

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

Meeting Called to Order 7:15 PM

Members Present

T. Sonnier, Ralph Eureste, Mike Pruitt, Rose Ann Cerda, Chuck Valentine, Mark Broughton, Brad Martin, Jo Pate, Mark Zylker, Hal Hutton, Ron Contreras, Bob Schmitz, J. Simmons for Rush, John Hancock, Andrew Naudin

Guests

John Hancock, coach of Kingwood Alliance U-12 Boys and Andrew Naudin of CY-Fair

Mr. Hancock requested the board grant his team an opportunity to play down one from Division II to Division III for the spring. He advised that the team had a negative goal differential of 29 and a 0-10 losing record for the fall. Players have left the team and replacements are new to soccer.

The Mr. Pate motioned to **“allow Kingwood Alliance U-12 boys Hancock team to register and play Division III for the TYSA spring season”**. The motion was seconded by Ralph Eureste. During the discussion Messrs. Schmidt reminded Messrs. Hancock and Zylker that as a recreational team this DIII team would not be allowed to train as a team and would need to train as part of a club wide program. Further, no game day trainer coverage should be available to the team. Messrs. Hancock and Zylker acknowledged and agreed to the stipulation.

The motion carried.

Minutes of November 10, 2007 meeting approved and accepted with understanding spelling errors for Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Vallentine would be corrected.

Mr. Pruitt advised that the counsel assigned by Jones Day to the Timberline Youth Soccer Association governing documents had left the firm. Another counsel will be named by Jones day and will complete the drafting of the documents.

Mr. Pruitt advised that the request for recommendations for the administrative role for the association had received only three replies, all originated from Texas Rush.

Mr. Pruitt advised he will form a committee to review and develop a recommendation to TYSA. The end objective will be the hiring of an administrator to serve TYSA.

Discussion of Software

Andrew Naudin and Mark Broughton individually brought to the attention of the board their respective findings, though preliminary, regarding the software used by TYSA for scheduling and scorekeeping.

Mr. Broughton advised that he has not been able to deal directly with Joe Asher, the systems support, person engaged for a fee by the association. He understands the data base to be in a “sequel” environment while the code for the system is “C”. There are 1,130 files with 96% originating with a 2003 date. Signatures on the software have not been updated since 2003.

Andrew Naudin advised he had provided a copy of the scheduling software to “NETPROCITI.COM” to determine if this hosting site might be host the current application. Further, Mr. Naudin advised that the principal of “NETPROCITI would evaluate the stability and potential to license the software as a scheduling software. At worst case, Mr. Naudin advised the hosting sight would be an improvement with the added advantage of having a lower cost.

The board will continue to assess the software and hosting options while using the existing platform and software for the spring season.

Soccer Start

Mr. Pruitt advised that the state office had contacted him regarding a soccer start program in the CY-Fair area. To date, the State has been paying the insurance costs for the “Soccer Start” players registered in this program. The inference Mr. Pruitt has is that the state office will look to TYSA to pay the state insurance costs for this program.

Mr. Sonnier advised that this has been administered by Bonnie Jones, a physical education instructor in the CY-Fair school district. General notes of admiration for the program that serves junior high school aged kids that probably have little to no soccer history and potentially nominal resources. Further, there is recognition that it is an operation within the TYSA "sphere of influence". This led to a recommendation by Mr. Pruitt to make a request for volunteers to evaluate the program and report back to the association. Mr. Pate and Mr. Sonnier agreed to undertake the task.

Mr. Pruitt advised that his request for the names of those members of the association board wishing to attend the state governing board meeting February 10th and 11th had not received any responses. He noted that members should advise him of their intent by Monday, January 15th.

The association board conducted a lengthy discussion regarding the spring season. At issue is whether teams playing Directors Cup should be allowed to play a spring season. The spring season determines advancement to South Texas Cup. As teams competing in a different cup may not enter South Texas Cup. Further, if the teams were to play a spring season, should these games count for standings for South Texas Cup qualification.

A motion was put to the board.

The association shall allow teams to play in Directors Cup and participate in the TYSA spring season. The results of games played by these teams shall be included in and shall not count in the determination of potential advancement to South Texas Cup play. Teams playing Directors Cup must notify TYSA in advance. The motion carried.

Mr. Pruitt advised that trophies were not provided to bracket winners at the end of the fall season due principally to oversight that this had been a TYSA practice. Mr. Pruitt advised that no trophies had been ordered. This issue was tabled until the February meeting.

Mr. Pruitt advised that non affiliated teams had been participating in the play group sponsored by TYSA at preferential rates. Further, that there were teams that had not honored their fee commitments for advancement to the winter season state level of play. Messrs. Pruitt and Pate recommended the teams forfeit their team performance bonds and the board concurred. Separately, the teams would be eligible for the spring season of play without bringing the status of their account with the association current.

Motion: Mr. Hutton motioned for an increase in the performance bond for teams participating in the TYSA seasons to be at least equal to if not exceed the fees TYSA will incur should a team advance to a state level of play. The motion carried.

Mr. Hutton advised that the Coaches Meeting for the Spring will be conducted on February 1, 2007.

Mr. Martin provided a preliminary overview of financial sources and noted a budget process will need to begin soonest.

President's Reports

Aldine United

Mrs. Cerda reported that a coach of a U-15 team was no longer in good standing with her club and requested recommendations regarding how to deal with the issue. Messrs. Hutton and Pate agreed to speak with her individually after the meeting.

Mrs. Cerda also noted registration would occur the coming weekend at Academy and that goals at the Aldine practice field had been vandalized.

Bear Creek

Mr. Schmitz advised that Bear Creek Soccer Club had been advised it had been named in a legal action regarding a broken wrist of a participant. Mr. Schmitz also advised his intent to hold an Easter and Labor Day Tournament. reported that there is a severe mosquito problem at Bear Creek but the fields are recovering from the heavy rains.

Kingwood Alliance

Mr. Zylker reported a Christmas 8v8 league was successful for the adult play group and that tryouts had been pushed back a week.

Klein

Mr. Valentine noted that the Klein clubhouse had been renovated. He also noted that Klein had not joined the PDF league and recommended that the association consider this type of arrangement as a part of the play group product offering. The core question is whether the academy league players should or should not participate in the general recreational league.

TX Heatwave

Ms. Pate noted that the winter tournaments were scheduled for January 21st and 28th. She also noted the referee pool has been stretched during the high school tournament season, particularly on Saturday.

TX Rush

Noted that the Winter 3v3 tournament will occur in February at Bear Branch.

Treasurer Report

Mr. Martin requested line items to be provided as a starting point for the budgeting process. Mr. Martin presented a preliminary assessment of the financial position of the association as of December 31, 2006.

Coaches Report

Mr. Hutton noted the coaches meeting for the spring season is scheduled for February 1, 2007

Referee Report

Mr. Sonnier advised the current schedule for referee classes would end in mid February. He also offered to assist clubs that may be interested in conducting a class.

Scheduler Report

None

Publicity Report

Mr. Contreras reported that a news letter is in the works and be developed in the near future.

Executive Vice President

Mr. Pate gave no report.

Meeting concluded at 9:15 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2007 at 7:00 PM Location to be determined.