

**Minutes of the
SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

Sheraton South Padre Island Beach Hotel – South Padre Island, Texas
February 11, 2007

Approved By Governing Body – 7/22/2007

Call To Order:

President Ed Loucks called the meeting of the Governing Board of the South Texas Youth Soccer Association to order at 9:04 A.M., at the Sheraton South Padre Island Beach Hotel, South Padre Island, Texas.

Ed reported that USYS elected Larry Monaco as President in July. The newly elected US Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati has pledged that the youth would be treated with fairness and equity. Ed reported the changes that had recently been made in the US Soccer Federation.

Ed announced a contest for increasing the number of recreational players. The Association that increases their recreation player numbers by the largest percentage will be awarded a \$5,000.00 equipment grant through our adidas sponsorship. The contest will run from February 1, 2007 to February 1, 2008.

Ed reported that for the first time in several meetings the office of Recreation VP is not up for vote. He complimented Les Haulbrook for streamlining the way STYSA handles their financial affairs. He also reported that Eric Pappert was not at this meeting for the first time in over a decade. Ed gave a brief overview of Eric's roles in STYSA, Region 3 ODP and the US Soccer Federation as well as his role as a doctor. Due to his new role with a drug company, Eric has decided to step down from his active participation in STYSA. Ed and all of the delegates thanked Eric for his time and service to STYSA.

Ed introduced USYS President Larry Monaco. Larry gave a short speech on the state of youth soccer today.

Ed introduced Region 3 Director Mike McDaniel. Mike gave a short speech on volunteerism and recognized all the people from South Texas working on the Regional level.

Ed recognized guests Susanne Conlon, Georgia YSA President, Larry Harmon, USYS Board member, Steve Ells, SRA, and Paul Hooks, SYRA.

Roll Call and Vote Accreditation

The Secretary, Polly Schueneman, performed the roll call and voter accreditation. There was a quorum present with 74 of 83 delegates in attendance. The following Associations were not in attendance: Big Bend, Bluebonnet, Carrizo Springs, Cuero, Del Rio, East Lake Houston, Hallettsville, Huntsville, and Uvalde.

Members Not in Good Standing - Alice, Big Bend, Carrizo Springs & Eagle Pass

Alamo Area YSA motioned and WDDOA 2nd to reinstate Alice and Eagle Pass to Good Standing. Motion carried.

Introduction of Guests

Ed recognized STYSA Hall of Fame members in attendance – Fernando Pereira, Roy Smithers, Patti Gatzka & Arthur Yonge.

Approve Minutes of the July 22, 2006 Governing Board Meeting

Secretary Polly Schueneman offered an amendment to the Minutes of the July 22, 2006 to include Alice, Big Bend, and Carrizo Spring as not in Good Standing. A motion was made by Bay Area YSA and seconded by Katy YSA to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2005 meeting as amended. The minutes were approved as amended.

Unfinished Business

Approval of the Actions of the Executive Committee – *Motion by Bay Area YSA and 2nd by Capital Area YSA to approve the actions of the Executive Committee since the last Governing Board Meeting. Motion carried.*

Financial and Budget Review

Les Haulbrook presented the Treasurer's report. He reported that he will be creating a check list for the Associations to help stay in good standing with the State of Texas. He also recognized members of the Finance Committee: Pat Alston (El Paso) John Buckler (Capital Area), Pete Nelson (Katy), Nathan Wesley (HYSAs) & John Yonge (Brazosport).

Proposed Player Fees for 2007 – 2008 Fiscal Year - Bay Area YSA motioned and Alamo Area YSA seconded the motion to accept the player fees. Capital Area YSA motioned and Houston YSA 2nd to amend the player fees to reduce D3 to \$14, D4 to \$8 & U6 to \$6. Amendment carried. Player fees as amended carried.

Budget for Fiscal Year 07-08 – Les reported that this is also in the delegate's handbook. WDDOA motioned and Alamo Area YSA seconded the motion to approve the budget. Motion carried.

