

Timberline Youth Soccer Association
Minutes of Board Meeting Conducted
Nov. 7, 2007

Meeting Called to Order 7:00 PM

Members Present

Mike Pruitt, Brad Martin, Chuck Vallentine, James Simmons, Tim Sonnier, Don Gay (proxy for Pete Wakefield), George Cerda, Mark Zylker, Andrew Naudin, Mark Broughton, Tom Pate, Jo Pate, Agustin Colhedo (proxy for Robert Cartes)

Guests

Jorge Cruz-Reyes Aggieland Soccer Club
Ed Loucks - STYSA President
Tom Davenport - Klein Soccer Club
Moses Vasquez - BCSC

President

Lawyer with Jones Day is back from maternity leave. Governing documents should be out shortly.

Administrator

Mrs. Cahill busy with all reconciliation and

Old Business

A. Trophies

Mr. Martin looked through previous minutes to find when the Board had discussed trophies. Last spring the Board had discussed not issuing trophies in future seasons. Mr. Martin would like the minutes to reflect that it was discussed and voted on to not continue issuing trophies. Mr. Broughton replied that since trophies are addressed in the Redbook it would require a 28 day notification of the Board to amend this item in the Redbook.

Motion:

Tom Pate made a motion to amend the Redbook to reflect the Board's decision not to provide trophies to bracket winners for Fall and Spring play. The motion is to table this until a 28 day notification to amend the Redbook could be sent. Chuck Vallentine seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

A. District and State playoffs

Mr. Broughton addressed the Board wondering why TYSA was not sent the ED allocations and we had to find out through Erik Lane of Brenham. Mr. Pruitt brought up the recent e-mail received that day from Keith Walker asking as to whether our U11's played 8v8. If that is the case Mr. Walker wanted to know if we were withdrawing our U11 teams since the district play is 11v11. Ms. Cahill asked Mr. Pruitt if we are withdrawing our 8v8 U11 teams, even though we had some teams who had large enough rosters. Mr. Pate explained that since all teams are rostered for and played 8v8 then all our U11 teams will be withdrawing. Mr. Loucks added that HYSA is not playing district play for the same reason. He said he spoke with Keith Walker on the way over to the meeting regarding this. He will speak with Mr. Walker to talk to Mr. Delay and see if they can coordinate a playoff. Mr. Pruitt polled the presidents regarding this proposal of an 8v8 playoff with HYSA and all agreed.

B. U9/U10 playoffs

Mr. Hutton addressed the Board regarding the allocations for these playoffs. He could not find information in Affinity for Conroe or Aldine. Handout was passed to all Board members. He wondered whether there were any combined play groups, i.e. Bear Creek and CyFair. Mr. Martin informed Mr. Hutton of Conroe having 7 U10 teams. Mr. Hutton asked if they were playing co-ed, if that is the case then they play with the boys. Mr. Pruitt confirmed with Mr. Hutton that he will take the lead on this and finish it through. Mr. Hutton confirmed with Don Gay that there are 7 U10 teams. Mr. Cerda agreed to get his numbers to Mr. Hutton.

Mr. Gay asked if the playoffs had to be on the same weekend as ED district playoffs. Mr. Martin said that it is addressed in the Redbook, for U9/U10, as to being the first weekend after Thanksgiving.

C. Spring Calendar

Mr. Vallentine reported that Klein would be starting on Feb. 8 and Mr. Sonnier said that CyFair would be starting on Feb. 9th. After they both realized they were talking about the same weekend. It was agreed that Feb. 9th would be the beginning of Spring play. The high school aged players would begin after UIL ends. It was agreed to have Div. 2 and Div. 3 start on Feb. 9.

Discussion continued regarding High School Aged teams and playing with HYSA or BAYSA. Mr. Pruitt asked who would take the lead on contacting those associations to see if they would be interested in playing together. Mr. Sonnier agreed to follow up.

C. U11 play

Mr. Pruitt reported that starting yesterday he began to get quite a few e-mail streams. Mr. Pate explained that he just received a complaint in regards to the two U11 teams from BVFC that are playing with a roster size of 15 versus the 12 maximum for 8v8 play. Mr. Pate explained that the exemption was given before the season began at the beginning of August when the BVFC asked for it. The BVFC had rostered two teams of 15 based on the premise that they had thought that all associations including TYSA were playing 11v11. The teams were made a couple of months previous. It was not until they sent in their roster that they found out of the 8v8 play and the 12 player maximum. By this point, all the players were accepted for a couple of months already, onto these two teams. Mr. Hutton and Mr. Pate suggested making a third team of which the response was they couldn't due to not enough players. BVFC asked Mr. Hutton and Mr. Pate to tell 6 players that they can't play. Due to this situation and the fact that schedules were already in the works, Mr. Hutton and Mr. Pate agreed to give the exemption provided that they do not exceed the maximum, a 50% play rule adhered too and this would not cover them in post season play.

