



**Minutes of the
SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee October 19, 2008
Holiday Inn Express – Seguin, Texas**

APPROVED By EC – February 6, 2009

APPROVED By Governing Board – February 8, 2009

Officers Participating:

Jesse Harrell

Chuck Jeffords

Shirley McGraw

Polly Schueneman

Don Bohnet

Others Participating:

Tom Morrow – State Office

Neil Ellis

1. CALL TO ORDER:

President called the meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Texas Youth Soccer Association to order at 8:40 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the July 31 Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

1. Jesse introduced Neil Ellis. Neil is Mike Parson's recommendation to fill the opening for Assistant Director of Coaching. He answered questions for us concerning the amount of travel required for the job, the challenges of South Texas, the current coaching staff and other questions that we had for him and we answered the questions he had for us. *There was a motion and a second to accept Neil Ellis as Assistant Director of Coaching. Motion passed.*

2. Eastern District vs. Western District Academy Play-Up Grievance. It is our understanding that this issue has been taken care of at this time in the Western District.

3. Town Hall meetings. We discussed a tentative schedule for hosting Town Hall meetings throughout the state to discuss problems that the Associations are having and look for input for the Vision for Tomorrow for STYSA. Member club board members, club



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DOCs, association board members and association DOCs will be invited to these meetings.

4. Spring Cup medal Order. Tom presented several vendors for medals for Spring Cups. *There was a motion and a second to stay with Maxwell for the medals. Motion carried.*

5. Summer 2009 GBM location. The meeting will be held somewhere in the Houston area.

6. Del Rio registration. Del Rio reportedly has been approached by a group for registration though there are some issues still to be resolved. It is our recommendation that Mike & Neil go down there to see what is really going on.

7. Affinity. Our contract is coming up for renewal in March. The Treasurer presented an analysis of our options for a STYSA registration database. Problems changing programs and costs associated with programs were discussed. Contingency plans to present to the governing body were discussed. Tracking KidSafe and coaching education is also an issue that will need to be addressed if we go with another program.

8. Tournament Sanctioning for Age Groups Not Registered with STYSA. Some tournament applications have come in that included hosting age groups and levels of play that they do not have players registered with STYSA. At this time we are not in favor of approving these applications. Issues associated with non-STYSA affiliates in coaching clinics, tournaments, background checks and insurance were discussed. *It was agreed that the fee to host unrestricted tournaments is now \$350 for tournaments not approved as of this date (October 19, 2008).*

9. KidSafe for Coaches of Age/Groups/Teams Registered with STYSA and Not Registered with STYSA. The issue was brought up about coaches passes being generated using USYS member passes for non-STYSA affiliated teams. These passes provide the illusion that the adults have been STYSA KidSafe approved. The question of what liability do we have with these coaches as we cannot verify their having been KidSafe approved was discussed. Tom will give Cosgrove with USYS a call concerning infringement and what course of action we have.

4. OFFICER REPORTS

1. WDVP reported that Western District will be hosting 8v8 tournaments for Division III and Victoria has 6v6 teams and would like to bring guest players. We agreed that this was invitational and not WD Fall Championships and guest players would be allowed. He also asked about combined age group play advancement.



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2. Treasurer reported that he was having problems finding members for the Risk Management committee. Qualifications and responsibilities were discussed. Don also asked for our input as to frequency and content of financial report to the Executive Committee.
3. Registrar reported that registration was ongoing with fewer problems than in the past.
4. President reported that USYS is moving forward with the youth referee program and will have a report at the next meeting. The Region is expanding the ODP program to include the U13s but Mike and Eric do not want to send teams forward to participate but will probably continue to send them to sub-region camps but not the region camps. There is a new Region 3 girls ODP leader - Tracy DeLeon from South Carolina. It does not look like USYS will be increasing their fees but there may be an increase from the Federation. The Federation Academy programs have mixed results. Some groups like the program and others do not. The number of games and amount of travel seem to be a big issue. Houston Dynamo will be doing a fund raiser for hurricane relief and Affinity has offered assistance. Shirley will contact the Galveston County group and East Lake Houston to determine their needs as other state youth soccer associations groups have offered assistance also. President gave a brief report on the committees. He stated that he would like to get moving with the technology committee, the budget committee and the Cups committee. He reported that the National Directors Cup has changed their name to the National Presidents Cup which lines up with the names of the STYSA Cups.
5. Tom reported that Linda is recuperating at home and that her husband is trying to restrict her computer use.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Schueneman

STYSA Secretary