

Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Meeting held on February 1, 2016

Officers and Commissioners attending the meeting:

President	Phil Herold	present	Ballard	Steve Bronson	present
VP Administration	Alex Johnston	present	Beacon Hill	Larry McCann	present
Secretary	open		Capitol Hill	Perry Lee	present
Treasurer	Susan Martin		Hillwood	Jess Gobel	present
VP Operations	David Funke	present	Lake City	Bassim Dowidar	present
VP Development Rec	Corey McNamee	present	LVR	Terrie McCoy	present
VP Competition	Mark Reys		Magnolia	Alex Johnston	present
Dist. 1 Commissioner	Phil Herold	present	McGilvra	Anne Bare	present
Disciplinary Chair	Jeff Huse		Mt Baker	David Funke	present
SSRA SYSA Liaison	Duncan Munro	present	Queen Anne	Yarrow Banko	
Seattle United Rep	Alex Johnston	present	Seattle United	Ben Wilson	present
SYSA Cup Rep	Jessica Beckton	present	Shorelake	Adam Stoecker	present
MAR (Rep to State)	Phil Herold	present	Woodland	Heidi Layton	
Executive Director	Ed D'Alessandro	present		Steve Kuhn	present
Scheduler	Phoebe Russell	present	West Seattle	Jamie Foulk	present
SYSA Registrar	Paige Blomso	present			
Assistant Registrar	Jessica Beckton	present			
Assistant Registrar	Anne Bare	present			

Others Attending: Randy Woo, LVR

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

Ballard moved and Woodland seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda and minutes from the January 4, 2015 meeting. The motion passed unanimously without abstentions.

Volunteer of the Month

No nominations in February.

Officer Reports

- **Phil Herold, President**
Herold has been focused mostly on the birth year registration change issue.
- **Alex Johnston, VP Administration**
Johnston referred to the Magnuson field project in Ed's report.
- **David Funke, VP Operations**

Funke mentioned that Spring Soccer registration is ongoing.

- **Susan Martin, Treasurer**

D'Alessandro referred to the monthly financial statements as of December 31, 2016.

- **Corey McNamee, VP Rec Development**

McNamee is investigating more locally based clinics, and is working on a new coaches handbook.

- **Duncan Munro, SSRA Liaison to SYSA**

Munro talked about the increase in mentoring. There was full coverage of all games by referees last weekend for the first time this season. NW Nationals club is now contributing to the SSRA development fund.

- **Jeff Huse, Disciplinary Committee Chair**

Herold noted that Dave Lancaster, the longtime chair, has stepped down, and Huse has replaced him.

- **Alex Johnston, SYSA Representative to the Seattle United Board**

Johnston mentioned that SU has a new partnership with the Reign FC. He also reported on the number of Seattle United teams participating in the WYS State Championships tournament that had advanced out of bracket to the quarterfinal rounds, including both "A" and "B" teams.

- **Paige Blomso, SYSA Registrar**

Blomso reported on Spring Soccer team registration numbers. Registration has been strong and ahead of last year's pace.

- **Jessica Beckton, SYSA Assistant Registrar**

Beckton updated the board on the Spring Soccer registration numbers for individual players.

- **Phoebe Russell, SYSA Field and Game Scheduler**

Russell is busy with Spring Soccer scheduling. She met with Seattle Parks to review the new bell times change and how that might impact SYSA fields. Seattle Schools does not have a plan for athletics and field usage yet; impacts for next season are unknown.

- **Ed D'Alessandro, Executive Director**

D'Alessandro referred to his written report. He noted that the details of grass-field grant from USSF were mistakenly communicated, and there isn't actually money to renovate a field, but only for equipment such as goals.

