

Timberline Youth Soccer Association
Minutes of Board Meeting Conducted
April 10, 2007

Meeting Called to Order 7:10 PM

Members Present

Tim Sonnier, Mike Pruitt, George Cerda, Chuck Vallentine, Brad Martin,
Jo Pate, Tom Pate, Bob Schmitz, Duane Choate, Andrew Naudin, James Simmons, Tom Ward, Hal Hutton

Guests

Gregg James, KSC, attending until Mr. Vallentine could get there.
Tom Ward of Tx Rush Conroe
Ed Loucks representing STYSA to answer TYSA's concerns with the new Affinity software.

Minutes of February 7, 2007 meeting motioned, change requested by Hal Hutton and accepted by Mike Pruitt. Minutes with change motioned and approved by Bob Schmitz and seconded by Andrew Naudin. Motion Passed.

President

Mr. Pruitt advised the board that the drafted governing documents were ready for TYSA. Before going any further, though, the IRS identification number for TYSA needs to get resolved first. He is working with Mr. Martin on this problem. He has notified the IRS of the confusion. Jones Day has agreed to help TYSA in this matter. Once the identification issue is resolved he will be able to proceed with the governing documents.

Administrator

Mrs. Cahill introduced herself and apologized in advance for mistakes made while she's learning the position. She informed the Board of John Noweilski going on vacation and that she would be handling scheduling in his absence. She explained that due to the rain out of games on 3/31 and 4/1, games could not be completed by April 15th like previously scheduled. There wasn't enough time or fields to accomplish this. She asked if the games could be scheduled for April 21 and 22 extending the season one week. Mr. Hutton felt that due to fairness for the teams and felt it was important to get as many games as possible played because it would affect the standings

Motion

Mr. Hutton motioned to extend league games to April 21 and 22 and move playoffs and challenges to April 28 and 29. Mr. Schmitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

STYSA Report

Mr. Louck's came in during the meeting to discuss the new Affinity system that STYSA will be implementing shortly. He told the clubs that they needed to complete the questionnaire that was sent to them in order for the project to proceed. As of that date, he was told that none of the TYSA clubs had turned in their questionnaires. Ms. Cahill advised him that she had sent one in, as well as, Alliance and Dynamos. He said that was not what he was told. Mr. Pruitt assured Mr. Loucks that clubs would at least fill out the questionnaire but he felt that the clubs did not know that much about Affinity. Mr. Loucks spoke of the following qualities that Affinity possesses:

1. On-line banking for free
2. One time set-up for parents
3. All information for family available
4. The system can capture and use historic information
5. No cost outlay for clubs, even credit card fees for the first year. There will be a \$2.00/transaction fee.
6. Tracking of players and control on transfers
7. Tournament function, if you choose, to schedule, report and sign-up players
8. Crystal reports
9. Can tie in unaffiliated clubs
10. Used by Cal-South in Los Angeles successfully

He assured the clubs that the merchant card fees are taken care of by STYSA the first year and there would be no more than a \$2.00/transaction fee. Mr. Martin addressed Mr. Loucks regarding using other software. Mr. Loucks said as long as the information could be imported, it was fine for the first year.

Mr. Loucks announced Mike Parson's as the new DOC and Carlos Mengovar for Director of Player Development.

Discussion that followed dealt primarily with concerns of the club's regarding merchant card fees and agreements, the quick adoption and disposal of E7 and its problems and the scheduling program. Most clubs felt they would stay with their current program and wait and see what develops with Affinity. All presidents agreed to send in their questionnaires as soon as possible and to send one person to one of the training sessions. Mr. Pruitt asked Mrs. Cahill to send the previously sent e-mail requesting information for Affinity out again to all presidents and administrators.

President's Reports

Aldine United

Mr. Cerda reported that Mrs. Cerda was now certified as a referee assignor. They are encouraging people to get certified as referees. So far they have sent 3 people to be certified. They still need Liz Williamson to help out with referees for Nimitz fields. Aldine teams are happy to go to CB if it makes it easier to get referees. Problems discussed regarding getting the referees to come down from The Woodlands and Conroe were the lack of bathrooms, slight security issues and the lack of games.

Mr. Cerda brought up the issue of the difference between STYSA and TYSA regarding spring roster freeze dates. He asked that TYSA move it's deadline to reflect STYSA's deadline of April 8th.

Motion:

Hal Hutton made a motion to extend the spring roster freeze date to April 8th, 2007. Mr. Schmitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Bear Creek

Mr. Schmitz announced that his club was hosting an Easter tournament this Saturday, April 13.

Cy-Fair

Mr. Naudin was welcomed by Mr. Pruitt as the new President of CyFair. Mr. Naudin explained that his club is working on early registration for the Fall of 2007 and their Sports Illustrated 3v3 tournament coming up on May 5 and 6.

Kingwood Alliance

Absent

Klein

Mr. Vallentine reported that Meyer Park was closed on 3/31 but after much shoveling they were able to play games on April 1.

