

The Florida Youth Soccer Association (“FYSA”) Executive Committee (“EC”) meeting was called to order at 08:37 AM.

Roll was taken by Lois Epps, Secretary – All present

Guests in attendance were Ed Thiebe, Jennifer Davis and Barb Newton. Guy King from ME Wilson joined the meeting later for insurance presentation. Mike Strickler also joined the meeting late.

The agenda was adopted as presented.

A. Approve Previous Minutes

- a. January 24, 2009 EC meeting – Approved as presented.
- b. April 20, 2009 EC conference call #1 – Approved as amended.
- c. April 20, 2009 EC conference call #2 – Approved as presented.

B. Correspondence – None

C. Unfinished Business

- a. **Sponsorship Updates** – Ed Thiebe stated that the Boar’s Head sponsorship is going okay and he has no knowledge of any change in the partnership. As to the Publix sponsorship, work needs to begin on the development of a renewal contract. Work also needs to begin on the development of a renewal contract with SCORE. As to other clothing sponsorships, if a company wants to become a sponsor of FYSA, a proposal would need to be submitted and then compared to the SCORE contract before further talks take place.
- b. **Complex Update** – Members were presented with copies of the layouts of the entrance and headquarters design. That information is to be put on the FYSA website. Further topic discussed were as follows:
 - i. The physical address of the complex is 2832 Lake Myrtle Park, Auburndale, Florida. An update to the construction timeline was presented. An update on the park construction was also given to the members.
 - ii. The Revenue Sharing Agreement requires re-signing by FYSA officers due to a name change; this will take place today. The consent to the agreement is expected from Polk County next week.
 - iii. Information was shared regarding potential sponsorships. FYSA will benefit from the silver level sponsorship of the revenue sharing agreement from Fantasy of Flight.
 - iv. Ed is working on an event management agreement with Polk County. FYSA calendar needs to be set and given to Polk County to coordinate the schedule of events at the complex. Dialogue continues with FSSA regarding leasing and/or event hosting. Investigation will take place regarding FHSAA event contracting.
 - v. Ed was reminded he needs to be diligent in potential sponsor contacts so it does not conflict with current sponsors’ agreements.

D. Reports

a. President:

- i. Insurance Update – Guy King of ME Wilson made a presentation to the board regarding FYSA coverage and information about the swine flu. The flyer from ME Wilson regarding dealing with the swine flu is posted on the FYSA website. Guy also related that the insurance coverage was put out for bid. The rates for coverage have steadily decreased over the last five years. The proposed rate for 2009-2010 is \$4.45 per player. A comprehensive evaluation of the organization's liability exposure needs to be conducted to attempt to provide a stronger level of protection for the organization. An ad hoc committee (Tommy Thompson, Diana Robertson, Robert Rollins) will be developed to conduct this investigation. ***Motion by Jerry Matlak to accept the proposed insurance coverage of \$4.45 per player for the 2009-2010 seasonal year. Seconded by John Weekley. Motion Passed.***
- ii. 2010-2011 Calendar – Discussion ensued regarding items listed on the draft of the calendar and the need to settle on dates so that events can get on the Lake Myrtle calendar. The finalization of the calendar is to take place no later than May 11, 2009.
- iii. Current Office Lease – FYSA received a letter from the current landlord; Diana Robertson presented a one-year extension of the lease with an increase in rent of \$80 per month. This extension will have a 90-day termination notice without any penalty. ***Motion by Diana Robertson to approved the lease extension. Seconded by Marino Torrens. Motion Passed.***
- iv. Rules Committee Authority – Tommy Thompson discussed a recent conflict of a rules interpretation. He asked the EC to make a determination as to what entity has the authority to make a final interpretation of the FYSA Rules. Discussion ensued. It was decided that prior to a sanctioning decision being made, the request for an interpretation should go to the FYSA Rules Committee. If a sanctioning decision has already been made, implemented, and the parties notified, the appeal should be to the FYSA Protest & Appeals Committee. The Rules Committee will present a rule change in August to address this issue.

b. Secretary:

- i. ***Motion by Rhonda Link-Cummings to approve the recommendations of the Personnel Committee as presented to EC in executive session. Seconded by Marino Torrens. Motion Passed.***

c. Treasurer:

- i. Management Letter – Discussion ensued regarding the CPA management letter and the recommendations for policy changes contained in that letter.
- ii. Purchase Order System – Must be used for purchases over \$750. New policy includes requirement to obtain necessary bids and use best combination of price/service. Regions may stay within region but must use the same due diligence to obtain bids. It is requested that Regions have bills paid through office instead of submitting for reimbursement after the fact. A draft form will be forwarded for suggested changes.
- iii. Fiscal Policy and Procedure Changes – Diana Robertson presented the EC with drafts of proposed policy changes to address the recommendations from the management letter. Any suggested changes should be directed to Diana.
- iv. A copy of the current year profit and loss statement was given to the EC members.

