

Timberline Youth Soccer Association

Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2009

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Timberline Youth Soccer Association was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on August 5th, 2009 in room 306 at Lone Star College Greenspoint Center by Mr. Hutton.

Present: Hal Hutton, David Ortmann, Brad Martin, Mark Broughton, Rick Friedman, Don Gay, Lonnie Braunner, Mark Zylker, Chuck Vallentine, Tom Ward, Jim Carranza and James Simmons.

Guest – Kelly Ferrar (MSC)

Administrator – Terri Cahill

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Cahill brought a copy of the minutes from the June 24th meeting. The minutes were initially sent out to the Board electronically on July 12th. Approval of minutes was waived and Mr. Hutton asked that they be sent out electronically to the Board again.

C. President's report

Mr. Hutton reported to the Board the rules that passed at the Summer GBM. The Kidsafe documentation for referees passed. The rule passed for U11/U12 teams to have a maximum of 14 players. This is up from 12 in the past. Allow the inclusion of U8 players on Rec Plus teams. Passed the rule for U9/U10 playoff, however, ED does not plan on having a U9/U10 playoff this year. This is something that we do internally already. The ED group was against it. The U16 roster size increased to a maximum of 22.

Mr. Hutton reported that we will be combining with BAYSA at the Div. 2 level in the older age groups. TYSA will handle the scheduling on the combined age groups. We will hand in the team count combined to STYSA for allocations instead of separating the associations.

Mr. Hutton also reminded coaches that if you have a tournament you plan to host, please send the application to him first to sign before sending it to STYSA. If it is sent directly to STYSA they will send it back to Mr. Hutton for signature and that will delay the process.

D. Old Business

1. Referee candidate - Mr. Friedman reported that he had a meeting with the referee assignors regarding the referee candidate program. He brought and passed out the form and explanation of the program to the presidents. It will be passed out later in the meeting.

E. New Business

1. **Coaches meeting** – Mr. Wall and Mr. Hutton will handle heading up the Coaches meeting on Thursday, September 3rd at 7 p.m. Mr. Friedman agreed to address the coaches on that evening. Mr. Hutton asked if there were any others who would like to attend or have anything addressed at the meeting.
2. **Scheduling** – Mr. Hutton reported to the Board that TYSA has hired a sub-contractor of Affinity, Brian Branch, to handle the scheduling for the Fall. He is the scheduler for Coastal Bend as well as a sub-contractor for Affinity to handle customer support for the Affinity scheduling program.
 - a. He is currently working on cleaning up the fields and venues in the Affinity system for STYSA clubs. He will be asking clubs for information on all their fields so that there will be only one group of fields for each club in the Affinity system. He will be paid on a per team basis for the season.
 - b. Mr. Broughton generously offered his contact information in case Brian needed some information for scheduling this season.
3. **State of the Association** – Mr. Vallentine shared Klein’s standpoint that 2-3 years ago in the Fall they had 3000 kids and this Fall they currently have 1140. There may be a big surge in the next couple of weeks but they don’t believe they’ll be back at 3000. There’s pressure or ideas at Klein to pull out of TYSA and STYSA and drop Klein’s fees to compete with FFPS. Mr. Vallentine asked to open the floor to the other clubs and what is happening with their registration and rec. soccer. Mr. Vallentine asked Mr. Simmons if Rush was pulling out their Div. 4 to register with US Club soccer. Mr. Simmons stated that Rush would be dual registering their Div. 4 players. Mr. Hutton shared the discussions at the Summer GBM regarding this issue. Mr. Brauner shared that their club is experiencing the same problems more kids are going to select soccer younger and younger. The Div. 4 is getting smaller. Mr. Martin asked what TYSA can do to help. Mr. Friedman suggested that we need more training for coaches. Mr. Simmons discussed frustrations with STYSA. Mr. Martin shared that at Rush they have professional staff that provide pool training for one night of the recreation team’s training. That seems to be a big draw for their recreation program. Mr. Simmons added that the staff/trainers assigned to the recreation training do not have teams and are there for the coaches as well as provide the pool training.

President’s Reports

Aldine United – Mr. Cerda sent an e-mail earlier in the day stating he was out of town and could not attend the meeting.

Ambassadors – Mr. Ruddle sent an e-mail on 8/4 stating that he could not make the meeting. Mr. Ruddle reported in the e-mail that they would not have teams playing this Fall and will be at next months Board meeting.

Bear Creek – Mr. Colchado sent an e-mail earlier in the day stating he could not make the meeting.

Cy-Fair – Mr. Brauner had nothing to report at this time.

Conroe - Mr. Gay reported that Conroe has been under severe water restrictions and their worried about the field conditions in that regard..

Kingwood Alliance – Mr. Zylker reported that their numbers look good and expect their recreation numbers will do the same.

Klein – Mr. Vallentine announced the Klein would be hosting SMU vs. Univ. of Denver at MP4 at 7 p.m. on 8/22, free of charge.

Montgomery – Mr. Ward reported that it looks like they have the same amount of Div. 2 teams as in the Spring. They are about to start their recreational registration but expect about the same. They are working on a future field project.

Texas Heatwave – Mr. Carranza reported that registration looks normal at this time.

Texas Rush – Mr. Simmons reported that registration seems to be going well. Texas Rush will be having Rush Cup August 22-23 at Bear Creek.

Board Member Reports

VP of Coaches – Mr. Wall sent his apologies but he was out of town on business.

VP as Large - Mr. Broughton asked to have a discussion with Mr. Hutton regarding some fund raising ideas he has for raising money for scholarships and referees. Everyone applauded Mr. Broughton coming back.

VP of Scheduling/Scorekeeping – vacant

Treasurer – Mr. Martin had nothing to report at the time. He will be interested to hear how Klein does with their registration numbers.

Referees - Mr. Friedman passed out the referee candidate form and information to the club presidents. The referee assignors will be given this information and it will be up to them to coordinate with their clubs for distribution and implementation. Clubs will be responsible for implementation and collection/verification of referee hours. The club will provide TYSA with a list of those teams who did not fulfill their hours.

Mr. Friedman reported that he had a meeting last month with the referee assignors. They had a discussion on standardizing the pay rates for referees.

Executive VP – Mr. Ortmann introduced himself to the Board.

Adjournment:

*Mr. Hutton suggested that we skip September's meeting since there is a coaches meeting the first week of September. The next meeting will be October 7th at 7 p.m. .
Mr. Vallentine made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Gay seconded the motion.*