

# Florida Youth Soccer Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, October 21, 2017

FYSA Office

8:30 am

**Call To Order:** by President, Marino Torrens at 8:30 am.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Marino Torrens, Jill Sheltry, Eric Heidel, John Stacey, Shenoy Raghuraj, Becky McLaren, Alice Smith, Joe Nelson, Justin Goldman, Curtis Wolfe, Rhonda Link-Cummings, Terri Towers, Dave Ditillio, Tim Smith, Sandra Lehtio, Terry Straub and Dawn Hart.

**Absent:** Paul Gray (Proxy to Rhonda Link-Cummings) and Bob Stover (Proxy to Dave Ditillio).

**Guests:** Dale Burke, Mike Strickler, Abrom Douglas, Barb Newton, Kai Velmer and Jennifer Ditillio.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by Rhonda Link-Cummings. 2nd by Terri Towers. Motion passes.

**Approve Previous Minutes of August 10, 2017/August 11, 2017:** Motion by Terri Towers. 2nd by Rhonda Link-Cummings. Motion passes.

**Correspondence:** none

**Referee Liaison Report:** Abrom Douglas - presented memo that all referees receive alerting them to contact FYSA to complete their background check process.

Abrom Douglas asks FYSA for their guidance on the Grade 9 referee certification. Terri Towers makes a motion to eliminate Grade 9. 2nd by Rhonda Link-Cummings. Motion passes.

Referees will also receive a memo on how to access forms, books and their ID cards as the Federation is no longer mailing books and cards out.

The referee assignor module is not yet operational and is expected to be completed in two weeks.

Currently registered referees in Florida are around 3900. Abrom Douglas to provide 2017 demographics of referees, by grade and by Region.

At the Federation meeting (that just concluded in Chicago) there was a discussion of the Federation taking over the whole referee program for all states. This proposition would eliminate all SRAs starting in 2019 - 2020. This goes for a vote in December, 2017.

**Presentation:** by Dave Ditillio on disasters experienced during Florida's 2017 hurricane season. Shenoy Raghuraj makes a motion to allocate disaster funds based on RVP recommendations to Treasurer for approval. John Stacey amends the motion adding a cap of \$10,000.00 (per club in need) for a bonified disaster be paid without the need of further BOD approval once approved by the Treasurer (in accordance with Foundation guidelines); requests over \$10,000.00 will need BOD approval. 2nd by Rhonda Link-Cummings. Motion passes.

**President's Report** - Marino Torrens - Next BOD meeting will be 1/13/2018 with the location still TBD.

**Secretary's Report** - Jill Sheltry - check will be conducted to ensure FYSA mail server is properly directing emails to all BOD members.

Jill Sheltry makes a motion to approve committee member spreadsheet. 2nd by John Stacey. Motion passes.

BOD retreating planning is underway.

**Treasurer's Report** - Eric Heidel - Presented proposed budget and last year's budget for comparison. Eric Heidel notes that the independent CPA audit of the budget will take place in the 2nd week of November.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Vice President of Player Development:** John Stacey - FYSA Bucks - 127 clubs awarded FYSA Bucks totaling of \$112,958.

TOPS continuing to give out grants but the TOPS program money is close to running out of money. TOPS clubs can use the FYSA bucks to buy supplies for their TOPS program.

PVC/rigid goals have been added to the FYSA Bucks program. Dave Ditillio makes a motion to add a referee kit to the FYSA Bucks program. 2nd by Shenoy Raghuraj. Motion passes.

John Stacey notes that a Recreational Committee is underway. There are two members from each Region and John Withowski as the Chair.

**Vice President of Administration and Communication:** Becky McLaren - Pending name change (from the AGM) moved to Executive Session.

Referee abuse and assault cases are on the rise. Becky McLaren asking Regional VP and Commissioners to speak with their clubs and remind them that this behavior will not be tolerated and the coach is responsible for the conduct of his/her sidelines.

Dale Burke and Becky McLaren are working on a 'preventing sexual abuse' policy that will include a module for coaches and volunteers to complete at the time of registration, just like the concussion module. Coach Passes will notate the completion of the module before players will be assigned to their roster. There will be many more layers of review, development and vetting prior to new policy and process set.

**Vice President of Competition:** Shenoy Raghuraj - State Cup applications must be entered online; roster freeze date 2/28/18. \$50 fine for not checking in one hour prior. Late application time frame w/fees 12/1/17 at 5:00 pm through 12/3/17 at 5:00 pm with a \$1,000.00 late fee.

