**Seattle Youth Soccer Association**

**Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on January 4, 2021 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 |  | **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 |  |
| **Seattle United Rep** |  |  | **Seattle United** | Kevin Long | x |
| **SYSA Cup Rep** | Anne Bare | x | **Shorelake** | Kris Espinoza | x |
| **MAR (Rep to State)** | Phil Herold | x | **Woodland** | Mitch Furuglyas | x |
|  \*Andrew 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: Rob Bayuk, Woodland Soccer Club

**Monthly Business Meeting Call to Order**

Called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Volunteer of the Month**

Special recognition of Mike Carney, Beacon Hill, who passed on suddenly and unexpectedly during December.

**Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda**

Minor error noted which will be corrected; otherwise, no additions proposed to consent agenda nor corrections to the minutes; consent agenda and minutes of previous meeting approved by acclamation.

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| **Club Reports** |
| **SOUTH** |
| Mt. Baker  | No report |
| Capitol Hill | Still scheduling trainings for teams that want to participate, using Garfield |
| McGilvra | No report |
| Beacon Hill | Tents showing up on Jefferson Park lid, keeping an eye on that |
| **NE** |
| LVR | Still on pause for any programs, appreciate SU and SYSA offerings |
| Lake City | Still in pause mode |
| **SHORELINE** |
| Shorelake | Not much, on pause |
| Hillwood | Not much opportunity for programs due to field constraints |
| **WEST** |
| Ballard | No report |
| Magnolia | Last month, voted to refund registration fee for the handful of teams that participated in SYSA programs |
| Queen Anne |  |
| Woodland | Appreciated Girl Boss Sports running the SYSA programs; they were a good fit |
| **COMPETITIVE** |
| Seattle United | Coming off a two-week break, returning to training on January 11; successful peer to peer fundraiser, Gala coming up February 11; tentative startup for RCL end of January; spring soccer field crunch with WIAA girls and boys soccer and football scheduled for spring |

**Officer, Staff and Committee Reports**

* **David Funke, President**

Spent $100K more than we’ve taken in this year, it’s what we expected; no surprises, PPP loans were forgiven; will continue on with staff organizing the clinics; one extra task is cleaning up the registration database

* **Alex Johnston, VP Administration**

No report

* **Phil Herold, Secretary/MAR**

WYS APFM coming up end of January

* **John Clark, Treasurer**

Checks need to go to the Orcas office, some were still going to Phoebe or directly to Susan Martin

* **Corey McNamee, VP Competition**

Not present

* **Ann Sattler, VP Rec Development**

No report

* **Larry Metz, SSRA Liaison**

Looking for ways to remember Mike Carney; referees are ready when we’re good to go, doing Monday night Zoom trainings

* **Steve Kuhn, Disciplinary**

Not present

* **Paige Blomso, Anne Bare, Julie Irwin, SYSA Registrars**
* Registrars been working on database cleanup, WYS mandated an upload of data out of Stack Sports and overwrote our player data in Affinity
* Spring soccer, hard to plan ahead when we don’t know what it will look like
* **Jessica Beckton, Scheduler**
* Spoke to what she’s been working on; fields for SU, some financials related to fields
* Answered a question about who owns the goals at the fields
* **Kevin Long, Seattle United**

Gave his report as part of club reports

* **David Griffiths, Executive Director**
* Quiet over the holidays
* Grant from the state of Washington that we’re in line for, $19K; another grant opportunity coming from King County
* SSAC meeting, user groups talking about their field needs
* Nothing much to report on out of the governor’s office
* Diversity and Inclusion Committee had their first meeting
* Working through billing and finances
* Surveyed coaches who participated in fall program, reaction was positive and they’re planning on coming back for a supplemental program before spring soccer; spoke to some issues that arose, three cases in total, that didn’t affect the training program
* Number of planning meetings with staff

**New Business**

**Diversity and Inclusion Training**

* Committee has been established, one additional member
* Working on organizing the next meeting
* Trainings available through PCA, Sports Can Battle Racism workshop; Board of Commissioners would attend, trying to schedule something

**Spring Soccer Plan**

* Summary in the meeting packet, came out of feedback from the fall program that said parents appreciate it
* Pre-spring training program
* Taking the fall training program and tacking it on prior to our spring season; fields will dictate the capacity for the program
* Questions about promotion and what list will be used — will use the fall 2019 database for communicating about spring soccer; teams that didn’t participate in fall program will have to jump through a few more hoops; any team that wants to participate can if space is available; Ballard, Queen Anne, CH, and those who participated in fall training program are already registered for the seasonal year, others will have to register; registrars will work to get players registered properly;
* Seattle United will run annual spring PDA; winter PDA started tonight, there’s space available; PDA is placing players from the same team in the same training group
* Pre-spring training program under SYSA will be U13+
* Traditional spring season
* Aiming for an April 11 start, 8-game season; March 15 deadline
* Also includes spring academy and games, hope to expand from six weeks to eight weeks
* Questions about who forms teams; SYSA will do it, it’s still going to be coach-driven, coach comes to SYSA with list of players
* Current RMAs expire April 30, there’s a grace period and if coaches do their RMA after March 1 then they’re good through next fall season
* Proposal for a post-spring tournament
* Proposal in response to many who expressed that they missed having fall City Tournament
* Discussion; commissioners and others present were generally supportive of the idea

**Old Business**

None

**Announcements and Reminders**

* Next meeting: Look out for invitation and confirm attendance with iCal notifications

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Hillwood, seconded by Magnolia, all in favor and adjourned at 8:29 p.m.