

Timberline Youth Soccer Association
Minutes of Board Meeting Conducted
December 5, 2007

Meeting Called to Order 7:00 PM

Members Present

Mike Pruitt, Chuck Vallentine, James Simmons, Tim Sonnier, Don Gay (proxy for Pete Wakefield), George Cerda, Mark Zylker, Mark Broughton, Tom Pate, Jo Pate, Moses Vasquez (proxy for Robert Cartes)

Guests

John Nowielski – TYSA scheduler

President

Mr. Pruitt addressed the Board with a thank you for all that they do.

Mr. Pruitt spoke on behalf of the Board in thanking John and Kay Nowielski for all the work that they did in scheduling this year. Their work and dedication has been critical to the success of our seasons.

Mr. Pruitt thanked Mrs. Cahill for her work as the administrator this year.

Mr. Pruitt let the Board know about an e-mail that was sent to Ed Loucks, STYSA President, from Coach Cruz-Reyes from Aggieland Soccer Club. Mr. Cruz-Reyes made a complaint to the State regarding the two teams, BVFC Cobras and Cobras II. He stated that those two teams were allowed to play in the U11 playoffs and were rostered at 15. He was requesting the State to intervene in the matter. Mr. Pruitt responded to Mr. Loucks and Mr. Cruz-Reyes, via e-mail, that the two teams in question were not allowed to play in playoffs.

Motion

Minutes of November 7, 2007 meeting approved and accepted, as amended, by Tim Sonnier and seconded by Jo Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator

Mrs. Cahill let the Board know that she has been in contact with Affinity regarding setting things up for Spring scheduling. Affinity responded that they would get back to her regarding what to do. Affinity has sent out instructions for getting teams ready for the Spring, which Mrs. Cahill has forwarded to the clubs.

Mrs. Cahill has sent a note to the club administrators regarding meeting before the Spring season starts.

Old Business

Per Mr. Pruitt, agenda items were discussed out of order.

C. Monthly meetings at the Hilton

Mr. Pruitt informed the Board that the Hilton would be increasing the monthly fee for room rental to \$75.00 per month. He suggested the Greenspoint area to be a more central location for all the clubs. Mr. Pruitt asked Mrs. Cahill to look into other options for meeting rooms, other hotels and one of the community colleges.

B. Cash Reserves and Mechanisms

Mr. Pruitt posed the question as to what the Board would like to do with some of the reserves. As a general rule for non-profits, the IRS wants the entity to spend the majority of its money on what your entity/charity is formed for. The IRS does not like to see big reserves, or big fund balances. The IRS does not like to see anything in excess of 6 months operating expenses. An option is that you can put the money in a secure investment account.

Mr. Pruitt asked the presidents what they would like to use the money on: refund to clubs, a combination of a refund and a subsidized program or subsidies for a pet project or two. Mr. Vallentine said that his Board would like a refund. Mr. Sonnier had suggested the subsidize Soccer Start. The CyFair area has a wonderful program that benefits a lot of children who could not play soccer without it. Mr. Hutton suggested funding some of the coaching education. Mr. Zylker would like to see the money go back to the kids or scholarships to some kids who would not be able to play. Mr. Pruitt polled the club presidents in each of the areas: full refunds, soccer start, coaching education, refereeing recertification and scholarships. Refund was an overall winner and some interest in Soccer Start. Mr. Simmons suggested keeping some of the funds in the pot, TYSA, so as to fund some programs that the smaller clubs wouldn't be able to fund with their portion of the refund. Mr. Pruitt polled the presidents again regarding a refund plus funding a

couple of pet projects. The consensus was that the clubs would like a refund and if we would like to fund a couple of projects we can address the projects in future meetings.

Mr. Pate would like to address, at a future meeting, the value of a program like Soccer Start but instead of focusing on one school district look at eight. Mr. Pruitt suggested that we might take on Soccer Start on a case by case basis.

Mr. Pate asked if we could see financial statements in the next couple of months. Mr. Pruitt asked Mrs. Cahill to convey that to Mr. Martin.