President's Cup won't eliminate 12U. Roster freeze date 1/24/18. \$50.00 fine for not checking in one hour prior. Late app time frame w/fees 12/1/17 at 5:00 pm until 12/3/17 at 5:00 pm with a \$1,000.00 late fee. Minimum game requirement for US Youth and FYSA is 3 games played. All teams must be eligible for competition.

Shenoy Raghuraj would like to see more town hall meetings regarding the Championship Series. Hopefully the town hall style of the meeting will allow parents, coaches and volunteers to fully understand how each series works.

Dale Burke adds that hosting applications have been up since 10/1/17 and we've received no applications to host. A push to clubs is in order. FYSA needs hosts.

**Personnel:** Jill Sheltry - Current temporary worker will convert to the open position of Assistant Events Coordinator at the end of her 13 week contract with the temporary agency.

Jill Sheltry makes a motion to add a new position of Assistant Technical Director of Coaching - Recreation. 2nd by Eric Heidel. Motion passes.

**Registrar:** Alice Smith - Registration report presented. Players up by 21k from last year at this time; now up to 66k. Recreational players now being properly reported as it was discovered that not all recreational players had been properly registered last year or at least had not been registered by this time last year. Report numbers will best be a true picture in March.

**Region A VP** - Joe Nelson - positions are set for Region A and working well together. League meeting representation in the works to have a greater presence.

**Region B VP** - Rhonda Link-Cummings - Commissioner's Cup has two applications and hoping for more hosting applications soon. Two clubs have put in their applications to host for all three Championship Series events.

**Region C VP** - Dave Ditillio - reminder that Commissioner's Cup deadline is 12/15/17. Five applications for Commissioner's Cup have been received and two applications for the Festival have been received.

**Region D VP** - Sandy Lehtio - work underway to encourage hosting applications.

**Lunch Break:** 11:49am - 12:17pm.

**Executive Director Report:** Dale Burke - Office report submitted. Recommended that Regional folks get out to see their clubs to ensure they are aware of the services FYSA offers.

Dale Burke to follow Alabama's test program of offering after school soccer at schools as this might be a great introduction to soccer for more youth.

USYS Regions will stay with their own board but they are looking to trim way down. Each Region will now have a General Manager and Administrator. They are keeping two committees - President's Cup and Southern Regionals. Everything else will be handled at the National level.

FYSA is the largest BOD in the Country. In other states, Regional folks report to the RVPs as opposed to sitting on the BOD.

Fresh from Florida is on deck to be a new FYSA sponsor.

FYSA has signed a new housing agreement with Successful Sporting Events. Stay to play is going away. Cancellations will be accepted up until noon on Friday without penalty. Effective 1/1/18.

**Director of Coaching Report:** Mike Strickler - presented report. Communication meetings with DOCs as follows: Regional A on 10/27/17; Region B on 10/6/17; Region C on 12/7/17; Region D on 11/17/17.

US Soccer Coaching Education Curriculum changes.

- o US Grassroots Licenses-6u-12u modules
  - 6-8u \$25 + \$25 for US Soccer = \$50
  - 10-13u+ \$50 + \$25 for US Soccer = \$75
  - To move to the D License
    - F license or one module and two in person sessions (includes 11v11)
    - E license
- o US D License
  - Still in progress
  - Can use 2017 licenses until it is changed
- o US C License
  - Course in December of 2017 in Weston
  - Courses in the works for March of 2018 at IMG and December of 2018 in South Florida
- o US Youth National Youth License
  - August/September 2018

The 2006 players are entering the ODP program.

Recreational Development Program (RDP) - hosting a soccer festival at West Citrus October 28th supported by FYSA staff coaches.

**State of the Office Report** - none.

**Unfinished Business** - Becky McLaren will coordinate the 'New BOD Member Training' on Friday, 1/12/18 at 2:00 pm. Location is TBD. All BOD members are asked to attend.

**New Business** - none.

**Executive Session:** 1:30 pm - 3:23 pm.

Motion by Becky McLaren to accept all decisions made in our Executive Session. 2nd by Shenoy Rghuraj. Motion passes.

**For the good of the game** - none.

**Next BOD meeting** - 1/13/18 at 8:30am.

**Adjournment** - 3:32pm by Terry Straub.