Mr. Cruz-Reyes, from Aggieland Soccer Club, addressed the Board regarding the petition or protest over those two teams receiving the exemption. Mr. Pruitt asked Mr. Cruz-Reyes to give the copies of the petition to Mrs. Cahill. Mr. Cruz-Reyes is the coach of two U11 boys' teams that play as unaffiliated teams. Mr. Cruz-Reyes is suggesting in his petition that his players and other teams that had to adhere to the 12 player maximum were "affected" by playing these two BVFC teams. Mr. Pruitt confirmed that what Mr. Cruz-Reyes is saying is that it is "unfair competition". Mr. Pruitt asked Mr. Cruz-Reyes what he is seeking from the Board. He, Mr. Cruz-Reyes, would like these two teams to no longer play with their larger roster. These teams are "undermining his players' fitness level". Mr. Pruitt after looking through the petition noted that some of the letters came from unaffiliated teams but he wanted to hear from some of the teams from member clubs. Mr. Pruitt asked Mr. Zylker, the president of Kingwood Alliance Soccer Club, if he had heard anything from his U11 boys team. Mr. Zylker had said that he spoke with the coach who mentioned that there was a team with more players but the coach was not formally complaining. Mr. Hutton clarified that these teams were granted the exemption before the season started and that the exemption would not carry past the end of Fall league play. The teams would have to adhere to the roster size rule for the Spring and has already contacted TYSA regarding forming a third team to remedy the situation. Mr. Simmons added that he felt it was a gesture of goodwill to the BVFC in order for the kids to play. Mr. Zylker added that you have to credit those teams for playing the larger teams and a mistake was made and now there's a remedy and we're moving forward. Mr. Pruitt and Mr. Pate countered that it is not a mistake it was a decision to make sure those players who would be not allowed to play, or better yet the two teams that wouldn't be allowed to play, the opportunity to play. Mr. Pruitt added that the decision was made with a pure heart. It is hard to make changes 90% of the way through the season. Mr. Vallentine wondered whether it was about standings or the kids. He would like to see no scores kept and just let the kids play. The more they get their foot on the ball the better... Mr. Martin clarified if these teams will progress to playoffs and Mr. Hutton had said that they would not.

Mr. Pruitt addressed the confusion at the state level and the local level regarding the U11 developmental situation. It is not something the Board did to disadvantage clubs or players. Mr. Pate invited Mr. Cruz-Reyes to join the Board and try and help in these affairs. .

Mr. Cruz-Reyes asked if these teams, BVFC Cobra and Cobra II, will still be allowed to play. Mr. Broughton interjected that from a scheduling stand point that when this situation happened schedules were already done. Changing it would cause problems and to change the schedule, now, this far into the season would not work. Mr. Broughton went on to say and re-affirm, that we will not be allowing these teams to do this in the Spring.

Mr. Cruz-Reyes asked if his teams could extend their roster and the answer was a unanimous "no" from the Board.

Mr. Pruitt advised Mr. Cruz-Reyes that he should have addressed this issue at the local level. He added that he should be talking with the teams that are part of the member clubs and ask them to address their presidents with this situation.

President's Reports

Aldine United

Mr. Cerda reported that Aldine had its goals stolen.

Bear Creek

Bear Creek is doing great. Trying to bring the fun back into soccer with their end of the season tournament.

Cy-Fair

Mr. Sonnier reported that the season going great. They are having a few parent problems.

Conroe

Mr. Gay reported that their season has been going well. They do have a few parent issues. They're looking at doing a spring soccer tournament. Mr. Broughton suggested that when they have the dates to let Mrs. Cahill know so that she can get the information on the website. Mr. Pruitt also noted that Conroe make sure they get his signature on the application before sending it to STYSA to avoid any delay.

Kingwood Alliance

The recreation program is doing great. Mr. Zylker was wondering if there will be any further training on Affinity training. Mr. Pruitt asked Mrs. Cahill to find out from Linda Miller. Mr. Loucks also added that there will be Affinity scheduling training.

U16 play group had a problem with the Brenham team. The Brenham team did not show up and did not call. Mr. Pruitt asked that the general question of how TYSA wants to format the unaffiliated issue.

