

**Timberline Youth Soccer Association
Minutes of Board Meeting Conducted
May 9, 2007**

Meeting Called to Order 7:00 PM

Members Present

Tom Pate, Jo Pate, Tim Sonnier, Rosy Cerda (proxy for George Cerda), Brad Martin, Mark Broughton, Mark Zylker, Chuck Vallentine, Hal Hutton, Robert Cartes, Andrew Naudin, James Simmons

Guests

Ruben Mares, Tom Ward, Jessica Llamas, George Wilkerson, Ricardo Nava all representing CYSC.

Bob Schmitz BCSC came to the meeting to introduce Robert Cartes, the new President of BCSC.

Ron Prothe KASC came to meeting to discuss the U17 situation with TYSA. Mr. Zylker stated that he sent in an agenda request for this item to be discussed but it did not make it onto the agenda.

Guest address of the meeting:

Jessica Llamas, coach of U15B Conroe – Llamas, addressed the Board regarding her team being disqualified from the South Texas Cup. She felt that it was unfair. She stated that her team should not have been disqualified from the tournament since the three players in question for transferring from a Div. 1 team to her team did so due to transportation reasons, which she believes is an exception to the STYSA rule regarding transfers. She also went on to state that she has been asking for this team to be considered a Super 2 or Div. 1 team. The team has been kept in Div. 2 and they deserve to be higher and they cannot qualify without playing this post season tournament.

Mr. Schmitz spoke with Mrs. Llamas and Mr. Ward explaining that they would need to get a hold of someone at EDDOA to look into challenge games in order to try and move up to Super 2.

Mr. Pate let Mrs. Llamas know that he understands the team is upset and he will be happy to meet with the team and parents to discuss this matter further.

Tom Ward – Mr. Ward let the board know that Conroe Youth Soccer League would like to split from Texas Rush. They have been operating completely independently up to this point: families, trainers, maintenance of fields, operations and expenses. All documents have been supplied to TYSA to be an independent team and they would like to be recognized and accepted as a club.

Mr. Pate read section 5.8 of TYSA By-Laws to the group:

5.8 Member Clubs may divide themselves into two or more clubs provided that each new club meets the membership provisions of the Association Constitution and Bylaws and obtains all necessary approvals from the Association. A two-thirds (2/3) majority approving vote of the Member Club's presidents is required prior to the division of an existing Club. Such division of an existing Member Club shall not result in one of the Member Clubs being placed in a probationary status, as defined above, due an insufficient number of teams.

Mr. Pate went on to explain that it would take 5 of the 7 presidents to approve the division.

Mr. Martin brought up the issues of 501(3)C, name and charter for STYSA and the need to resolve the issue of territory.

Mr. Simmons, President Texas Rush, assured the Board that the separation was amicable on the part of Texas Rush. Further, Mr. Simmons stated that Texas Rush would continue to have its own Conroe Committee and it would continue to offer programs in the Conroe area as it has in the past.

Motion:

Mr. Vallentine motioned that Conroe be allowed to separate from Texas Rush and be known as Conroe Youth Soccer League, based on section 5.8 of the TYSA By-Laws, with all rights, remedies, and measures inured to Conroe Youth Soccer League provided all documents are in order. The motion was seconded by Mark Zylker. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of April 4, 2007 meeting motioned as accepted and approved by Mr. Hutton. Amendments were made by Mr. Broughton, Mr. Martin, Mr. Zylker and Mr. Sonnier. Motion was offered again, as amended, by Mr. Hutton and seconded by Mr. Broughton. Motion passed.

President

In Mr. Pruitt's absence which was announced to the board in advance, Mr. Pate covered for the meeting. Mr. Pate decided to start the meeting with the guests that came from Conroe Youth Soccer League.

Administrator

Ms. Cahill asked the presidents, on behalf of STYSA, which clubs were switching to the new Affinity system and which clubs still needed training. Bear Creek, CyFair and Alliance affirmed that their clubs would be switching to Affinity. Bear Creek, CyFair, Alliance and Conroe requested training.

Mr. Zylker asked Mr. Pate why STYSA cannot work with E7 to try and import historic information. Mr. Pate said he will address the question to STYSA but also feels that at this point there would not be enough time to do it.

Mr. Broughton asked about the scheduling program of Affinity of which Ms. Cahill has not heard from STYSA when they will be ready to release it.

Old Business

Registration and Scheduling System

Mr. Vallentine stated that he felt STYSA was not communicating with the clubs very well regarding the new system.

Mr. Naudin stated that since the last GBM his board had met and felt that CyFair should go with the new system.

Mrs. Pate expressed concern regarding the credibility issue after E7. Her board will be meeting shortly to decide which way to go.

New Business

8 v 8

Concerns were raised regarding alignment of the U11 playgroup within TYSA with EDDOA, given the latter's recent decision to support 8v8 play. One concern was that if TYSA goes to 8v8 some teams will go to other clubs/associations where they can play 11v11. Other issues addressed were inconsistency with EDDOA, impact on player development, fielding, and rules changes. Mr. Pate expressed concern regarding the execution of transition. If the transition is not smooth, we also run the risk of losing families. Mr. Hutton addressed the issues of qualifying beginning at U12 and cup play at U11. Rostering of U11's and the new Affinity system was also questioned since we don't know how the new system works.

