

Timberline Youth Soccer Association Minutes of Board Meeting Conducted June 13, 2007

Meeting Called to Order 7:10 PM

Members Present

Tom Pate, Jo Pate, Brad Martin, Mark Zylker, Chuck Vallentine, Hal Hutton, Robert Cartes, Andrew Naudin, James Simmons, Tim Sonnier, Tom Ward, George Cerda
Administrator – Terri Cahill

Guests

Keith Wall - KSC

Mr. Pate was expecting Mr. Gillespie from Spring High School who did not attend.

Minutes of May 9, 2007 meeting motioned and approved by Hal Hutton and seconded by Jo Pate. Motion was passed unanimously.

President

In Mr. Pruitt's absence/vacation which was announced to the board in advance, Mr. Pate covered for the meeting. Mr. Pate stated we are working under current documents until we have the new documents. He stated we have a fiduciary responsibility to adhere to the current documents until the new documents are approved and published. Mr. Pate attended a Super 2 meeting last evening and met Mr. Delay. He reported there would be an eleven game season in the Fall. Adoption of Affinity program for scheduling is ready. The first training class for the Affinity scheduling will be the last weekend of June.

Mr. Hutton asked for clarification of how we register players in the new system, Affinity. Do we need a deadline for TYSA as to when we need registration information? Mr. Pate stated that clubs will register their players into Affinity/STYSA. TYSA will access the information it needs through Affinity.

Administrator

Mrs. Cahill would like to have help with a timeline/calendar for the Fall. She stated that she has not been through this before so she needs help in this area. Mr. Hutton agreed to help come up with a calendar.

Old Business

Registration and Scheduling System

Mr. Pate reported that there will be a web-based training session at the end of the month. Mr. Pate asked if we, as a Board, would like to request additional training. Mr. Naudin shared his conversation with Linda at STYSA, that our two options are an online class or the workshop at STYSA GBM in July. The Board felt it was worth asking for the additional training. Mr. Pate said he would make the request. Mr. Martin suggested having the training right after the July STYSA GBM.

8 v 8

Mr. Pate explained that there will be a rule change proposal at the July STYSA GBM regarding this issue. We will take a look at the proposed rule changes at our July TYSA GBM.

Mr. Naudin brought up the issue of goal size for the 8v8. He noticed in the rule book that there was some variance in goal size; do we want to standardize what we all use? The consensus was not to be uniform and that clubs would use goals that are within the ranges published.

Mr. Sonnier stated that he would publish on the website the new Redbook as soon as he received all the changes. Mr. Simmons asked Mr. Sonnier to publish the TYSA position letter regarding 8v8 on the website. Two letters were presented for discussion. Mr. Hutton suggested publishing the short version of the letter on the website with a link to the longer version for those who would like more information.

Mr. Sonnier asked for a consensus of what the clubs were doing for U10, 6v6 or 8v8? After discussion it was agreed that U9 and U10 would be 6v6.

Academy play group

Mr. Pate explained that STYSA was looking at all the applications for Academy play groups. Mr. Sonnier explained STYSA's position regarding making sure those children in the Academy programs be registered to a recreation team. STYSA will sanction trainers/clubs if there are unregistered players and/or teams. Mr. Pate explained that all players need to be registered either as a player on a team or as a guest player to be covered by insurance. The guest player

status needs to be verified. Mr. Naudin brought up the argument from a group of his parents that feel that having a child play on a recreation team and play on an Academy team that their child would be practicing 4 nights a week and playing games on both days of the weekend. At nine years old, that's too much. They want the option of playing on an Academy team and not have to be on a recreation team.

Mr. Pate asked Mr. Hutton, Mr. Vallentine, Mr. Naudin and Mr. Simmons to sit down and have a discussion with Albion.

New Business

U17 age group

Mr. Zylker explained that there is only a Div. 2 option for U15, U16 and U17 age groups. Many times there are so few teams in the age groups that the age groups get combined. Fall has more teams than Spring. Is there a way of contacting HYSA and BAYSA to play with those associations? Mr. Hutton felt that other associations have the same problem. Mr. Sonnier asked how that would affect the seeding for Fall championships. Mr. Pate said that he would contact Mr. Harper and Mr. DeLay from the other associations.