Klein

Mr. Vallentine reported that Klein is doing great. Some people are having problems communication issues. Mr. Vallentine said he would like it stated in the minutes that when he agreed on behalf of Klein to join Div. 3 play that he would "try" to persuade them to travel for half of their games. Each year he poses it to their Board who has rejected it. He would just like it noted that he will bring it to his Board again but that he did not promise that Klein, at the Div. 3 level, would travel. They will poll the coaches again this year about the travel issue.

Texas Heatwave

Mrs. Pate reported that the rec. season has been great.

Texas Rush

Mr. Simmons wanted it noted in the minutes that Texas Rush would like to address some roster and referee issues, at the Div. 3 level, with a couple of the other clubs after the meeting.

Board Member Reports

VP of Coaches

Mr. Hutton referred to his previous conversation on playoffs. He also added that he's tired.

VP of Publicity

Mr. Contreras sent his apologies for not being there via e-mail to the administrator earlier that day.

VP of Scheduling

Mr. Broughton addressed the coaching license issue and the December 1st deadline. He reported that at the coaches meeting at the end of August only about half of those coaches had licenses. He posed the question as to what we will do when the Spring season hits and we don't have those coaches. Mr. Pruitt added that maybe that's what we do with reserves at the association level, to subsidize coaching and referee education.

Mr. Broughton asked Mr. Loucks about the status of the scheduling committee he was approached about previously by Shirley McGraw. Mr. Loucks responded that he did not know about the scheduling committee. He did announce that STYSA is going to provide, at no cost to the clubs, the Affinity scheduling software. Mr. Martin asked of Mr. Loucks, "no on-going charges?" and Mr. Loucks said "yes".

Treasurer

Mr. Martin followed up/finalized the polo shirts for the Board members.

Mr. Martin asked the presidents to poll their Boards, regarding the surplus, what type of mechanism and what type of reserves do we want to keep. He brought up the scheduling software and what type of training we will need. That would be a mechanism.

Mr. Broughton suggested that earlier registration is going to be cheaper, to help avoid these last minute teams. Mr. Pruitt advised that so far as the IRS, remember that not spending reserves money triggers as many questions as spending it the wrong way. He expressed his vote of confidence in Mr. Martin knowing what TYSA needs are so far as operating expenses.

VP of Referees

Mr. Sonnier reported that there is another referee re-certification class advertised on the website. The class is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday next week.

Executive VP

Mr. Pate asked the Board if there needs to be some parenting issues hitting the D&P committee. Mr. Gay responded saying it was getting close. Mr. Vallentine added that maybe clubs should look at how many field marshals are on the fields.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, December 5th at 7 p.m., with location to be announced.

Board proposal and vote via e-mail Friday, Nov. 9th.

Initial e-mail sent by Brad Martin:

From: Brad Martin [mailto:soccer@usa.net]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2007 1:21 PM
To: board@timberlinesoccer.com; Administrator@timberlinesoccer.com
Subject: Fall season TYSA playoffs

I talked with Mike after the meeting, and agreed to try for electronic agreement to some tactical questions that would have been good to address in the group. PLEASE RESPOND 'ALL' to the 3 questions at the bottom of this page.

We don't have a lot of documented procedure about fall season playoffs (and the U11 is a first). I would like to gain agreement on the right way to go forward beyond just this year . so please respond with how you would like to see these events handled, not just because we have some money in the bank this year.

U9/10 Tournament

- No team fees collected; assume that the end-season play in part of registration fees
- TYSA provides trophies; assume the same type as purchased last fall. Some have suggested the host club buys and is reimbursed, but a single purchase might be easier.
- Hosting clubs provide referees; TYSA reimburses for receipted expenses. Some have suggested that T-shirt sales are to offset the cost, but that may be a disincentive to host in the future.
- Sale of shirts and other merchandise at the discretion of the host club.

U11 Tournament

- No team fees required for TYSA-only playoffs; assume true for both member and unaffiliated teams. It is unknown whether we will hold joint playoffs with another association (i.e. HYSA) at this time. District fees would have been \$220 per team for Div 3 and \$320 per team for Div 2, so a number between 0 and the district fees could be acceptable.
- TYSA provides trophies; assume the same type as purchased for U9/10.
- Hosting clubs provide referees; TYSA reimburses for receipted expenses.

I think the mechanics for getting trophies and referees will be

straightforward, assuming we all agree on who pays. The bump in planning comes with the potential inter-association play, which would require agreement with that body on a number of issues. Does anyone have a status on whether that seems likely?

PLEASE RESPOND 'ALL' to the following three questions:

- 1) TYSA will buy trophies and reimburse for referees versus the host clubs absorbing the cost.
- 2) Trophies provided will be the same as last fall.
- 3) No incremental team fees for TYSA-only tournaments.

The Board responded unanimously with a yes to each question.