D'Alessandro provided background on a possible grant for a new synthetic field at Magnuson Park. It is a matching fund grant, requiring the community to bring one-half of the funding to the project. To kick off the project, he proposed that SYSA pledge \$100,000 towards it. LVR moved and Magnolia seconded a motion to pledge \$100,000 toward construction of a lighted synthetic field in the Seattle Parks District Major Projects Challenge Fund proposal. Topics for discussion included other sports groups who were also aligned to pledge funds, and the nature of the SYSA commitment: was this a donation, or a pledge which means actual expenditure of the funds was contingent on the project being built? It was confirmed that this was a pledge. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Of The Year Awards – One nominee was presented for each of the Volunteer, Administrator, and Boys Rec Coach of the Year awards. There were two nominees for the Girls Coach of the Year. McGilyra moved and Mt Baker seconded a motion to award Volunteer of the Year to Catherine Fitting, Hillwood; Administrator of the Year to Tita Ramirez, Beacon Hill; and Boys Rec Coach of the Year to Dominic Nouwens, Hillwood. The motion passed without dissent or abstentions.

After discussion about the two candidates for Girls Rec Coach of the Year, Hillwood moved and Mt Baker seconded a motion to award Girls Rec Coach of the Year to George Bergeron, Magnolia. The motion passed without dissent or abstentions.

SYSA Annual Meeting – Herold noted past difficulty in finding a date for the Annual General Meeting that worked for everyone and also met the criteria under the present bylaws. He read into the record of this meeting a proposed amendment to the SYSA bylaws as follows:

Section 4.3 Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the commissioners shall be held ~~on the third, fourth or fifth Saturday of~~ during April of each year on a date ~~as determined by the Board for the purpose of electing officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. If the day fixed for the annual meeting shall be a legal holiday in the State of Washington, such meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day.~~ If the election of officers shall not be held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the Board of Commissioners shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as conveniently may be.

It was clarified that this reading is required under the current bylaws and actual discussion and/or adoption will be scheduled for the March 7 meeting.

D'Alessandro proposed April 9 as the date of the 2016 Annual Meeting. It was noted that April 9 is during Seattle Schools spring break. The group discussed the various options, and the difficulties involved in arriving at a date that works for everyone given the different school calendars. Ballard proposed April 2. Ballard moved and Capitol Hill seconded a motion to set April 2, 2016 as the date of the SYSA Annual Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

D'Alessandro reported that he is actively seeking a new president to replace the current president who has served two consecutive two-year terms.

West Seattle SC Intertie – D'Alessandro described a meeting between West Seattle and SYSA to discuss the intertie between the organizations for purposes of recreational play. During that meeting, SYSA representatives and the West Seattle club had agreed to some changes that would make issues easier to resolve and less time-consuming for the SYSA registrars. Magnolia moved and LVR seconded a motion to continue the intertie with West Seattle in 2016. The motion passed without abstentions or dissent.

New Business

USSF Birth Year Registration Change

Woodland proposed postponing the SYSA decision on implementing birth-year registration and team formation for one year. Herold then gave the floor to Woodland to speak to its motion for consideration by all commissioners present. After brief discussion as to the merits of the proposal, Woodland motioned and Beacon Hill seconded to postpone deciding on implementing Birth Year Registration until after the fall, 2016 season. Pros and cons were then discussed.

During the discussion, it was suggested that the proposal to postpone should instead be a proposal to not enact the change at all. LVR moved and Hillwood seconded a motion to rescind the motion that was on the floor. After discussion and with no more commissioners wishing to comment, Herold declared the question called to a vote by consensus. With only two votes in favor, and Herold noting that SYSA bylaws require passage by a “majority of commissioners present,” said motion to rescind did not pass.

After further discussion, Woodland moved to end debate and call the question to a vote. Mt Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed, 10 in favor, 2 opposed.

The motion to postpone deciding on implementing Birth Year Registration until after the fall, 2016 season passed, with 7 votes in favor.

Small -Sided Changes – Herold raised the question of whether the association should adopt the USSF guidelines for small-sided play, in particular moving to 9 v 9 at U12 for fall, 2016. Russell spoke to field usage and impacts. There was discussion about the logistics of using smaller fields, and the difficulties of doing that. LVR moved and Woodland seconded a motion to move U12 to the new USSF small-sided, 9 v 9 format for fall, 2016, but to keep U10 at the current 6 v 6 format. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Magnolia moved and Woodland seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:42pm. The motion passed by general consensus.