Mr. Pate asked for a committee of four to address the 8v8 transition. Mr. Simmons agreed from Texas Rush, Mrs. Pate will see if someone from TXHW, Mr. James from Klein, and Mr. Naudin or an associate from CyFair. Mr. Naudin and Mr. Simmons will work on a document that will communicate to parents the change and transition.

Motion:

Mr. Vallentine motioned to switch TYSA's U11 age group to 8 v 8 for Division 2 and Division 3 play. The motion was seconded by James Simmons. The motion carried unanimously.

Division 3 play-group – Fall '07

Klein's board will be meeting to see if they will continue to be part of TYSA's playgroup at the Div. 3 level, have their teams travel for part of their games or bill out referee costs that could have been played away. Referee costs and constable costs were much higher than expected.

Proposed Rule Changes

None at this time

President's Reports

Aldine United

Mrs. Cerda informed the Board that HYSA was setting up registration information in a nearby park. She was concerned about the boundary zoning for TYSA and HYSA. Mr. Pate said he would give a call to Mr. Delay at HYSA to see if he could get some information about this matter.

Bear Creek

Mr. Schmitz introduced Mr. Cartes as the new president of Bear Creek.

Cy-Fair

Mr. Naudin praised Tim Sonnier for all of his work with the district and state cup play. This weekend is the state level of STC and games will be played at Zube and Dyess parks.

Conroe

Working on registration and getting ready for tryouts.

Kingwood Alliance

Mr. Zylker expressed that he would like to address the U17 issue at the June meeting. He also was impressed with the work Mr. Sonnier has done for STC. He would also like STYSA to take into consideration when planning spring cup play SAT testing and proms for the U17 and U18 age groups.

Klein

Mr. Vallentine said his board would be meeting soon to address how the Div. 3 play group. Referee and constable costs were much more than Klein had expected. They ended up absorbing all the referee costs rather than bill out games that normally would have been played elsewhere. Due to the increase in games also came additional constable costs. Concessions, however, was happy. Klein's board will be addressing whether to keep Klein separate at Div. 3, make their teams travel for part of their games or figure out a way to bill TYSA or clubs for some of the games.

Mr. Vallentine brought up the issue regarding coaches getting their Kidsafe pass and the need to take a coach's module within the year of getting it.

Texas Heatwave

Working on registration and tryouts coming up.

Texas Rush

Nothing to report at this time.

Board Member Reports

Treasurer

Mr. Martin expressed thanks to all clubs for getting their spring fees into TYSA. He knows that it was especially difficult for some clubs due to E7 issues.

Mr. Martin reported that all Fall trophies had been distributed to their respective clubs. Since we were discussing trophies, he took a moment to confirm TYSA's position regarding spring trophies, which it was decided that no spring trophies would be given.

Mr. Martin updated the board on the fall bond issue for unaffiliated teams. He would like to see changes made in the procedure for tracking/recording the bonds so that this confusion doesn't carry on into future years. He explained that he is almost done with resolving the bonds for this year. He brought up the issue of our liability toteams versus clubsdependent on which was paying for the bonds, and how that should be handled so that performance bonds are not forfeit for something outside the makers' control. Mr. Pate and Mr. Hutton addressed the reasoning behind withholding bonds of teams which have fulfilled their commitments, but are affiliated through a club with teams that have forfeit their bond: the current bond fee is \$250 per team, while STYSA fees for tournament play are \$340/team, and collection of the deficit is difficult.

Motion:

Mr. Hutton motioned to continue the policy of limiting the performance requirements of team bonds to individual teams, subject to raising the bond fee to \$350 per team starting in the Fall of 2007. Mr. Vallentine seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Martin handed out a draft of the fee structure and budget for 2007/2008. He presented wonderfully illustrated graphs and discussed this years numbers as well as what went into consideration for next year's budget.

Motion:

Mr. Hutton motioned to accept the budget as presented for review, and to formally consider it at the June/2007 general board meeting. Mr. Vallentine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Martin reported that the IRS identification number has been resolved. The IRS confirmed that we have been using the correct number and that we are not using Bear Creek's. The confusion originated from some of the research done by Jones Day.

VP of Coaches

Mr. Hutton updated everyone on STC and reiterated the good work done by everyone, especially Mr. Sonnier. Hosting STC was good for TYSA and we should continue to host such events in the future.

VP of Scheduling

Mr. Broughton is anxious to get more information about the Affinity scheduling system.
Mr. Broughton had nothing else to report at this time.

VP of Referees

Mr. Sonnier reported that there will be a referee assignor class set-up for some time after 7/21/07.
Mr. Martin and Mr. Sonnier revisited the desire to have a meeting between TSRA and Mr. Martin and Mr. Pate.

Executive VP

Nothing to report at this time

Next meeting

Motion:

Mr. Vallentine motioned to change June's general board meeting from the first Wednesday to the second Wednesday, June 13th. Motion seconded by Hal Hutton. Motion approved unanimously.

Agenda items for June/07:

U17 age group

2007/2008 fees and budget

Change in format for qualification for STC

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.