

**Timberline Youth Soccer Association
Minutes of Board Meeting Conducted
July 9, 2008**

Meeting Called to Order 7:20 PM

Members Present

Mike Pruitt, Chuck Vallentine, James Simmons, Hal Hutton, Tim Sonnier, Brad Martin, Don Gay, Mark Zylker, George Cerda and Rick Friedman
Terri Cahill - Administrator

Guests

Tom Ward – Montgomery Soccer Club
Stacey Easter – Montgomery Soccer Club
Corey Gaspard – Montgomery Soccer Club
Kevin McGinnis – Brazos Valley Futbol Club and Aggieland

Mr. McGinnis addressed the Board to see if the U11 and U12 age groups would be playing 8v8? And, if that was the case would there be exceptions to roster size or is 12 the maximum. Mr. Hutton responded that TYSA was playing 8v8 and that there would be no roster size exceptions.

Mr. Ward introduced the other two members of Montgomery Soccer Club, Stacey Easter and Corey Garpard. Ms. Easter explained that Montgomery needs its own soccer club due to population size and the distance to Conroe. Mr. Pruitt responded that he was confused because he originally heard from Mr. Ward that Montgomery was seeking membership but then he received communication from STYSA that Montgomery was seeking membership as an association. At the point that the State let TYSA know of their intention to become an association we stopped proceeding it's membership as a member club. Currently, TYSA is at 10,000 and has exceeded its capacity. Montgomery might be better served by seeking independent association status. Montgomery will receive the benefits of voting power and room to grow. Montgomery can seek playing as an unaffiliated team through one of TYSA's member clubs since it needs a play group. Mr. Vallentine asked for clarification of whether Montgomery is a select or recreation club. Mr. Ward reported they will be both. All presidents agreed that they would welcome Montgomery on an unaffiliated basis. Mr. Ward informed the Board that Mike Parsons would be conducting their coaching clinics they have scheduled.

Mr. Pruitt asked Mr. Ward if he wanted the Executive Committee to convene if they wanted to press the issue of membership. All three Montgomery guests agreed that it was not needed and that they would continue with proceedings as an association.

Minutes

Minutes of May 7,2008 meeting motioned and approved by Mr. Vallentine and seconded by Mr. Cerda. Motion was passed unanimously.

President

Mr. Pruitt asked the Board for an Eastern District representative. Mr. Hutton volunteered to be the Timberline's Eastern District representative for Super 2 for the 08/09 year.

Mr. Gay made a motion to nominate and approve Mr. Hutton as Timberline's representative to Eastern District Super 2. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

Mrs. Cahill read the e-mail that was sent by Mr. Broughton, which will be addressed under old business – Scheduling.

Mr. Pruitt asked if the website could get updated. Mrs. Cahill said that she would work on that. Mrs. Cahill said that Mr. Sonnier is amazing at everything that he does on the website, which is everything.

Old Business

a. Scheduling – Mr. Broughton's e-mail questions regarding scheduling:

If you could decide and confirm a couple of things at this board meeting:-

- The season starts on weekend of September 6th for both Div 2 and Div 3 all ages groups?

- Answer: Div. 2 begins on Sept. 6 and Div. 3 begins on Sept. 13.*
- Which unaffiliated clubs will be involved and approximately how many teams will they be contributing – age, gender, league?
Answer: That information won't be available until Aug. 1 for Div. 2 teams and Aug. 22 for Div. 3 teams.
 - The Fall season is 10 games for all age groups?
Answer: Yes
 - The Fall season should complete by weekend before Thanksgiving?
Answer: Yes
 - All Klein teams will be available to travel this season.
Answer: Yes (and the crowd went wild with glee.)
 - U11 and U12 will be playing 8 v 8? Please nominate fields using sizes appropriate for the different age brackets.
Mr. Sonnier made a motion to play both U11 and U12 age groups as 8v8 exclusively. The motion was seconded by James Simmons. The motioned carried unanimously.
Answer: Yes
 - Clubs should nominate their available fields as soon as possible or at least a preliminary number of sizes, availability times and dates etc.
 - I would really like to avoid leaving the registration close date too late. One week before start is leaving things very late except for very minor changes. Two weeks is much better. Earlier information on fields, locations appreciated.

Is there any news of a combined league between BAYSA and TYSA for the older age groups? Joint effort needed to make it work before season starts. We can each (TYSA & BAYSA) nominate teams, age groups, fields and dates and try something out as a pilot effort. What thoughts?

Answer: Mr. Zylker responded that he has been in contact with BAYSA and they have agreed to play with TYSA. He will address that in his President's report.

b. Unaffiliated fees

To be addressed in the Treasurers report.

