

Timberline Youth Soccer Association
Minutes of Board Meeting Conducted
Oct. 3, 2007

Meeting Called to Order 7:00 PM

Members Present

Mike Pruitt, Brad Martin, Chuck Vallentine, James Simmons, Tim Sonnier, David Doyle (proxy for Pete Wakefield), George Cerda, Mark Zylker, Andrew Naudin, Mark Broughton, Ron Contreras, Kelly Luetzen (proxy for Texas Heatwave),

Guests

Don Gay – field coordinator for Conroe
John Scott – Spring Soccer Club

Don Gay addressed the Board regarding the sizes for 6 a-side soccer. Mr. Sonnier helped with getting Mr. Gay that information.

John Scott from the old Spring Soccer Club came to address the Board regarding the dissolution of the old Spring Soccer Club. He was the past president of the defunct club. He is still considered the registered agent for the club. Spring Soccer Club was considered in violation of not having enough teams to be a club. He has not been involved with soccer since 1999, when his children stopped playing. Mrs. Cahill will draft a letter to recognize the dissolution of the club due to insufficient teams.

President

Minutes from September meeting were tabled since Mrs. Cahill was late to the previous meeting and was not able to connect with Mr. Pate to get the minutes.

Mr. Pruitt had nothing else to report.

Administrator

Mrs. Cahill asked that teams to request reschedules through the website versus by-passing the system and sending multiple e-mails. She is receiving numerous e-mails from coaches for information that is in the coach's manual and/or their club administrator could be handling.

Scorekeeping is getting caught up. There have been some computer glitches in this regard. She is working with Joe Asher to get these remedied. She cannot find some the game numbers in the system or they have been changed. All Div. 2 scores are in, unless there is some problem with the game or the information. The hand written game reports are slowing down the process because many only have part of the information on the report so she has to look up the rest of the information for each one. Div. 3 scores are partially done.

Mrs. Cahill conveyed a message from Linda Miller that if there are any new fields used they need to make sure they have a certificate of insurance on file with STYSA.

Old Business

Registration and Scheduling system - Mr. Broughton was asking what was wrong with the system last Friday. Mrs. Cahill had said that what she heard via e-mail was that the air conditioner was broken where the server resides.

Discussion continued regarding not being able to discuss matters with Mr. Asher

Mr. Naudin shared that CyFair is using the Affinity scheduling system. After all the pieces were put together it was pretty smooth sailing. Once the template was set, the system worked pretty smooth. He suggested that we contact STYSA/Affinity regarding what we need to get done now to get ready for Spring scheduling with Affinity.

Mr. Naudin would like to see some work done on the report end of the system. Mr. Pruitt stated that we need to get this type of information together in a committee type of format so that we can communicate with STYSA/Affinity.

Mr. Broughton was approached via e-mail by STYSA regarding interest in a scheduling committee. Mr. Wakefield asked that all clubs be kept informed of any information or movement in regards to Affinity scheduling or registration.

Motion

Motion was made by Kelly Luetzen, of Texas Heatwave, to form a STYSA/Affinity scheduling committee comprised of Mark Broughton, Andrew Naudin and Terri Cahill. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cerda.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sports Quest

Mr. Pruitt clarified that Sports Quest wants to become a club. Mr. Pruitt asked that Mrs. Cahill contact Mr. Spence with Sports Quest and get the questions he would like addressed. Mr. Sonnier has contacted Mr. Spence and is planning to meet with him in answering any questions and guide them.

New Business

President's Reports

Aldine United

Mr. Cerda let the Board know about an assault situation that happened at a game this past weekend, September 30th. The game involved his older boys team and Texas Heatwave. The Texas Heatwave assistant coach assaulted the referee. A parent also came onto the field towards the referee. Mr. Cerda sent a letter to the D&P person for EDDOA but he has not gotten a response back. Mr. Wakefield added that if it was assault it can go straight to STYSA. Mr. Pruitt read the definition of assault from the Blue Book. Mr. Cerda reported that the referee did write it up. Mr. Vallentine suggested that Mr. Cerda send a note to Jo Pate. Mrs. Luetzen added that she knows that Mrs. Pate was already contacted by Jesse Harrell. Mr. Pruitt commended Mr. Cerda stating he felt that he was going through the right steps and reminded him that in EDDOA your team has rights versus an association.

Bear Creek

Mr. Cartes was not in attendance. He sent an e-mail earlier in the day with his apologies.

