



Seattle Youth Soccer Association

Minutes for SYSA Board of Commissioners Monthly Business Meeting held on
November 3, 2021 via zoom call

Attendance: Officers, Commissioners and Staff

President	David Funke	x	Ballard	Andrew Westmark	
VP Administration	Keith Leitich		Beacon Hill	Keith Leitich	
Secretary	Phil Herold		Capitol Hill	Perry Lee	X
Treasurer	John Clark		Hillwood	Jim Shea	
VP Operations	OPEN		Lake City	Dave Farber	
VP Development Rec	Ann Davison	X	LVR	Greg Parker	X
VP Competition	Corey McNamee		Magnolia	Stephanie Skinner	X
			McGilvra	Jeff Scott	
Disciplinary Chair	Steve Kuhn		Mt Baker	Shannon Palmer	X
SSRA SYSA Liaison	Larry Metz	X	Queen Anne	Yarrow Banko	X
Diversity Chair	Shannon Palmer	X	Seattle United	Kevin Long	X
SYSA Cup Rep	Anne Bare		Shorelake	Jenica Bell	X
MAR (Rep to State)	Phil Herold		Woodland	Mitch Furuglyas	

Executive Director	David Griffiths	X	Scheduler	Jessica Beckton	X
SYSA Registrar	Paige Blomso	X	Social Media		
Assistant Registrar	Anne Bare	X	Bookkeeper	Michele Authier	
Assistant Registrar				Gregg Lanier (LC)	X

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Alyson Stage in attendance for LVR.
Gregg Lanier in attendance for LC.

Called to order at 7:10pm

Volunteer of the Month

Sneha Sastry - LVR coach of 3 boys teams. So appreciative to be back on the field again.

Mira Diaz - LC - ran micro academy all fall, organized photo day.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

October regular meeting minutes approved.

LC makes motion, CH seconds.

Consent to Agenda - approved.

Club Reports - Bi-Monthly:

- Seattle United: 2nd annual fundraiser, all revenue supports the financial aid program. It's going well. Has 3 former players on the 2nd ranked UW Soccer team. Good representation in local college teams, with UW, SPU, SU.
- Woodland - not present
- Queen Anne - wrapped up the MOD program, went really well. Had HS athletes work with the group. Great fall season all around. Shared an experience with bad parent behavior on the sidelines (Association) toward Ref's.
- Magnolia - finalizing the MOD season, wrap up Jamboree this coming weekend. All Association teams are registered for the City Tournament. Echo's Yarrows concerns about sportsmanship. Magnolia plans to message their membership frequently in the weeks leading up to the CT, and during.
- Ballard - not present
- Mt Baker - wrapped up the U6 program. Likely will change the format from academy to individual teams next year. Season has gone well in general, but also plans to message their membership around sportsmanship towards other players, coaches, Ref's. Agrees with QA and MAG that clubs need to be on top of communicating behavior expectations prior to the tournament, as well as from SYSA. Carlos from SU has worked with MBL & BH to organize pick up games on Friday nights for pick up games. Been well received and well attended. Hopes to continue into the winter and spring.
- Capitol Hill - nothing to report
- McGilvra - not present
- Beacon Hill - not present
- Lake City - wrapped up the MOD program last weekend. Have not had Refs at several games, so had parents step in. Question about protocol for volunteer Ref/parent handing out cards? Dave Funke advised contacting him and Dave G for

guidance. Larry Metz offered that he would follow up with LC, but advised coaches to reach out to their club directors.

- LVR - wrapped up their 1st U6 program with a Jamboree last weekend. Used Girl Boss in conjunction with parent volunteers. House league numbers were down a bit, so they are hoping the addition of U6 will help. Had issues with not enough fields, lights issues, fewer issues with Celtic on their fields this fall.
- Shorelake - will be wrapping up the Micro program on 11/13. Really robust program this year. Strong showing for teams signed up for the City Tournament. Healthy volunteerism in SL - Board is nearly full. Echoed the same sentiment about poor behavior from coaches/parents seen more this year. Warnings are issued for first offense, and not allowed to attend for a second infraction.

Conversation followed with several clubs sharing the same, unfortunate experiences with behavior on the fields, from MOD up through Association. Agreement that the clubs will take a firmer hand next fall, should this behavior continue. Mistreatment of young Ref's should not be tolerated. Suggestion to add something in the RTP document regarding the observation of more poor behavior, acknowledging post- pandemic stress.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dave Funke - President:

- Attending staff meetings, updating By-laws and will get it posted for reference.

Keith Leitich - VP of Operations:

- Not present. Paige reported that Keith followed up looking at the WYS media release to see if the Radio broadcast could be allowed for City Tournament.

Secretary:

- Position is still vacant. MBL suggested sending it out to clubs to find

John Clark - Treasurer:

Everything is in good shape. Should start seeing some revenue with the invoices to clubs going out, City Tournament and Jamboree.

Corey McNamee - VP of Competition:

- Not present, but DF reported the Goal keeping clinics were well received and appreciated.

Ann Davison - VP of Rec Development:

- Nothing to report, but likes the CT broadcast idea.

Committee Reports

Larry Metz - SSRA President:

- SSRA sent an email to their REf's about coach and parent/player behavior. Challenges on the competitive side mainly with visiting/away teams. Working with the league administration to address this. Less so on the Rec side, but some issues. Sometimes it's an issue of an AR stepping in as the Center Ref. Working to communicate with the Refs prior to games to gauge their comfort at being the Center. Thumbs up to the Rec side for communicating with coaches regarding the expectations for respect and cooperation. Working to also alert Ref's prior to games with teams where disciplinary issues had occurred previously. In response to the LC question during club reports about parent refs assigning cards, coaches can use the Evaluation form on the SSRA site, and use the comment section to make note. The number of available Refs is very low. Trying to figure out how to recruit more interest.

Steve Kuhn - Disciplinary Chair:

Nothing to report.

Shannon Palmer - DEI Committee

- On hold until things settle down a bit.

STAFF REPORTS

SYSA Registrars: Paige Blomso & Anne Bare

- Paige sent out player registration totals today. Compared 2019 to 2021

SYSA Scheduler - Jessica Beckton

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SYSA Executive Director - David Griffiths

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New Business:

- Demosphere Report - Paige.
- Player approval for City Tournament (LC BU12 Orange Huskies) - Dave Farber

Old Business:

- Demand Letter (Update) - David Griffiths

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

ADJOURNMENT