



Board Meeting Agenda

Utah Youth Soccer Association
January 26, 2024 | 6 PM MST

Attendees:

Board Members: Brian Babcock, Tim Wheelwright, West McGuire, Matt Rader, Kendra Halterman
Staff: Bryan Attridge, Carly Kent, Eric Landon, Jenni Breckenridge, Lee Davis, Amanda Sanders, Blaine Burnett, Agustin Pinon
Additional Attendees: John Gygi, Gier Olsen

Study Session

- US Soccer VP Election
Brian Babcock discussing the 2 candidates running for Vice President of US Soccer. He has met with both multiple times. Asks for the board's thoughts or opinions on the candidates.
- Provisional League Improvements
Jamie Okey has received feedback from Region 5 members of frustrations about forming provisional teams. Renata Lawson explains the importance of club support in promoting provisional programming. The UYSA staff will work on adding more information to the website about provisional programming.
- Soccer Parenting Association
Bryan, Brian, and Eric met with Skye Eddy and Anthony DiCicco at the coaches convention in January. They discussed pricing and different packages to provide to UYSA membership. Eric proposes to purchase the \$10,000 to access the system and apply Organizational Members to apply for a grant to receive a yearlong membership paid by UYSA. It would cost UYSA \$250 per OM. Renata voices her concern of the importance for clubs to have buy-in into the program for clubs to actually utilize it. Motion to move this discussion into the business section of the agenda.

Jamie Okey

Renata Lawson

Tim Wheelwright not in favor.

Clubs have access to the resources on the Soccer Parenting website but not access to Skye directly. There would be an account manager to help with any questions about the system. To help lift this program off, UYSA would have each club that is involved have a designated representative sit on a committee. Brian Babcock noted that he likes the proposal with the club buy in vs a mandate. Clubs that want to be involved will connect with region reps. Region directors decide how many reps will be selected based on the region's size.

Brian Babcock asks for a motion.

Renata motions that the \$10,000-tiered buy in, each club needs to provide a representative, to facilitate buy in and engagement and working with the board.

Tim Wheelwright seconds the motion

Brian Babcock summarizes, we as the state are doing the \$10,000 and region directors will decide how it will be divided up within their area.

All in favor -Passed



- Skyhawks Franchise

Skyhawks representative, Jason Frazier explains the franchise opportunity for UYSA to purchase. Skyhawks is a national sports camp and is current serving a little over 1,000 players in Utah. Contract would be a 7-year contract. Skyhawks will be coming out to visit to discuss in greater detail of what the purchase would entail.

Reports & Announcements

- Adult Merger & Staffing Update

Bryan shares with the board that the paperwork for the merger between the youth and adult associations have finally been signed and the merger is official. Bryan introduces Gier Olsen who will be sitting on the board as a non-voting member representing the adult portion of the association. Bryan introduces Blaine Burnett and Agustin Pinon as the newest employees of USF.

- US Soccer Grant Announcement

Jenni Breckenridge informs the board of the grant that US Soccer has approved for a program that Erin Lindley has applied for as part of the Innovate to Grow grant program. The program's goal is to increase the number of female coaches in Utah through different scholarship opportunities and childcare services. There will be 4 quarterly meetings. There is an initiative to try to encourage college athletes to get involved in coaching as well.

- ODP Championship Recap

Lee Davis shares with the board of the experience that TOSH State Select teams had at the West Region ODP Championships in Mesa, AZ. 23 teams represented Utah at the event. There were 5 champions crowned this year. 2009 Boys South, 2009 Girls South, 2007 Boys North, 2008 Boys North, 2007 Girls South

- Technical Department Coaching Trip Recap

Eric Landon shared with the board about the technical leadership trip in Spain with DB Sports Tours. Eric and Lee Davis attended multiple training sessions and coaching lessons through the 5 days they spent in Spain. Eric proposed the potential to get professional coaches to tour and stop in Utah for a coach training session.

- Protests & Appeals

No Updates

Consent Agenda

- January Board Meeting Minutes
- Financials

Business Agenda

- Budget Amendment Class 13 – Referees/iRef Training

Bryan Attridge asks for a budget amendment to the 23/24 budget for additional referee training for already certified referees. This would increase the budget by \$6,400.00.

Motion to approve – Renata Lawson

Second Motion – Tim Wheelwright



- Merger with Adult Association - Bylaw Changes, 303, 426, 431, 432, 441
Discussion on new voting strength at AGM.
303 - 15% weighted vote or adults and 85% weighted vote for you. Only comes into play when voting for a president or a bylaw change.
426 – First VP over youth membership, 2nd VP over adult membership
431 – First VP duties and responsibilities
432 – Second VP duties and responsibilities
441 – Rules and regulations – Tim expressed concerns with the wording. Has asked that there are defined rules. He would ask that this is limited to the adult subcommittee.

Tim Wheelwright made a motion to adopt bylaw changes that were amended in discussion.

Seconded by Renata Lawson

Bryan Attridge noted that this will get circulated by the board before being presented at the AGM.

All in favor – Passed

- Education Financial Assistance
The board approves financial assistance for Creighton Atkin and Cole Bagley masters programs. Financial assistance is referenced in the Human Resources Employee Handbook, but requires board approval due to the budget.
Motion to approve – Jamie Okey
Second motion – Wes McGuire

Good of the Game

Brian Babcock mentions the 4 UYSA players that were drafted into the WPLS on January 12, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM MST.