Insurance Commissioner – Ed reported in Nathan's absence the changes to our player accident insurance (self insurance) seems to be working and we will need to maintain the reserves for the claims future. We should be able to keep some of the monies and we will continue to be self insured for the coming year. Ed will ask Nathan to create a report to be emailed to the Association Presidents.

Amendment to Rules and Procedures

Roy Smithers, Rules Committee Chairman, presented the proposed rule changes.

Proposed Rule Change #1 – Constitution – Article VI. Membership – Withdrawn.

Motion by Bay Area YSA to take Proposed Rule Changes 10, 11 & 12 out of order, 2nd by Alamo Area YSA. Motion carried.

Proposed Rule Change #10 – Registration Rules – Division III Team Formation Requirements – Died for lack of a second to consider.

Proposed Rule Change #11 – Registration Rules – Team Rostering – Small Sided Games – Withdrawn.

Proposed Rule Change #12 – Registration Rules – Team Rostering – Small Sided Games - Motion by Bay Area YSA and 2nd by Victoria YSA to accept the rule change as proposed – Motion failed.

Proposed Rule Change #2 – General Rules of Play – Law III – Number of Players – Withdrawn.

Proposed Rule Change #3 – Playoff Rules and Procedures – Play Before State Tournament – Motion by Alamo Area YSA and 2nd by Brazos Valley YSA to accept the Rules Committee recommendation. Motion by Houston YSA and 2nd by Timberline YSA to amend to read:

The teams *advancing* from each district , except El Paso, will play each other before coming to the State Championships. If the *advancing* teams are determined by a District Championship *match*, this match will serve as the state playoff match between the top two district teams. The points awarded...determines the winner. If the *advancing* teams are determined by round robin play, the *match* between the *advancing* teams will serve as the state playoff game between the top two district teams. The points awarded...so if the round robin match ends in a tie, both teams are awarded the points for a tie.

Amendment carried. Motion as amended carried.

Proposed Rule Change #4 – Playoff Rules and Procedures – Play Before State Tournament – Withdrawn.

Proposed Rule Change #5 – Playoff Rules and Procedures – District Tournaments – Withdrawn.

Proposed Rule Change #6 – Playoff Rules and Procedures – Select Divisional Play – Withdrawn.

Proposed Rule Change #7 – Registration Rules – Transfer of Players – Died due to lack of motion.

Proposed Rule Change #8 – Tournament and Hosting Procedures – Died due to lack of motion.

Proposed Rule Change #9 – Playoff Rules and Procedures – Tie Breakers / Other than Round Robin Play- Motion by Houston YSA and 2nd by Timberline YSA to accept the rule change as proposed – Motion carried.

Proposed Rule Change #13 – Registration Rules – Multiple Rostering – Withdrawn.

Proposed Rule Change #14 – Playoff Rules and Procedures – State Tournaments – Point of Order – not submitted in accordance to our Constitution

Proposed Rule Change #15 – Discipline, Protest & Grievance Procedures – Penalty Points - Point of Order – not submitted in accordance to our Constitution

Proposed Rule Change #16 –Discipline, Protest & Grievance Procedures – Definitions – Withdrawn.

Reports from Standing Committees

Appeals Committee – Janis Adkins stated that the report is in the book.

Kid-Safe Committee – Don Bohnet reported that in over 1200 applicants less than 20 were declined and that a risk management plan must be kept in place in each Association.

Finance Committee – Les reported that it is in the book.

National Championship Committee – No report

Recreational / Soccer Start Committee – Kathy Ryan reported the committee met for five productive hours on Friday and thanked the Executive Committee for attending the meeting. She also thanked

Susanne Conlon for attending. The ideals for committee is to find out what the recreational player wants, what the TopSoccer player needs, who can be a Soccer Start player and that the recreational player really does mean something to the membership of STYSA. Kathy recognized Art Brown for his monetary contribution to get the Fort Stockton program going.

Rules Committee – Roy Smithers' report was covered earlier under Rule Change Proposals.

Reports from Officers and Others

Executive Vice President – Eric Pappert's report is in the book.