2007/2008 budget and fees

Mr. Martin handed out the proposal of budget and fees, assuming no one brought their copies from the previous meeting. Ms. Pate and Ms. Cahill had their copies. Mr. Martin's proposed that we work on. Mr. Martin made the point that there is nothing listed for system upgrade or referee support in this version. Mr. Vallentine asked Mr. Sonnier what would work for the referees. Mr. Sonnier explained that the referees would like money for professional development, a mentoring program, assessments and coach training. Forty percent of our base referees are lost every year. Mr. Pate feels it's in TYSA's best interest to invest in our referees. Mr. Martin suggested that the line item for coaches be combined with referees. Clubs are asked to have their referee coordinators attend the referee meetings in order to discuss how to schedule and pay for assessments.

Mr. Naudin asked for clarification in regards to where we stand with our current provider for our scheduling system. The Board decided to go forward with having the new provider to run parallel with our current system. Mr. Pate asked Mr. Naudin to ask the new provider if they could be ready by the third week in July.

Motion:

Mr. Martin motioned to accept the budget for 2007-2008 as amended. The motion was seconded by James Simmons. The motion was carried unanimously.

Change in format for qualification into STC

Mr. Hutton proposed that teams wishing to play in South Texas Cup in the spring need to play in the Div. 2 play group in the spring season. Mr. Hutton addressed the Spring 2007 STC, so far as the challenge games that had to be played. Due to rain extending league play and the delay of game reports being received it made the challenge games, as well as, playoffs difficult to be fit in before the STC. Challenge games were set up as a result the day before they were to be played.

Motion:

Mr. Hutton motioned that any Division 2 or 3 team wishing to play in South Texas Cup has to play in Division 2 for the Spring season. The motion was seconded by Jo Pate. The motion was carried unanimously.

Discussion continued regarding if this would affect the amount of teams in the Div. 3 play groups. It appears we need to look at this more closely to see how many teams and play groups this would apply too.

Motion:

Mr. Vallentine motioned, to table the motion, requiring Division 2 or 3 teams to play in Division 2 in the Spring season if they wish to participate in the South Texas Cup. The motion was seconded by James Simmons. The motion was carried unanimously.

President's Reports

Aldine United

Mr. Cerda has nothing to report at this time.

Bear Creek

Mr. Cartes has nothing to report at this time

Cy-Fair

Mr. Naudin reported that maintenance is being done at Zube and Dyess fields to get them back to great condition for Fall.

Conroe

Mr. Ward reported that he has some teams that did real well this past Spring. It looks like they will have more competitive teams for the Fall.

Kingwood Alliance

Mr. Zylker reported that Alliance is enjoying their 5th summer of a fun and successful 8v8 league.

Klein

Mr. Vallentine reported the successes of his teams. The cut off date for his teams is August 20th.

Texas Heatwave

Ms. Pate has nothing to report at this time.

Texas Rush

Mr. Simmons reported that brevity is the soul of wit.

Board Member Reports**VP of Coaches**

Mr. Hutton expressed concern that there are some teams in the U18 age group that do not qualify for Div. 1 or Super 2 and may be without a play group in the Fall.

Mr. Hutton will work with Ms. Cahill on the calendar for the Fall. Mr. Hutton answered a question regarding the possible date of the fall coaches meeting, which is typically set for 10 days prior to the first day of league play.

VP of Scheduling

Mr. Zylker expressed Mr. Broughton's apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. Mr. Broughton had just returned from vacation today.

Treasurer

The budget that was discussed earlier in the meeting

VP of Referees

The STSR meeting is coming up this weekend. New law changes:

- Advertising will be allowed on canopies.
- If you put on a mask after scoring a goal you will be cautioned.
- Long-sleeved shirts worn under a player's jersey need to be the same color as the jersey.
- Walk up registration will no longer be allowed at referee clinics.

Executive VP

Mr. Pate would like to form a nominating committee for the following positions:

Executive VP, VP of Scorekeeping, VP of Fund Raising, VP of Publicity and Treasurer. We have a fiduciary responsibility to continue with the election of officers based on our current governing documents. Mr. Pate asked Mr. Vallentine for someone from Klein, Ms. Pate for someone from Heatwave, Mr. Sonnier and Mr. Zylker.

Mr. Pate suggested that Super 2 will need some volunteers from TYSA.

Next meeting:

Moved to July 11, 2007 due to July 4th being a holiday.

Agenda items for July/07:**Proposed rule changes****Red Book changes**

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.