**Seattle Youth Soccer Association**

**Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on November 2, 2020 via teleconference**

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

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| **President** | David Funke | x | **Ballard** | Luke Giustra | \* |
| **VP Administration** | Alex Johnston | x | **Beacon Hill** | Keith Leitich | x |
| **Secretary** | Phil Herold | x | **Capitol Hill** | Perry Lee | x |
| **Treasurer** | John Clark | x | **Hillwood** | Phil Herold | x |
| **VP Operations** |  |  | **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** | Larry Metz | x | **Queen Anne** | Ryan Hall | x |
| **Seattle United Rep** |  |  | **Seattle United** | Kevin Long |  |
| **SYSA Cup Rep** | Anne Bare | x | **Shorelake** | Kris Espinoza | x |
| **MAR (Rep to State)** | Phil Herold | x | **Woodland** | Mitch Furuglyas | x |
| Andew Westmark represented Ballard | | | | | |
| **Executive Director** | David Griffiths | x | **Scheduler** | Jessica Beckton | x |
| **SYSA Registrar** | Paige Blomso | x | **Volunteer Coord** | Andrew Westmark | x |
| **Assistant Registrar** | Anne Bare | x | **Bookkeeper** | Susan Martin |  |
| **Assistant Registrar** | Julie Irwin | x |  |  |  |

Guests/others present: None

**Monthly Business Meeting Call to Order**

Called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Volunteer of the Month**

Recognition for great efforts and success in setting up and running club programs during COVID-19 restrictions: Yarrow Banko (Queen Anne), Shelly Chinn (Capitol Hill) and Andy Westmark/Corey McNamee (Ballard).

**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.

**Officer, Staff and Committee Reports**

* **David Funke, President**
* Attended staff meetings
* Gave input to the letter that Sattler sent out regarding the situation at Miller fields and reported we’re not the only users putting pressure on Seattle Parks
* Visited some training sites, recreational and Seattle United
* **Alex Johnston, VP Administration**

No report

* **Phil Herold, Secretary/MAR**

No report

* **John Clark, Treasurer**
* Need to discuss what we charge for SYSA fees; nothing we can do about the passthrough to WYS
* Applying for forgiveness to PPP loan
* Other than those items, not a lot happening; not much income, not much going out
* **Corey McNamee, VP Competition**
* Conversation with Sattler about getting some futsal courts around the city, each costs about $30,000 to create
* Corporate sponsorships a future action item; a when-we-get-back-to-normal initiative
* In response to a question from the floor, no issues or complaints about teams practicing or violating the COVID-19 requirements
* **Ann Sattler, VP Rec Development**

Regarding encampment at Miller playfield, intervened on behalf of Capitol Hill, drafted a letter to Seattle Parks that resulted in some media attention on KOMO-TV, radio and podcasts. The message is that we’re working under the protocols to get kids playing while seeing laws broken all around us. We need safe parks for everybody; the letter was cosigned by a dozen neighborhood groups echoing our stance. Or children don’t have a voice and we need to speak up for them, they want to access to the parks, and neighborhood groups are stating that they can’t access the parks either; we need parks access for everybody. Griffiths recognized and thanked Sattler, Funke and Shelly Chinn (Capitol Hill) for the effort; emails indicate wheels are turning to remove the encampment.

* **Larry Metz, SSRA Liaison**

Referees are ready whenever the soccer world is ready for us

* **Steve Kuhn, Disciplinary**

Not present

* **Paige Blomso, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, SYSA Registrars**
* Been working with the registrars to get the player count submitted to WYS; 1779 recreational players, mostly with Ballard, Capitol Hill and Queen Anne; 1986 for Seattle United
* SYSA monthly newsletter went out; including a monthly feature on one rec club and will be reaching out to Capitol Hill for the next newsletter
* Upcoming training opportunities for rec players: goalkeeper camps in November, holiday camps and winter PDAs; updated guidance allows 3v3
* Turning attention to spring soccer, figuring out what we can plan for
* **Jessica Beckton, Scheduler**
* In October, received the updated guidelines from the governor and there was a scramble to get games in; all-clear from Seattle Parks came on a Thursday, the next day Seattle Public Schools said their fields are closed
* Seattle United got in a few scrimmages the first and second weekends in October, then King County went over the metrics and everyone was back to practices only; probably looking at practices only for the rest of the fall
* Worked on billing for the clubs that use fields, invoices should be coming in the next few days
* **Kevin Long, Seattle United**

Not present

* **David Griffiths, Executive Director**
* Anyone who has Instagram and Facebook, like/follow us
* Busy with the U13+ program:
* Currently in week five of the six; a few road bumps early one but feedback has been largely positive
* Coach survey going to each coach participating with their team
* Sending invoices out for the program
* People have asked if you can extend another 2-4 weeks, we don’t have plans to do that
* People want us to organize a CT but it’s difficult to start planning that
* Field issues: Sattler and Funke have worked on the Miller issue; also a sprinkling of different issues when we arrive to set up our programs, groups squatting or doing their own trainings and SYSA getting friction/complaints over that
* Pushing WYS to change billing process
* Having an Xbox tournament
* Presidents’ Zoom call tomorrow, 6 pm

**Old Business**

**Executive Board Diversity and Inclusion Position(s) – Shannon Palmer**

At least two new volunteers brings total up to five, two others to respond to and a few others to get in touch with; we’ll look to have more going on and some work to report on during January

**Insurance Policy Recap – Dave F**

Reported that Griffiths had contacted WYS Executive Director Terry Fisher:

* Asked if we can we have an agreement for ninety days notice of changes in the future
* Clubs did not feel part of the process, any way to get them more involved? Answer was yes
* Asked if there were any further changes in the coverage, response was there are no other issues; insurance is always part of the WYS Annual Player Fee Meeting

**New Business**

**Fields Issues – Ann Sattler**

This item was covered during the VP Rec Development report

**Miscellaneous/Good of the Game**

Noting the time, Funke opened the floor

* Let’s get talking about plans for next fall season; if we don’t play spring, let’s think about how we’re going to get those kids back, we know numbers are declining
* Parent send an email to Ballard with a note of appreciation to Westmark for keeping soccer going
* Request for guidance from Seattle United coaches on how to run socially distanced practices; ideas were shared about having McNamee, Westmark and others who are running programs to take the lead or to do videos or presentations

**Announcements and Reminders**

* Next SYSA Board of Commissioners meeting Monday, January 4; look out for and confirm attendance with iCal notifications. Presidents calls are every other week, Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Hillwood, seconded by Beacon Hill, no further discussion and adjourned at \7:49 p.m.