

Colorado Soccer Association Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Colorado Soccer Association was called to order at 6:00 PM on June 14th, 2017 in CSA Office by Jeff Ruebel.

Roll Call

All Board Members present in person or by phone.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Open Discussion Topics- Not Requiring Action

- 1) Nate gave a report on the development and upcoming submission of Colorado's grant proposal for funds being distributed by US Soccer under its Innovate to Grow Fund.
- 2) The Board also was informed of negotiations between Nate and Esse Baharmest for the creation of a 'Director of Referees' positions
- 3) Nate provided a discussion of the use and financing of the Riverside complex.
- 4) Discussion of the ongoing issue of club to club recruitment, it has been determined the issue is increasing in spite of direction from CSA to specific clubs to cease this practice. CSA staff has advised that in spite of the ban of club to player in season, on field contact for the purpose of recruitment, it is now common to see club recruiters moving to the parent spectator areas at matches. Consensus is more attention will be needed in order to control this practice of recruiting, documentation, and point out there is an open window.
- 5) Nate and Jeff met with Caleb Meyers and Kathy Kust, for purpose and discussion of improving and developing a risk management protocol with the purpose of helping clubs recognize risk, develop and implement a system at the club level. Each club is to designate a risk management person as a contact. Goal is to have program and mechanism in place that will be presented at AGM in January.
- 6) Discussion regarding the spectator behavior and control of same and game management ideas such as designated spectator area or painted spectator boundaries on fields. It was noted that the most difficult matches to maintain spectator control is with the younger ages i.e. 10U.

Old Business

- 1) Aldo reported the ongoing issues addressing improving quality of referees and improving numbers of referees on games.
- 2) Referee ban for life question was discussed and how that decision is managed. Determination is that CSA follows due process on each case as it is raised.

- 3) Referee Development Budget discussion continuation. CSA will implement a reporting system.

New Business

- 1) What is the authority and control with CRC, and it is with CSA approval. Terms of the four-member committee is in question. How should CSA manage the relationship with CRC and their specific hierarchy. CRC members serve a 2-year term.
- 2) Interest in CSA implementing additional programs i.e. adult leagues, and helping our members to access additional venues such as gyms and additional fields.
- 3) Discussion of how to bring more services to our membership. Types of programming that are coming to the forefront are walking soccer for seniors. Also defining the difference between indoor training and actual futsal. CSA will look into the addition of Futsal as a program to offer our membership.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:20 by Peter and second by Aldo.

Minutes submitted by: Stephen White – Secretary

Approved by: BOD