



Southern Utah Soccer Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2009

Present: Kyle Pasley, Jerry & Leslee Thomas, Lori Cottam, Kelly Hansen, Pascal & Jana Jammet
Kim Luthy, Jeff McKenna, Danny Ortiz

Guests: Al Vargas (Soccer Connection South), Bobby Ginn & Drew Hiatt (UYSA)

Start time: 8:10pm

Approval of November Minutes: Motion by Jerry, 2nd by Pascal → Motion passed

Addendum to January Agenda:

- ✓ Soccer Connection South (Al Vargas)
- ✓ RCL : - Refund for early Spring 2009 registration
 - Lanny Bundy
 - State Cup

Approval of January agenda w/addendum: Motion by Jeff, 2nd by Jerry → Motion passed

Treasurer report – We need to find a CPA to file taxes for year 2007 & 2008 → Courtney snow

Soccer Connection South –

- ✓ Al says he has 3 sponsors (maybe 4) lined up for the winter Showcase tournament : Soccer Connection South, Slice of Tuscany & Southern Utah Indoor Soccer. Each sponsor would donate \$500 and have their logo printed the tournament T-shirts.
- ✓ Al proposes also that RCL & KICKS registrations be held at his store instead of Boulevard Home Furnishing

UYSA –

- ✓ Bobby and Drew trained Jana and Kelly for online registration. Bobby encourages us to get going with online registration within the next year.
- ✓ Bobby suggests that the board comes up with short & long term goals for SUSA. We should have a strategic plan i.e. increasing membership, integrating ODP...
- ✓ Finding more people to support and help the existing staff would be a good thing
- ✓ Bobby breaks down the definition for the different leagues in UYSA and some associated fees.
 - **COMPETITIVE LEAGUE:** Teams hold tryouts and have several divisions such as Premier, Division 1, 2, 3, 4.
\$11 from the registration fee from each player goes to the State
Teams in Competitive play also pay an additional \$21 per player per season to the State because the State office also creates schedules for the Comp leagues. The \$21 also pays for State staff salary and State office bills.
 - **DISTRICT:** In reality, according to the State bylaws, our RCL league is really considered a district. Teams hold tryouts but players can also be assigned to teams.
\$11 from the registration fee from each player goes to the State.
 - **RECREATION LEAGUE:** KICKS is a true recreation league. No tryouts held. Players are assigned to teams either by geography/friends criteria.
- ✓ Bobby encourages the board to go through the necessary steps to become District 8.
- ✓ State Council is planning to take its AGM around the state. It is an opportunity to educate and promote the sport. We need to provide them with a date to come down to Southern Utah → Early march?

WINTER SHOWCASE –

- ✓ Kim has made additions to the tournament rules
- ✓ Kim has sent a flyer to all the Vegas teams she could find
- ✓ We need to keep sending mass email once a week to encourage teams to sign up.
- ✓ A sanctioned tournament means that our tournament is insured and promoted by UYSA.
- ✓ Our board needs to file the necessary paperwork to have a different entity running the Dixie Invitational tournament as soon as possible: no entity can run 2 different tournaments.
- ✓ Rob Horn is still planning to run the Icebreakers tournament. In our mass emails or contact with teams, we need to emphasize the fact we have plenty of legal parking space at each venue; parking is not authorized in the street next to the Turner Turf farm where the Icebreakers will be held. We also need to emphasize players insurance (UYSA sanctioned). The profit will help promoting soccer in Southern Utah and not go into one individual's pockets.
- ✓ Each Board member has been assigned an age and gender group and been asked to contact team coaches to try to get them to sign up for the tournament.
- ✓ Bobby suggests checking with Crowntrophy in Taylorsville, Utah to order our medals.

ODP TRAINING –

- ✓ Anybody can still sign up
- ✓ Possibility of a scholarship (or financial aid) from the league to families who might not be able to afford the fees. It would have to be according to coaches recommendations and voted by the Board.

Motion by Jeff: "As a reward for their volunteer service for Southern Utah Soccer Association, board members who have one child enrolled in ODP can choose to have the corresponding training fees covered by the league".

2nd by Jerry → Motion passed

KICKS –

- ✓ Lori will put \$1000 down for Fall uniforms preorder.
- ✓ We need to find a new president for KICKS. We are registered for the Kite Festival but we don't have anybody in charge.

RCL –

- ✓ Under our bylaws, there can only be 3 transfer players from other teams. With boys High School soccer starting, some U15 teams are scrambling to try to put a team together.
- ✓ The refund will be \$100 for early Spring 2009 registration because less paperwork is needed.
- ✓ We could use Lanny Bundy's landscaping expertise to help reseeding a chosen grass field. This would make up for his team registration fees for Spring 2008. It probably should be Dixie Middle school instead of the Encampment Mall of Dixie State College. Travis would be the likely person to coordinate with that project.
- ✓ Bobby suggests we write a proposal to be presented at the next state AGM allowing Southern Utah RCL teams to be able to participate in the State Cup Tournament without having to engage in a "play in" game. The proposal would have to be submitted no later than January 15th, 2009 → Jeff

SUSA –

- ✓ We'll talk to some soccer moms or parents who have expressed interests regarding the open positions within the association.
- ✓ Danny is going to run a soccer academy for 5 to 10 year-old children. This is a skill training academy, not associated with any club

End time: 11:00pm