- v. 2009-2010 Budget – A copy of the proposed budget for 2009-2010 was given to the EC. Adjustments will be made to reflect changes based on the decisions regarding the insurance rates and Personnel Committee recommendations. Comments should be sent to Diana Robertson. The budget will be presented to the FYSA membership for approval at the AGM.
- d. **Vice President of Player/Coaching Development:**
- i. Tryouts and Registration – Recreational vs. Competitive – Discussion took place about whether in-house recreational programs were allowed to register or preregister. It was recommended that if there is a desire to change this procedure that a rule change proposal be presented at the AGM.
- e. **Vice President of Administration and Communication:**
- i. Demosphere Q&A – Sean Rose from Demosphere was present to address questions from the EC members regarding the potential use of the Demosphere database software.
- ii. Database RFP Committee’s Recommendation Approval ***Motion by Myrna Foster that FYSA begin negotiations with Demosphere for the use of a database software system. Seconded by Jerry Matlak. Motion withdrawn.*** Discussion ensued regarding detailed requirements of the needs of the database system. Needs are to be identified (by Linda Lathrop, Diana Robertson, Sandy Parker, Myrna Foster, Mike Strickler and Lois Epps) and sent to John Weekley by June 1st. John will prepare a flow chart coordinating all the information. A progress report is to be made to John Weekly by May 15th. Next steps will be decided then. ***Motion by Sandy Parker to complete our due diligence by compiling our detailed list of requested items and forms to enable proper assessment of IT needs. Seconded by John Weekley. Motion passed.***
Motion by Linda Lathrop to approve the expenditure, not to exceed \$15,000, to have IT projects previously submitted and any critical reports needed to be completed. Seconded by Marino Torrens. Motion Passed.
- iii. New Affiliations and Affiliation Issues
- 1) Affiliation Tracking Chart – Discussion ensued regarding the chart, what is being tracked and how issues are being addressed. Letters have gone to affiliates with less than 50 players (Elite Soccer & Gulf Coast). Lauderdale Lakes is only affiliate not in good standing at this time.
 - 2) Letters will be sent to affiliates reminding them they are to be 100% compliant with registration of players. DCs should verify clubs they are responsible for are compliant.
 - 3) A5-Inter Futbol Club (name change) – ***Motion by Marino Torrens to accept the name change to Club Athletico Boca Juniors effective immediately. Seconded by John Weekley. Motion Passed.***
 - 4) C1-New Tampa Soccer Association (merger) – ***Motion by Dave Ditillio to accept the merger of New Tampa Soccer Association (CINTS) and Black Watch Soccer Club (CIBWS) to become CIFFC – Fusion Futbol Club of Tampa Bay beginning with the 2009-2010 seasonal year. Seconded by Marino Torrens. Motion Passed.***

- 5) B2 – Flagler United Youth (name change) – *Motion by Rhonda Link-Cummings to accept the name and code change to B2FCU – FC United of Florida beginning with the 2009-2010 seasonal year. Secoded by Marino Torrens. Motion Passed.*
- 6) C1 – South Hillsborough Soccer (name change) – *Motion by Dave Ditillio to accept the name change to Florida Revolution effective immediately. Secoded by Rhonda Link-Cummings. Motion Passed.*

