

**Minutes of the
SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel – Houston, Texas
July 22, 2007**

Approved by Governing Body – 2/3/2008

Call To Order:

President Ed Loucks called the meeting of the Governing Board of the South Texas Youth Soccer Association to order at 9:03 A.M., at the Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel, Houston, Texas.

Roll Call and Vote Accreditation

The Secretary, Polly Schueneman, performed the roll call and voter accreditation. There was a quorum present with 83 of 88 delegates in attendance. The following Associations were not in attendance: Big Bend, Carrizo Springs, Coastal Crescent, Eagle Pass and Kingsville.

Members Not in Good Standing

Big Bend and Carrizo Springs

The following Associations were not in attendance at the February 2007 Governing Board Meeting: Big Bend, Bluebonnet, Carrizo Springs, Cuero, Del Rio, East Lake Houston, Hallettsville, Huntsville and Uvalde.

Introduction of Guests

Ed recognized STYSA Hall of Fame members in attendance and thanked them for their years of service to STYSA. Members present were Patti Gatzka, Roy Smithers and Arthur Yonge. Ed announced that demise of Hall of Fame member Robert Legler.

Ed introduced the new STYSA Director of Coaching, Mike Parsons. He spoke briefly about the issues facing the DOC and getting things started out on the right foot.

Approve Minutes of the February 11, 2007 Governing Board Meeting

CAYSA offered an amendment - in Unfinished Business – Approval of the Actions of the Executive Committee – should read: ... to approve the Executive Committee actions since the last Governing Board meeting that were printed in the book. The motion was made by Alamo Area YSA and seconded by Brazos Valley YSA to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2007 meeting as amended. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Announcements

Ed announced that on July 25 at La Joya Stadium Chicago Fire's A team would be playing Santos Laguna. Tickets can be purchased at Senor Gold Soccer store or be calling 956-687-4465.

The Winter GBM will be February 1, 2, & 3, 2008 at the Marriott LaFrontera in Round Rock. More details will be published on the STYSA website.

Ed announced that we have 2 teams in the national championships next week. The Western District U15 Boys Lonestars and the Eastern District U16 Houstonians will be representing STYSA. You can keep up with their progress on the US Youth Soccer website.

Ed introduced the State Office staff – Tom Morrow, Gina Hibbs, Doris Ellis, Vickie Maxwell, Linda Miller and her husband Ernest. He also introduced the Executive Committee – Jesse Harrell, Les Haulbrook, Polly Schueneman, Chuck Jeffords, Shirley McGraw and Keith Walker. He also recognized Tom Pate for his service as interim Eastern District VP. Paul Hooks, SYRA, was also recognized. The Region 3 registrar, Michelle Cox from Arkansas was recognized. Ed also thanked all of the committee members and chairs for all their hard work.

Ed announced we are midway through our contest to grow recreational soccer by February 1, 2008. He reminded us that the Association that grows their recreational soccer program by the greatest percentage between February 2007 & February 2008 will receive a great gift from the STYSA Executive Committee and Adidas – several thousand dollars worth of great gear. At this time Bay Area YSA is in the lead. Updates will be posted on the STYSA website.

Ed sadly announced that Les Haulbrook has submitted his resignation as Treasurer due to changes in his job. He reminded us that we are still looking for someone to fill his office. Les stated that this was a difficult decision for him. He will continue to serve on the Finance Committee as he has some items that he would like to see through.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to attend to.

Financial and Budget Review

Les presented the financial report. Chris Delay asked for some explanation of the District operating accounts. Les stated the District accounts have been rolled into the State's administration over the last year. He stated that he does not have all the details as to how the level of dollars had gotten into the accounts. Jesse explained that what flows through the account in the Super2 league, Directors Cup, Kohl's Cup and South Texas Cup. What was in the account was probably 2 years of S2 and Cup play. Les stated that the Balance Sheet reflects the three main accounts and the reserves of STYSA. Previously the District accounts were not part of the overall financial position of STYSA. With the help of Tom Morrow and Doris Ellis, the District accounts are now handled in the same manner as other STYSA accounts.