A. Unaffiliated Issues

Mr. Pruitt asked the question as to whether we are covering our costs incurred in regards to unaffiliated teams. Mr. Pate interjected that the fees haven't changed much. It costs about \$700 a team to administer, and that's down from \$1000. The benefits are a large play group, the down side is that we have to travel pretty far for some teams. Mr. Pruitt added that we currently charge unaffiliated teams \$300 per season and travel 50% of the time. Mr. Pruitt polled the presidents to see if we should take a look at the costs to make sure we cover our costs. The presidents voted unanimously that costs should be covered. Mr. Pruitt asked Mrs. Cahill to e-mail Mr. Martin regarding working on the numbers as to the cost of having the unaffiliated teams play.

New Business

President's Reports

Aldine United

Mr. Cerda reported that two Aldine's teams are going on to State playoffs.

Mr. Cerda wanted to know what happened with the U9/U10 playoffs and Aldine not getting an allocation. They played with Kingwood. Mr. Hutton explained that since they played with Kingwood, their allocation goes to Kingwood. The example was given of Bear Creek and CyFair being combined. If the Aldine team won the spot within Kingwood, they should have gotten the spot. Mr. Cerda still wondered why their one team did not get a spot since they were the only team representing Aldine. Mr. Hutton explained that there are only 8 spots available. He gave the example of unaffiliated teams playing with TYSA in post season. Those teams, unaffiliated, are figured in with the teams that they are playing with in TYSA, not separately.

Bear Creek

Mr. Vasquez reported that they will be doing a Fun Day at the end of the season.

Bear Creek has a Div. 2 team that wants to play Super 2. Mr. Hutton explained that qualification to move up has changed over the last few years. Cup play, in and of itself, will not guarantee a spot in Super II but it will help the players get ready for the next level of play. Mr. Pruitt added that it would be better to play Cup play versus tournament play.

Cy-Fair

Mr. Sonnier has nothing to report at this time.

Conroe

Mr. Gay reported on the girls U11 playoffs, out of the eight D3 teams, only two showed up. All the D2 teams showed up. The Div. 3 teams complained that they didn't get the news about playing until the Tuesday before.

Mr. Gay asked about the U11 teams playing up in Cup play. Mr. Hutton explained that Cup play is supposed to be open competition. It would be something to bring up at the Winter GBM as to whether they can play up or not.

Kingwood Alliance

Mr. Zylker reported that a lot of his teams will be playing the Texas Rush 3v3 tournament. Mr. Zylker wanted clarification that the U11's will be playing 8v8 this Spring. Mr. Hutton confirmed.

Klein

Mr. Vallentine had nothing to report at this time.

Texas Heatwave

Mrs. Pate had nothing to report at this time.

Texas Rush

Mr. Simmons had nothing to report.

Board Member Reports

VP of Coaches

Mr. Hutton strongly suggested that your clubs start working with the State to schedule coaching clinics. He encouraged the clubs to push coaches to attend the clinics. Mr. Sonnier reminded the Board that a lot of coaches signed waivers at the end of the Fall but they are still going to have to take the class. Mr. Simmons offered that Texas Rush is offering a coaching clinic this Friday night and Saturday, at Montgomery College. Information is available on the Texas Rush website.

VP of Publicity

Mr. Contreras was not at the meeting.

VP of Scheduling

Mr. Broughton has nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer

Mr. Martin had sent an e-mail a week ago with his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting since he is out of town on business.

VP of Referees

Online registration is now available on their website.

Executive VP

Mr. Pate addressed the question that Mr. Martin posed in an e-mail regarding fees for TYSA playoffs. Do we want to charge clubs for TYSA only playoffs? He went on to clarify that this would be TYSA only teams not unaffiliated teams. Post season playoffs with STYSA would still have to have the fees passed on to the teams/clubs. The fees either need to be passed on to the teams or an assessment per player. Right now the teams or clubs are funding the state playoff fees. Mr. Sonnier added that we don't have fees associated with our own internal playoffs. Mr. Broughton reported that Mr. Martin could not find anything addressing this in any prior minutes for the last two years. Mr. Pate asked do we want to pass on the post-season play fees to the general population or to the teams? Mr. Vallentine felt we should pass it on to the teams. Mr. Broughton brought up the point that STYSA leaves the decision for payment up to the individual associations. Mr. Vallentine added that he doesn't mind TYSA only playoffs to be paid for by our association but the state playoffs should be passed on to the teams/clubs.

Mr. Broughton asked to table this discussion until Mr. Martin could attend and discuss post season play fees. The Board concurred unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, January 9th at 7 p.m.