iv. Tournament/Travel Issues

- 1) A copy of the current tournament and travel chart was presented to the members.
 - 2) Cocoa Expo and Space Coast United fine/bond appeal – Discussion took place regarding the appeals of the two tournament and travel fines and the clubs’ appeals of those fines *Motion by Myrna Foster to deny the appeal of Cocoa Expo and uphold the fine, bond and probation. Tournament and Travel will send a letter to Cocoa Expo to let them know what is required for post tournament reporting with potential sanctioning. Secoded by Marino Torrens. Motion Passed.* Myrna related to the members that the RSL Florida Score at the Shore tournament has not yet paid its fine. The club is facing the potential of being placed in “Not in Good Standing” and the removal of team from State Cup competition if the fine is not paid. *Motion by Marino Torrens to place RSL Florida in “Not in Good Standing” if the fine is not paid by 5 PM on May 4, 2009. Upon payment of the fine, the club will be reinstated. Secoded by Dave Ditillio. Motion Passed. Motion by Myrna Foster to deny the appeal of Space Coast United and uphold the fine. Secoded by Sandy Parker. Motion Passed.*
- v. Procedures – Copy of Review & Discipline and Protest & Appeal procedures provided for review. Notify Myrna with any changes.
- vi. Red Card Tracking Process – Letters have been sent to leagues regarding 502.5; submit all reports pertaining to red card majors.
- vii. R&D Updates – Myrna encouraged the Regional Vice Presidents to make sure that all hearings are held in a timely manner and that all documentation is sent to the FYSA office for central filing.

f. **Registrar:**

- i. Overage players/altered birth documents – Discussion about the Hunter’s Creek issue. 401.4 stipulates team to be disbanded. If appeal time has expired a list of team needs to be forwarded to Federation.
- ii. Playing up – A list of all the requests to play up is kept on file. There is no current way to stop the registration via online registration. Linda Lathrop will find out how much it would cost to implement a “STOP” in the registration system (three years up would cause a stop) and have noted on the exception report when affiliate attempts to upload. Linda will work with Mike Strickler on this process and will develop a rule change proposal for presentation at the AGM.
- iii. Guest player issues – Linda and Myrna to work together to define the problems with tournaments and to create a policy with conformity at the league level.

g. **Vice President of Competition:**

- i. Sandy Parker gave an update on the State Cup Championships. FYSA does have a U17B team going to Southern Regionals as the Premier League representative.
- ii. Region III President's Cup will be held in South Carolina this summer. Dave Ditillio and Marino Torrens will be FYSA's representatives to the event.
- iii. Southern Regionals will be held in Dallas, Texas this summer. Sandy Parker, Becky Riggs, Danny Griffin and Marino Torrens will be FYSA representatives to the event.

h. Region Vice President Reports and Issues:

- i. Region A – no report.
- ii. Region B – Region B Cup went well. Rhonda has visited all affiliates within her region. She has spoken to all leagues regarding red card suspension rules. Kohl's American Cup will be held in Deltona on June 14-15th. DC Cups are underway.
- iii. Region C – Kohl's American Cup will be held October 31-November 1, hopefully in Auburndale. DC Cups are underway.
- iv. Region D – Region Cup had 38 teams this year. The region is working on getting more affiliations. The DC's have been at tournaments in the region for check-ins to make sure that the proper procedures are being followed. There are 2 DC positions up for re-election, and the new DC's are doing great.

i. State Office Report:

- i. Touchline – To be published next week. Ad sales are just under \$24,000.
- ii. AGM
 - 1) A list of current vendor booths was provided. Speaker and emcee have been hired. Pat Williams, Senior Vice President of Orlando Magic will make a presentation.
 - 2) Contract for Coronado signed for 2010 and 2011. Separate contract to be signed for EC/BOD meetings through September 2010. Meetings beyond should be held at lake Myrtle complex.
 - 3) Helms Briscoe assisting to find location for 2012 AGM to be held closer to Lake Myrtle.
- iii. AGM Awards – List provided. Nominations have been verified they meet qualification requirements within their respective categories.

j. Director of Coaching Report:

- i. Mike Strickler reported on some proposed changes to the ODP process and proposed changes to the calendar. The ODP changes with proposed new fee structure that Mike discussed would go into effect during the 2010-2011 seasonal year.
- ii. Mike also gave an overview of his trip to Argentina and the building of a coaching and player exchange program relationship.
- iii. The Sunshine State Games Academy Festival will be held on May 9th in Oviedo and Plantation. There will be about 300 players in attendance.

k. Committee Reports: -- None

E. New Business

- a. A discussion was held about the board members who are up for election this year at the AGM.
- b. Review of draft of IT items will be held on 6/13.

F. For the Good of the Game: Diana Robertson brought to the group the possibility of doing the book of reports for board meetings online rather than having a hard copy book. The EC decided to have exhibits emailed to the board members and then have the exhibits on a laptop for use at the board meetings. This process will begin with the August EC and BOD meetings.

G. Next Executive Committee Meeting

August 7, 2009, at JW Marriott Grande Lakes-Orlando (time to be determined)

H. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 PM.