Alamo Area YSA motioned and Katy YSA to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried by voice vote.

Insurance Commissioner – Insurance Commissioner Nathan Wesley reported that our loss history has improved dramatically in the past few years. In the 05-06 calendar year we went to a \$200,000 Self Insured Retention and it looks like we should be able to keep approximately \$80,000. That was a short year and it may be a one time thing. In the 06-07 calendar year we may be paying claims close to the \$200,000. In a normal year our claims have been running around \$250,000 so we may be looking at going back to a normal type of policy.

Amendment to Rules and Procedures

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

Proposed Rule Change #1 – Constitution – Voting Powers - Motion by WDDOA and second by Houston YSA to approve as proposed. Motion failed.

Motion by Capital Area YSA and second by Houston YSA to take Proposed Rule Change #3 out of order. Motion carried.

Proposed Rule Change #3 – Registration Rules & Procedures – Definitions. – Motion by Cuero YSA and second by Capital Area YSA to approve as proposed. Motion failed.

Proposed Rule Change #2 – Registration Rules & Procedures – Definitions. - Motion by Capital Area YSA and second by Alamo Area YSA to approve as proposed. Motion carried.

Proposed Rule Change #4 – Registration Rules & Procedures – Multiple Rostering - Motion by Timberline YSA and second by Huntsville YSA to approve as proposed. Motion failed.

Proposed Rule Change #5 – Registration Rules & Procedures – Academy Program – Withdrawn.

Proposed Rule Change #6 – Registration Rules & Procedures – Academy Program – Died due to the lack of a motion to consider.

Proposed Rule Change #7 – Playoff Rules & Procedures – State Tournaments – Motion by Capital Area YSA and second by Alamo Area YSA to approve as proposed. Motion by Houston YSA and second by Bay Area YSA to change the word “shall” to the word “may”. Motion to amend carried. Motion as amended carried.

Proposed Rule Change #8 – Playoff Rules & Procedures – District Tournaments - Motion by Capital Area YSA and second by Alamo Area YSA to approve as proposed with the friendly amendment to change the word “shall” to the word “may”. Motion as amended carried.

Proposed Rule Change #9 – Playoff Rules & Procedures – State Tournaments – Motion by Timberline YSA and second by Huntsville YSA to approve as proposed. Motion failed by roll call vote 37 for, 46 against.

Proposed Rule Change #10 – Playoff Rules & Procedures – State Tournaments – Motion by Capital Area YSA and second by Houston YSA to approve as proposed. Motion failed.

Proposed Rule Change #11 – Playoff Rules & Procedures – Standings – Motion by Timberline YSA and second by EDDOA to approve as proposed. Motion failed.

Proposed Rule Change #12 – Playoff Rules & Procedures – Standings – Motion by EDDOA and second by Brazosport YSA to approve as proposed. Motion failed.

Proposed Rule Change #13 – Playoff Rules & Procedures – Standings – Died to the lack of a motion to consider.

Proposed Rule Change #14 – Discipline, Protest & Grievance Procedures - Definitions – Motion by EDDOA and second by Brazos Valley YSA to approve as proposed. Motion carried.

Proposed Rule Change #15 – Discipline, Protest & Grievance Procedures - Definitions – Motion by WDDOA and second by Bay Area YSA to approve the Rules Committee recommendation. Motion carried.

Proposed Rule Change #16 – General Rules of Play; Special Rules of Play - Motion by Timberline YSA and second by EDDOA to approve the Executive Committee recommendation. Motion failed.

Proposed Rule Change #17 – General Rules of Play- Number of Players - Motion by WDDOA and second by Alamo Area YSA to approve as proposed. Motion carried.

Ed thanked Roy for another good job of handling the rule change proposals.

Ed announced that the deadline for application to host Kohl's Cup and have the Kohl's truck at the competition is August 15th. Please forward your request to Tom Morrow at the State Office. STYSA can provide some of the things that the Kohl's truck can so if we can't get the truck it does not mean that you cannot host a Kohl's Cup competition.