Cy-Fair

Mr. Naudin had nothing to report at this time.

Conroe

Mr. Wakefield e-mailed this afternoon that he would be absent but Mr. Doyle would attend on his behalf.

Mr. Doyle would like to see some sections of the Bylaws revised, especially the area regarding geographic area. Mr. Pruitt advised Mr. Doyle that the Bylaws are in the midst of being revised and will be brought to the Board after the season.

Mr. Doyle brought two petitions of grievance based on TYSA By-laws section 2.1. These are not being brought to be retaliatory. The grievances handed out to the Board by Mr. Doyle are: 1) Cancellation of the game of Texas Rage Lamas versus Texas Rush U16; and 2) Cancellation of Div. 4 play between Conroe Youth Soccer Club and Texas Rush.

Mr. Pruitt advised Mr. Doyle that this is not a D&P hearing and that he can ask that the two petitions be filed with D&P, but this matter is not on the agenda. Mr. Doyle asked to address the Board based on section 2.1 and denied.

Per Mr. Pruitt:

Let the record show that Mr. Doyle has filed two grievances. Those grievances will be given to Tom Pate, the Executive Vice President, solely at his discretion.

Mr. Doyle reported that Conroe has 400 plus kids and has some concerns about the behavior of some parents. He hopes that as an association we can look at this behavior of parents/adults and do something

Kingwood Alliance

Mr. Zylker reported that the kids are having fun this season.

Klein

Season is going great. Numbers are showing 200-300 short of last year at this time.

Texas Heatwave

Mrs. Pate had sent her apologies via e-mail earlier in the day. She sent Kelly Luetzen from the Texas Heatwave Board to act on her behalf.

Mrs. Luetzen would like it noted that STYSA has verified that they have received the player upload.

Texas Rush

Mr. Simmons had nothing to report at this time.

Board Member Reports

VP of Coaches

Mr. Hutton sent an e-mail that he would not be able to attend the meeting.

VP of Scheduling

Mr. Broughton asked about the person he suggested from Bear Creek for VP of Scorekeeping and if there were any thoughts on it. Mr. Vallentine had brought up the thought from the past that there was talk of consolidating the scorekeeping with the scheduling VP positions.

Mr. Broughton advised the Board and Conroe about a coach or parent from a Conroe U15 team that used a threatening tone in an e-mail to complain about the reschedule of their bracket. Mrs. Cahill let Mr. Broughton know that she had called and spoke to the parent/coach. She reported that this person praised Mr. Broughton for his handling of the reschedule situation. The Conroe parent/coach was upset about the last minute reschedule but more so about a game being scheduled on a weekend that was once a bye for his team. Mr. Wakefield asked for the name of the person in question and the information was exchanged.

Mr. Broughton notified Mr. Nowielski and Mrs. Cahill that teams affected the first weekend of play, for Div. 2 and Div. 3, which if there were forfeits or refereeing problems due to the last minute changes in schedule that reschedules would be done upon request and that it would not count towards the one time reschedule limit.

Treasurer

Mr. Martin reported that our numbers are down about 300 players.

Mr. Martin noted that clubs, as a whole, did better about reporting and paying in a timelier manner. Kingwood Alliances numbers were up this season. Unaffiliated numbers were up this season.

Mr. Martin had a question regarding what a performance bond means. He could not find anything written to aid him. The scenario he describes is a team that is scheduled and plays one game and then disbands, what should happen with this bond. Mr. Naudin comments that from his club perspective he didn't feel that they should get the bond back. Discussion continued regarding the amount of time to reschedule created a hardship on the scheduler as well as the other teams involved in the bracket.

Mr. Martin asked the Board if they had any further information regarding Austin County Flames as to whether they went on to post season play the last two years.

VP of Referees

Mr. Sonnier asked that club presidents let their referee assignors and referees know that players with hard casts are not allowed in a game.

Mr. Vallentine asked Mr. Sonnier's position regarding referee assignors being part of the Board. Mr. Sonnier commented that it depends on your club's by-laws. And board members can not be compensated for doing duties consistent with their board position. Mr. Sonnier stated that most clubs have a board position for a Referee Coordinator and additional paid assignors/schedulers who do not sit on the board. Mr. Pruitt added that due to a club's 501-3(C) status there is some very fine points regarding a paid employee being part of a Board of Directors, i.e. conflict of interest

Executive VP

Sent e-mail with apologies for his absence earlier that day.

Meeting ajourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, November 7th at 7 p.m.