Eastern District Vice-President – Jesse Harrell stated his report is in the book.

Western District Vice-President – Chuck Jeffords reported his report is in the book.

Secretary – Polly Schueneman stated that her report is in the book.

Registrar – Don Bohnet stated that his report is in the book.

State Youth Referee Administrator – Paul Hooks reported he is new and learning. His information is on the STYSA website and can be reached syra@stsr.org. He is making an effort to get to as many locations as possible in the next two years. He is interested any ideas that you may have. He reported that referee retention is a problem and mentoring the new referee may help.

Director of Coaching – Ed gave a report on the ongoing search for a new DOC. Interviews are being scheduled and we should have a new DOC before the July meeting.

State Office – Tom Morrow stated that his report is in the book.

President – Ed Loucks stated that his report is in the book

New Business

Laredo Heat Youth Soccer Association has requested membership in STYSA. Last fall they had 162 youth players and this year they already have 247 registered. *Bay Area YSA motioned and Timberline YSA 2nd to accept Laredo Heat YSA as a member of STYSA.*

Election of Officers

Treasurer - As there were no other nominations from the floor, *Bay Area YSA motioned and Houston YSA 2nd to accept Les Haulbrook as Treasurer by acclimation. Motion carried.*

Ed went over voting procedures. Mike McDaniel, Larry Harmon & Fernando Pereira will count the ballots.

Houston YSA motioned and Capital Area YS 2nd to destroy the ballots after they are counted. Motion carried.

Executive Vice President - Houston YSA nominated Jesse Harrell and Brazosport 2nd the nomination. Alamo Area YSA nominated Don Bohnet and Capital Area 2nd the nomination. Jesse and Don each gave a brief speech while the ballots were being distributed. *Houston YSA motioned and Alamo Area YSA motioned to close nominations. Motion carried.*

Registrar – Bay Area YSA nominated Shirley McGraw and EDDOA 2nd the nomination. WDDOA nominated Reeves Moore and Alamo Area YSA 2nd the nomination. Houston YSA nominated Mike

Denton and Katy YSA 2nd the nomination. *Houston YSA motioned and Bay Area YSA 2nd to close the nominations.* Each candidate gave a brief speech while the ballots were being distributed.

Mike McDaniel reported that Jesse Harrell has been elected Executive Vice President.

While the ballots were counted for Registrar, drawings were held for door prizes.

Mike McDaniel reported that Shirley McGraw had been elected Registrar.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE KIDS

Les stated that he has been involved in soccer for a long time and has watched a whole generation grow up playing the game and now becoming spectators. At the MLS Western Conference Game in Houston, what caught his attention were the very vocal and very soccer savvy people sitting behind his seats. He realized that they were probably between the ages of 21 and 34 years old and the vast majority were a cross mix of ethnic background. What he saw was the culmination of the efforts of a lot of volunteers and a lot of people over a period of time. He stated that he believes that we have created a foundation of young people that love the game of soccer because of the fact that people like ourselves have given of our time and have been passionate about the experience that our children have for the game. He thanked everyone for the energy and enthusiasm that we as volunteers demonstrate on a regular basis and he stated that he believes that what we do is the right thing to do for the children of this country.

Dan Boren reported that he had been disappointed that the demographics of his local club did not match the demographics of his city. He started an outreach program for the Spanish speaking community and brought the demographics more in line. He urged STYSA to do more for the Spanish speaking community.

Jesse reported two associations in the Eastern District that had an increase of 44% and 30% increase in their recreational play.

Ed reported that he will not be running for re-election for President. He will help whoever wins make all the connections and introductions that are needed and help them make a smooth transition.

If Rush does not mind, copies of the TopSoccer dvd will be made and sent to all the Associations. This will be for your board rooms only as the players need to have their privacy protected.

Location of the Next Governing Board Meeting

Summer 2007 – July 20 & 21 - Wyndham Greenspoint, Houston, TX

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on a motion duly made, seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Polly Schueneman
STYSA Secretary