Reports from Standing Committees

Appeals Committee – Jesse Harrell stated that his report is in the book.

KidSafe Committee – Don Bohnet thanked Tom Morrow and the State Office staff along with the members of the committee. He reported this past seasonal year 16,000 background checks were run with only 25 applicants denied. The cards for seasonal year 07-08 will be green. He stated there will be a push to have all referees certified through KidSafe as per USYS. Don stated that if you know of anyone who would like to serve on this committee please forward the names to him.

Finance Committee – Les Haulbrook recognized the members of the Finance Committee. He stated that the committee will be looking at the fees for coaching clinics, team fees for fall championships and Cup play and player fees. Les stated that if any Association knows of anyone that would like to serve on this committee, please let him know prior to August 1 or Ed after August 1.

National Championship Committee – No report.

Recreational / Soccer Start Committee – Kathy Ryan stated that her report is in the book. She also stated that the committee has made 15 new contacts for membership in STYSA and is averaging 12 hours from the time of first contact to having an association get back with them. Kathy stated that she would like for the membership to consider increasing the budget for the Recreation Committee for next year and to revisit the having an Executive Board position representing the recreational player. Diego Reyna from McAllen reported on a TopSoccer event that they put on.

Rules Committee – Roy thanked Clay Knight for taking care of the Rules Committee for him while he was on vacation.

Reports from Officers and Others

Executive Vice President – Jesse Harrell stated that his report is in the book.

Eastern District Vice-President – Newly elected Eastern District Vice President Keith Walker stated that outgoing Eastern District Vice President Tom Pate's report is in the book.

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

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

Registrar – Shirley McGraw stated that her report is in the book.

State Youth Referee Administrator – Paul Hooks reported that STYSA had numerous referees working the semi-final and final games at Regionals and that one STYSA referee will be going to Nationals.

Director of Coaching – Ed stated that the new Director of Player Development Carlos Menjivar was not here today because he is ill. Carlos works out of the San Antonio area with Coaching Education and working developing new player opportunities. Mike Parsons reported that he and Carlos has been traveling all over the region. They have been evaluating the STYSA ODP and Coaching Education programs and have had a chance to see many of the players and coaches in all levels of play. They are planning on setting up Center of Excellence around the state and offer coaching courses set up 6 months to a year ahead of time. Their focus will also be looking at the younger

players as they are the future of STYSA. Information will be posted on the website as things are finalized.

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

Ed reported that a letter dated July 9, 2007 had been received from the Baytown Saints Youth Soccer Club asking permission to change their affiliation to East Lake Houston Youth Soccer Association. A letter has also been received from Bay Area Youth Soccer Association agreeing to the change. Copies of both letters are in the book. This is a change in the boundaries for both Associations Constitutions so this matter will be taken up at this meeting.

Motion by Bay Area YSA and seconded by East Lake Houston YSA to approve the change. Motion approved by consensus.

Presentation of Awards

Due to weather and air traffic problems at the meeting in South Padre in February, some of the recipients were not in attendance.

Ed presented Wallace Gregory of the Lake Jackson Youth Soccer Club and Brazosport Youth Soccer Association with the 2006 STYSA Girls Coach of the Year award.

Ed reported that the 2006 STYSA Volunteer of the Year was in the air on the way to the meeting and unable to land due to fog. John Massey is from the Galveston Youth Soccer Club and Bay Area Youth Soccer Association. Unfortunately, John passed away this past week. Bob Maraia, President of Bay Area YSA received the award on John's behalf.

Keith Walker drew the names for many prizes.

For the Good of the Game

Les spoke of the two new resources in STYSA, Carlos Menjivar and Mike Parson. He challenged every association to use these resources to improve the quality of what we do and whom we reach as an organization. He stated each of the Association could benefit from these two gentlemen and that the game and every one of the kids will be better for it too.

Location of the Next Governing Board Meeting

Winter 2008 – Marriott LaFrontera, Round Rock – February 1 - 3, 2008

Adjournment:

There being no further business, on a motion duly made, seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Polly Schueneman
STYSA Secretary