

Florida Youth Soccer Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Hampton Inn, Lakeland, FL

8:30 am

Call To Order: by VP of Coach and Player Development, John Stacey at 8:30 am.

Roll Call:

Present: Jill Sheltry, Eric Heidel, John Stacey, Becky McLaren, Alice Smith, Joe Nelson, Justin Goldman, Rhonda Link-Cummings, Terri Towers, Paul Gray, Dave Ditillio, Tim Smith, Bob Stover, Sandra Lehtio, Terry Straub and Dawn Hart.

Absent: Marino Torrens (proxy to Jill Sheltry), Shenoy Raghuraj and Curtis Wolfe.

Guests: Dale Burke, Edward Kinsley, Russell Walker, Chris Ellison and Abrom Douglas.

Agenda: Motion to amend agenda by John Stacey to add (under VP of Coach and Player Development) a Recreational update and to move Executive Session to after For the Good of the Game. 2nd by Terri Towers, motion passes. Motion to approve agenda by Rhonda Link-Cummings. 2nd by Terri Towers. Motion passes.

Approve Previous Minutes of October 21, 2017: Motion by Rhonda Link-Cummings to approve. Correction to minutes from Abrom Douglas to amend; vote to eliminate SRAs isn't in December 2017 but is in February 2018 at the Federation AGM. Motion to approve amended minutes by Rhonda Link-Cummings, 2nd by Bob Stover. Motion passes.

Correspondence: US Soccer Federation sent FYSA a check from the Argentina vs Brazil game played in Florida, July 2017. The check is for a portion of the gate receipts for approximately \$477 thousand dollars.

Referee Liaison Report: Abrom Douglas - Continuing to see registration issues with referees putting in a different version of their name or not entering in their correct 16 digit ID number. Registration totals through 1/12/18 was over 2,500.

President's Report - Given by John Stacey - Marino Torrens has nominated a Chair to the Nominating Committee - Patty Wilson. Motion to ratify by Tim Smith, 2nd by Rhonda Link-Cummings. Motion passes.

Secretary's Report - Jill Sheltry - moving discussion to Executive Session.

Treasurer's Report - Eric Heidel - Investments are doing well at 12.39%.

Foundation report discussed. The Foundation did not receive any construction grant requests this year. Only about a dozen clubs submitted for equipment and scholarship grants. Scholarship grant requests totaled \$42,700 and \$17,995 was granted.

Equipment grant requests totaled \$47,500 and just over \$29,000 was granted. Motion from Eric Heidel to approve the Foundation grants report. Terri Towers 2nd. Motion passes.

Financial statement sent to BOD and has been reviewed by CPA.

Eric Heidel advises that the \$477,000 received from the Federation will go into a separate, unrestricted investment account and allocation of that money will be discussed at the May 12, 2018 BOD meeting.

Committee Reports:

Vice President of Coach and Player Development: John Stacey - FYSA Bucks - report discussed. Still taking FYSA Bucks orders until the end of January. Emails being sent to Regional VPs to remind their clubs to place an order using the FYSA Bucks program before the deadline.

TOPS Committee update - Two new clubs received grants to start TOPS program. Participants are increasing and no programs are going away. FYSA TOPS Buddy of the year South is Natalie Bress from Melbourne Beach, FL. Natalie will be recognized at the FYSA 2018 AGM.

US Youth Soccer announced that Allie Goff has won National Girls Recreational Coach of the Year. Allie is from Viera, FL.

Four candidates have been selected to be interviewed for the Assistant Director of Coaching - Recreation open position. The employee will work closely with the Recreation Committee.

The Recreational Committee did receive two member nominations (from each region) but none of the 8 have responded to the request to join the committee. RVPs being

asked to touch base with their recommended participants and have them get in touch with John Withowski or submit new names if their nominees are not interested.

Vice President of Administration and Communication: Becky McLaren - Federal legislation (passed the Senate and now in the House of Representatives) requiring youth sports organization implement policies and procedures concerning the reporting of sexual abuse incidents, establish reasonable procedures to limit one on one interactions and to provide consistent training to all adult members regarding contact with all minors. FYSA's sexual abuse policy is now at attorney for final review. Once finalized, a training component will be part of the Risk Management process at registration. Abuse Prevention Systems is the vendor that will provide training link, test and certificate. Becky McLaren to work with Gotsoccer on registration piece to link successful abuse prevention training with Gotsoccer profile. To be ahead of the registration season, Becky McLaren will accept name (as it appears in their Gotsoccer account) and email addresses from anyone that knows they will be registering for the 2018-2019 season now and she will send them the link to complete their training.

Name change - Lakeland Futbol Club to Lakeland Tropics Futbol Club. Bob Stover makes a motion to approve the name change. Dave Ditillio 2nds. Motion passes.
New Affiliation - Chivas FC. Sandy Lehtio makes a motion to approve the new affiliation. Terri Towers 2nds. Motion passes.

New Affiliation - Southern Homestead Soccer Academy. By rules, request denied.

New Associate Affiliate - Boombah, Inc. Motion to deny by Rhonda Link-Cummings. 2nd by Terri Towers. Motion to deny passes.

New Associate Affiliate - Sportz Services 4U, Inc. Motion to deny by Joe Nelson. 2nd by Rhonda Link-Cummings. Motion to deny passes.

Break: 10:16 am - 10:30 am

Vice President of Competition: Report by Dale Burke for Shenoy Raghuraj. Very successful Florida Premiere League. 21 games remaining to be completed by February 25th.

President's Cup - 389 teams accepted into tournament. Teams will be playing in the North/South/Central regions for regional play. Site volunteers are still needed.

State Cup - 511 teams accepted into tournament. State draw will be held on February 27th.

Personnel: Jill Sheltry - moved to Executive Session.

Registrar: Alice Smith - There are still about 1,000 players not assigned to teams. Area VPs asked to have their clubs look at those players and get them assigned to teams so we have accurate numbers.

Registration is up 3,000 over last year at this time. The biggest increase is on the recreational side.

Region A VP - Joe Nelson - Commissioner's Cup draw completed yesterday. Field space still in works.

Region B VP - Rhonda Link-Cummings - Commissioner's Cup draw went well. Four club submitted hosting agreements, all four are being utilized.

Region C VP - Dave Ditillio - Region C Festival has 60 teams entered.

Region D VP - Sandy Lehtio - Not a lot of teams elected Commissioner's Cup in favor of President's Cup.

Executive Director Report: Dale Burke - Office report discussed. Items to note, US Youth Soccer has done away with Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 in favor of North, South, MidWest and West with one person, a General Manager, in charge at each.

Southern Regional Premier League is being restructured, more information to follow after United Soccer Coaches meeting in Philadelphia.

AGM information and registrations should be online around March 1st.

Director of Coaching Report: Mike Strickler - report by John Stacey.

Standing Committee reports - none.

Unfinished Business - none.

New Business - none.

For the good of the game - Well wishes to Virgil Stringfield and Bill Buren.

Dale Burke is working on a Board of Directors retreat and is investigating a firm that Tennessee Youth Soccer used and highly recommends.

Lunch Break: 11:45 am - 12:15 pm.

Executive Session: 12:15 pm - 1:26 pm.

Motion by Rhonda Link-Cummings to accept all decisions made in Executive Session.
2nd by Bob Stover. Motion passes.

Next BOD meeting - May 12, 2018 at 8:30 am.

Adjournment - 1:31 pm by Tim Smith.