Mr. Sonnier asked for clarification on the Governing Documents:

- Constitution 6.1.I. How does one go about changing that position back to a voting position? Mr. Pruitt explained that a written notice needs to go out to the Board with a 28 day wait period until a vote.
- South Texas Referee Association referred to in the Constitution 7.4? Mr. Pruitt explained that he at the last Governing Board Meeting he thought that the local referee associations were done away with and that there was just a State referee association. Both Mr. Friedman and Mr. Sonnier replied that that was not the case and that there is Timberline Referee Association. Mr. Pruitt agreed that the change should be made to the document. Mr. Pruitt asked for Mr. Sonnier to propose an amendment for that to be changed.
- In the By-Laws 5.14, referring to a list of affiliated referees to be supplied to the VP of Scheduling/Scorekeeping and Administrator, that cannot be done. The VP of Scheduling and the Administrator would both need to be certified referee assignors to get that information. Mr. Pruitt asked Mr. Sonnier to write a proposal to delete 5.1.4.

New Business

Election of Officers

Mr. Pruitt explained that under the new Governing Documents, the slate needs to be published and 15 days notice given. Mr. Vallentine was unaware of the stipulation. Mr. Vallentine stated he would send something out via e-mail with the two on the slate. The VP at Large position is still showing vacant.

Rule Proposals

1. Yes
2. Yes, per Rules Committee recommendation for next year.
3. Yes
4. No
5. Yes
6. No
7. Yes

8. Yes
9. Yes, supporting Executive Committee.
10. Yes, per Executive Committee.
11. Yes, supporting Executive Committee
12. Yes, as Rules Committee recommends.
13. Yes

President's Reports

Aldine United

Mr. Cerda reported that his U12 boys team won Directors Cup. AUSC is working with the Aldine Community Center to do a Soccer Start program.

Bear Creek

Mr. Colchado notified the President via e-mail that he would be out of town due to business and not be able to attend.

Cy-Fair

Mr. Sonnier reported on South Texas Cup. Mr. Sonnier was very proud to report that Zube now has sprinklers. CyFair will have 8 x 8v8 fields.

Conroe

Mr. Gay reported that by this time next year Conroe will now have 3 more fields.

Kingwood Alliance

Mr. Zylker spoke with BAYSA to see if they were interested in combining our playgroups from the U15 level and older. BAYSA agreed to interleague play. Mr. Sonnier asked about if this included Div. 3. Mr. Zylker had originally approached BAYSA about Div. 2. He can ask the BAYSA scheduler electronically if their interested in Div. 3. He asked the presidents if they wanted Div. 3? Some responded yes. Mr. Vallentine responded that at those age groups at Div. 3 we played in-house the first year. Mr. Vallentine felt that his Div. 3 teams had been used to playing in-house and will not be happy about going to Clear Lake. Mr. Sonnier explained that it's a year to year fluctuation of having enough teams to form a bracket to having only one team. Mr. Zylker explained that he'll find out how many teams there are and then go from there.

Mr. Zylker wanted to discuss how standings and allocations will be taken care of. It was agreed that each association send their team counts for those age groups to STYSA for allocations and then take the top teams in the standings from each association. The standings will be kept combined.

Klein

Mr. Vallentine updated the Board on Klein teams.

Texas Heatwave

Ms. Pate notified the President via e-mail that she would not be able to attend do to a meeting conflict.

Texas Rush

Mr. Simmons had nothing to report at this time.

Board Member Reports

VP of Coaches

Mr. Hutton reported that the coaches meeting for the Fall will be on August 28th at 7 p.m.

VP as Large – vacant

VP of Scheduling/Scorekeeping

Mr. Broughton notified the Board in June via e-mail that he would be out of town on business.

Treasurer

Mr. Martin handed out the 2008 budget proposal.

Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the budget as proposed. Mr. Vallentine seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Martin presented the Fee Structures for 2008.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the TYSA Fee Structure proposal 1. Mr. Vallentine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Martin asked 3 questions in regards to unaffiliated fees:

1. If we want to split the fees for Div. 2 and Div. 3?

Answer:

2. Do we have U11 and U12 teams pay less since there are less players on a roster?

Answer: No

3. Do we want to have the fee structure such that there is an incentive to play Spring?

Answer: Varied

VP of Referees

Referee clinics are posted on the website. Mr. Friedman asked club presidents to communicate with their referee assignors to make sure that their referees get signed up. All registrations have to be done on-line. Referee fees across the board have gone up.

Executive VP

Mr. Pate notified the President via e-mail earlier in the week that he would be out of the country on business and would not be able to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next meeting: August 13, 2008