

The Florida Youth Soccer Association (“FYSA”) Executive Committee (“EC”) meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM.

Roll was taken by Tommy Thompson, Secretary – All present. (Sandy Parker – Alice Smith has proxy)  
Additional staff present:

Guests in attendance were Cody McGhee, Dale Burke, Mike Strickler, Richard Chisolm, Bryan Bachelder and Carmen Massey. All of the above guests work at the FYSA Office.

Additions to the agenda: Rhonda Link-Cummings added Travel for National Events under New Business. Tommy Thompson added Credit Card Processing for this weekend. Marino Torrens clarified that any discussions regarding new affiliations would take place during the Board of Director’s meeting to follow this one. John Stacey added additional information to his presentation.

**A. Approve Previous Minutes**

- a. May 12, 2013 EC meeting – Approved as presented.

Motion made by Becky McLaren to Adopt the Minutes as presented  
Second by Rhonda Link Cummings

**B. Correspondence – None**

**C. Executive Session – Taken for a period of roughly 10 minutes.**

**D. Unfinished Business - None**

**E. EC Member Reports**

**a. President: -**

- i. **National Championships** – The four teams at the USYS National Championships did not fare as well as in years past. During the event, Marino Torrens met with John Sutter, the USYS President, who specified that they had a year-long plan in place to fix some of the issues noted in their conversation. Jesse Harrell was elected as the Region III President, but it is unknown who will fill his previous role in Texas. Andy Boll will be in attendance at the FYSA AGM.

**b. Secretary – None**

**c. Treasurer –**

- i. **Proposed Budget 2013-2014 - Approval**

Diana Robertson briefly covered changes within the 2013-14 budget. The budget was created with the estimation of the same number of kids, an increase in the ODP budget and the implementation of the FYSA Bucks program. Also included is the usual increase for salary and facilities, resulting in a projected loss of \$1,200, which is considered even. Dale Burke brought up a deal recently signed between FYSA and Powerade, which will bring in roughly \$40,000. Diana Robertson also mentioned an increase in travel support for Presidents Cup and National Championships.

Motion made by Dave Ditillio to accept Proposed Budget as Amended  
Second by Alice Smith

**d. Vice President of Player/Coaching Development:**

- i. FYSA Bucks – John Stacey is working with Cody McGhee to create a store that would grant clubs up to 30% off the catalog price when using FYSA bucks. According to John, Cody has built the store, which looks great and has the listed price as well as the discounted price available through FYSA Bucks. The order would be placed and sent to the FYSA Office Staff, who will send the order on to Score. Score will directly ship the product to the clubs who placed the order. Shipping is paid for by the club, so the program will look to have clubs order once in late fall. Coaching courses offered at the State Level will also be offered through the store.
- ii. Coaching Committee – Mike Strickler has brought a group of respected coaches together to act as a functional group to offer advice from a coaching perspective. The ideal concept uses 10 committee members who represent each of Florida's four regions. The 10/26 Executive Committee meeting would be used to go over the exact dimensions of how the Coaching Committee would operate.

**e. Vice President of Administration and Communication:**

- i. Clarification on a Rule Change Proposal – Becky McLaren asked Mike Strickler about a proposed rule change in the water break policy. Mike said he never submitted a change in the policy. Becky asked Mike if he would like to withdraw the proposed rule change to which Mike replied that he never submitted a rule change in the first place. The rule change proposed was withdrawn.
- ii. Website – Becky McLaren said there has been an update to the Region Facebook pages which allows USYS generated content to be auto populated to the Region pages. In the case that Regions have content they would like to have posted in the FYSA Facebook page, the material should be sent to Cody with Becky copied on the email.

**f. Registrar:**

- i. Player Passes – Alice Smith stated that player passes now only print on one side, and the office staff members are distributing information on how to print those passes. She also thanked everyone for a good year.

**g. Vice President of Competition: - Updates later covered under the Office Report**

**h. Region Vice President Reports and Issues:**

- i. Region A – Tough year with losses of key members. Patty Wilson would like to look into creating scholarship programs in honor of those who helped build the game of soccer in South Florida. Patty also expressed concern over the reconstruction proposal as clubs in her area were not sold on the movement after an incident at the Region A AGM. Dave Ditillio also added his concern over the lack of support from his region. Tommy Thompson stated that in the Board of Directors meeting, a DC could make a motion to rescind that action and a 2/3 majority vote would be required to bring the reconstruction motion back to the floor.
- ii. Region B – The office is missing game reports from a tournament at Big Sun, which Erica Figueroa followed up on and forwarded up to John Stacey. After reviewing possible infractions, it was determined that Big Sun would be fined \$1,000 for a failure to maintain records.
- iii. Region C – None
- iv. Region D – Region D showed well at President’s Cup; The D3 DC position is open.

**F. State Office Report:**

- a. Office Update – Dale thanked everyone for their efforts at National President’s Cup and presented Marino Torrens with medals and a President’s Cup hat. FYSA is doing another Abby Wambach event this year. The Florida State Premier League saw over 140 applications with the final team count set at 96. August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> is the opening weekend for boys, and August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> is the opening weekend for girls.

**G. Director of Coaching Report**

- a. Calendar – Mike Strickler added the Polk County schedule to the FYSA calendar and highlighted the College Showcase Weekend set in early March.
- b. ODP Championships – 175 players named to the Region pool – represents 50% of the players selected.

**H. Committee Reports** – None

**I. New Business** –

- a. Travel for National Events – Rhonda Link-Cummings brought up that no Regional VPs were invited to attend Southern Regionals in 2013. Diana Robertson stated that VPs should be asked to go; Bill Mudrow suggested that VPs are elected to represent the teams and should have a larger role at Southern Regionals. Marino Torrens asked about how to make this work, as budgetary constraints only allowed for 5 FYSA representatives to be present at this event and FYSA does not need 10 people at Southern Regionals. Dale Burke mentioned that the number of teams justifies one more staff member to be present. Rhonda made a motion that RVPs should get first right of refusal, followed by the EC and then the Competition Committee. Marino said that the EC cannot tell Sandy Parker how to do her job, and mentioned that the two people present outside Marino, Dale and Sandy were going for their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> time. A second motion was put forward

to require the VP of Competition to inquire of the Regional VPs availability for the week of Southern Regionals. Motion passed, Dave Ditillio abstained.

- b. Sunrise U15B National Championships Incident – Bill Mudrow asked about an incident with Sunrise U15B at Southern Regionals, where a \$2,000 fine was reduced to \$1,000. Dale Burke described the incident in which parents referred to the Center Referee and AR2 as “two fucking females” and later approached the referees and called one a “fucking bitch.” Sunrise was fined \$250 by USYS and initially fined \$2,000 by FYSA before the reduction in the fine by Sandy Parker. After deliberation on the travel assistance given from FYSA to teams attending National Championships, Becky McLaren made a motion to amend the FYSA fine to \$4,000 to match the travel assistance allotted to the teams. All were in favor with the exception of John Stacey.

J. **For the Good of the Game:**

- a. Dale Burke mentioned that Dan Flynn is looking to put 4 National Team matches in Florida, with Boca Raton possibly being a location.
- b. Marino Torrens thanked each of the EC members for their hard work in the last season and is looking forward to working with them again this year.

K. **Next Executive Committee Meeting** – Saturday, October 26, 2013 at the FYSA Office

L. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.