come from higher bodies
* Moral and ethical considerations, and whether it’s right to ask volunteers to monitor and enforce compliance
* What happens if a club simply opts out?
* Differences between SYSA fall and spring seasons in terms of scheduling, organization, and the logistical flexibility of centralizing.

Funke asked for the opinions of each club. Question was asked: Are any of the clubs ready to cancel the fall season outright at this time? McGilvra motioned to cancel and Lake City seconded. There were two yes votes, two abstentions, other clubs voted no. Several commissioners clarified their positions by saying they were not ready to vote to cancel the season at this time.

There was discussion about delaying the decision by a few weeks. Stated that the practical cutoff, due to the logistics of issuing refunds, is that we need a decision by August 15.

**Announcements and Reminders**

* Next SYSA Board Meeting Monday September 14
* Look out for and confirm attendance with iCal notifications via email from Griffiths

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by LVR, seconded, all in favor and adjourned at 9:14 pm.