Their club is trying to get a feel on Fall of 2007. Agreement made to bring this item up at the May GBM.

The club had to absorb a lot of referee fees this year. They are taking a look at how to remedy that for the future.

The club is having a special Academy meeting on April 10th. Mr. Vallentine made the point that Academies have to be open to everyone. There should not be any invitations involved it is open to everyone in the recreation program.

Rush

Mr. Choate introduced Mr. Simmons as the new President of Texas Rush. Duane is stepping down from the grind and into another capacity at Rush. Rush is having Winter Blast 3v3 this Saturday. There is also a recreation tournament coming up on April 21 and 22 called the Texas Rush Round-up.

Board Member Reports

Treasurer

Mr. Martin discussed the budget. Handouts of fee structure and budget proposal were handed out. He proposed a new fee structure on the handout. Mrs. Pate noticed a discrepancy in the fee structure. Mr. Martin said it was taken from the current fees he took from the website. He asked the administrator to double check the STYSA and TYSA fee structure and get that to him as soon as possible. Within the proposed budget no major expenditures are noted. The new administrator salary was included as well as money built in for scheduling if needed. Also, \$3500 included for parallel processing with Net Pro regarding the web hosting fees.

Currently there is \$140,000 in reserve. He explained that due to the timing of clubs sending in their fees to TYSA and the deadline for STYSA to receive their fees creates a 1 to 2 week gap for the association to be financially exposed. In September of 2006 it was \$90,000 and \$30,000 in April.

Mr. Martin would like all teams to manually reconcile their Spring fees since E7 does not look like it can be relied upon. Get the player counts to Ms. Cahill as soon as possible. He would also like to change the amount of money held in reserve.

Mr. Martin received two e-mails regarding the refund of unaffiliated teams' bond refunds from the Fall. He would be looking into that. If bond refunds are due based on this year's agreements he wanted those taken care of as soon as possible. Mr. Pruitt had suggested changing the unaffiliated team forms for next fall.

Next meeting Mr. Martin would like to decide on fees for the fall.

VP of Coaches

Mr. Hutton discussed the STYSA position on Academies. Academies are structured to be purely recreational. No tryouts shall be run and definitely no ability grouping of players. Clubs cannot select players to be in their Academy, it is to be open to everyone that wants to participate.

Mr. Hutton discussed the upcoming South Texas Cup. He asked which teams would like to host the District and State tournaments. Andrew Naudin offered CyFair to host the State tournament on May 12 and 13. Mr. Hutton offered Klein to take the girls games of the District tournament and Mr. Choate with Texas Rush offered to take the boys games. Mr. Hutton went on to explain how STC works. He verified with Ms. Cahill that she had sent in the team count to STYSA. From this point we would be waiting to hear what allotment TYSA will get to go to the tournament.

VP of Referees

Mr. Sonnier represented TSRA's (Timberline Soccer Referee Assn.) position on being dissatisfied with the current support being received from TYSA. Currently there is no money allotted to referees. Three years ago TYSA stopped budgeting money for referees. Monies would be used for professional development, mentoring and assessment. He would also like to see the referees do some type of coaches training. Mr. Sonnier agreed that all monies utilized would be properly documented as expensed. Mr. Pruitt suggested that Mr. Sonnier talk with TSRA and come up with a budget proposal. Mr. Pate went further to say that he felt this board had an obligation to listen to what TSRA's concerns are. Mr. Pate and Mr. Martin agreed to meet with the referees to discuss this matter fully.

Mr. Sonnier announced there would be one more referee re-certification class on April 22nd at CyFair Hospital and ELC on May 5 and 6 also at CyFair Hospital.

Executive VP

Mr. Pate announced his interim position with STYSA. It would last only 90 days. Mr. Sonnier asked if Mr. Pate would have to step down from TYSA during that period. Mr. Pruitt felt that due to the brevity of the post and the positions held there would be no conflict of interest.

Motion:

Mr. Pruitt motioned that Mr. Pate could retain his position of Executive VP for TYSA while serving as interim Eastern District VP. Mr. Choate seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Guest address of the Board

Mr. Ward from Texas Rush Conroe, expressed the desire to break ties with Texas Rush and become their own club in Conroe. As a separate entity, he asked for positive acceptance into TYSA. He stated he had a constitution and by-laws with him. Conroe Youth Soccer is listed as a separate entity with STYSA as club number 25.

Mr. Pruitt advised him that once the draft governing documents are approved it will be much easier to admit teams into TYSA. That he might want to wait until that time. Mr. Ward had said he is ready right now to start the process. Mr. Pruitt went on to explain the steps he must take under the current process. Mr. Ward said he would present his documents to Mr. Pruitt tonight.

Next meeting

Motion:

Mr. Pruitt motioned that the next regularly scheduled meeting be moved to May 9th due to original meeting coinciding with U11 tryouts for clubs. Duane Choate seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

/Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.