The Florida Youth Soccer Association ("FYSA") Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

Roll was taken by Lois Epps, Secretary.

Guests in attendance were Ed Thiebe, Jennifer Slattery, Barb Newton, John Curtis, Mark Zimmerman, Mickey Everton, Brad Hadfield, RuthAnn Lamore, Kristina Calvin, John Weekley, Earl Parchment, Mark Chapman, John David McGee, Mary Jo Crews, Jozsef Michna and Mike Strickler.

The agenda was adopted as presented.

A. Approve Previous Minutes

The minutes of the January 27, 2008, Board of Directors meeting were approved as presented.

B. Correspondence – None.

C. Special Presentations

a. Polk County Sports Marketing/City of Auburndale regarding Lake Myrtle Complex: Mark Zimmerman and Mickey Everton made a presentation about the updates to the complex development. The official groundbreaking will be on Monday, August 11, 2008. A facility layout was distributed to the members. Mark presented background information on Polk County Tourism and Sports Marketing ("PCSM") and included the fact that the organization hosts over 200 events each year and brings $125 million dollars in economic impact into Polk County. PCSM is paying for the development of the Lake Myrtle complex; the City of Auburndale owns the land. Discussions are underway with Russ Matt Baseball, the Florida Sports Hall of Fame (agreement to be signed next week), USA Water Ski, USA Rugby and USA Judo about different aspects of the facility. PCSM and FYSA are working on developing an annual partnership to include a sponsorship back to FYSA. Event scheduling is also a topic that is currently under discussion. Mickey Everton explained the field maintenance program performed in conjunction with Polk County Corrections. The complex will include a collegiate baseball complex, the 11 soccer fields to include the 3,500 seat stadium, the FYSA headquarters, the PCSM headquarters, the youth baseball complex, a trail water sports, a hospital clinic and a rehabilitation high performance training center. There are 35 acres (with a 10-acre lake) that will be used for additional development of the facility to potentially include the YMCA. The fields will be terraced and drainage will be towards the wetlands. The bid process for the different phases of the project was discussed; as was the fact that Berkley Road will be expanded to a four-lane road to assist with traffic in the area. The timeline is to have the baseball fields built first and follow with the soccer fields open by June 2009. PCSM will be in their offices by December 2009 and FYSA will follow shortly thereafter.

b. Boar's Head: Brad Hadfield, RuthAnn Lamore and Kristina Calvin then presented information to the BOD members regarding the new FYSA partnership with Boar's Head. Mr. Hadfield presented a brief overview of Boar's Head, its distribution procedures and partnerships with national medical organizations (American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, etc.). He also discussed briefly the new "brown bag" campaign to inform families of the benefits to taking their own lunches to school and work with Boar's Head products. Ms. Lamore related to the group that Boar's Head would be supporting the state organization with pop-up tents and banners for state tournaments and at least one

banner for each of the local clubs. Discussion included outline of the involvement of the 45 Florida distributors and how they can work with individual affiliates to set up local and/or participate in local events. Boar's Head is also looking forward to developing customized commercial kinds of events at the local club level. Ms. Lamore also told the group how they have worked closely with Publix for 15 years and will be looking at ways to co-brand with Publix to reach parents with offers for not only Publix stores but also Boar's Head products to promote healthy eating.

c. Strategic Planning: John Curtis then made a presentation to the Board of Directors about the status report of the strategic planning program. He stated that a state-wide survey is underway via the FYSA website in both English and Spanish. The response rate has doubled since January 2008 for a total of 623 responses across the regions. A retreat potentially to take place sometime during the weekend of January 24-25, 2009 to begin to make decisions on the future direction of FYSA. The plan is to begin to create an ongoing, measurable development plan. Mr. Curtis told the group that there would be increased electronic communications from him between now and January 2009.

D. President's Report – Included in the book of reports.

E. Secretary's Report – Lois Epps explained the procedure and schedule regarding credentials pick-up for the members of the BOD, including the distribution of materials for the proxies that board members may be carrying.

F. Treasurer's Report – Scott Maxwell presented the 2008-2009 proposed budget which shows a bottom line increase of $300,000 over last year. An explanation was given for items listed in the regional accounts, ODP, registration, computer costs, State Cup, President's Cup, Kohl's American Cup and Sunshine State Games as they relate to revenue and expense. Budget reflects an increase in sponsorship dollars. It was also noted that certain corrections and changes need to be made to the software and State Cup portions of the budget. The regions were reminded that there is $10,000 per region in their budget for recreational program development which is to be used by August 31st of each year or that money reverts back to the general fund. This budget, with the required changes indicated at yesterday's EC meeting and today's BOD meeting, will be submitted to the General Session for approval at the AGM on Sunday.

G. Committee Reports

a. Vice President of Competition – Sandy Parker stated that the calendar for the 2008-2009 seasonal year was now complete and the 2009-2010 calendar is in the process of being finalized. She also reminded the group that State Cup Championships would be held this year in Region A and President's Cup would be hosted by Region B. Sandy stated that the USYS proposed rule for the U16 age group to be expanded to 22 players has NOT been approved as of this date; this means the maximum roster limit for this age group is 18 players. U17-U19 roster sizes are still up to 22 players. She also reminded everyone that National Championship rules still require the continuity of rosters between a league roster and National Championship roster of 9 players. Affiliates and coaches should check their rosters and roster moves constantly and not wait until 5:00 PM on the day of roster freeze to verify their rosters; that will be too late to make necessary changes to protect the teams.

b. Vice President of Player/Coaching Development – Jerry Matlak related requested that some of the Boar's Head funds be used to help offset some costs for deserving players who cannot afford the increase in ODP fees and the costs of participating long-term in the ODP process. This money equates to 7% of the cash portion of the Boar's Head sponsorship and 3.5% of the total sponsorship. Mr. Matlak told the board that Florida placed 92 players in the Region III pool, 43 of those players are going to national youth teams, and 5 of the Florida ODP teams have qualified for Region III Championships in January. In addition, Florida has three former male players on the US Olympic Team and one female on the US Women's Olympic Team. ***Motion by Jerry Matlak that $7,000 of the Boar's Head monies be set aside for ODP scholarships. Seconded by Lisa Fulmer. Motion passed with one dissenting vote.***

c. Vice President of Administration & Communication

i. Myrna Foster told the board members that the Review and Discipline charts are up to date along with the Tournament and Travel chart; charts are on the FYSA website

ii. New affiliation applications: The District Commissioner and Regional Vice President associated with each proposed affiliation to provide a recommendation prior to a vote by the BOD.

1. A2-WMS – West Miramar Select Futbol Club: ***Motion by Marino Torrens to approve the affiliation of West Miramar Select Futbol Club. Seconded by Scott Maxwell. Motion failed.***
2. A3-OKS – Okeechobee Club Soccer: ***Motion by Marino Torrens to approve the affiliation of Okeechobee Club Soccer. Seconded by Mac Shepard. Motion passed.***
3. A5-ESA – Elite Soccer Academy: ***Motion by Marino Torrens to approve the affiliation of Elite Soccer Academy. Seconded by Mac Shepard. Motion passed.***
4. A5-IFC – Inter Futbol Club: ***Motion by Marino Torres to approve the affiliation of Inter Futbol Club. Seconded by Nancy Rocabado. Motion passed.***
5. B1-EMP – Empire Soccer Academy: Eduardo Santos, President of Empire Soccer Academy, and Marlene Kirkland, a parent, made a presentation to the BOD regarding this proposed affiliation. ***Motion by Mac Shepard to approve the affiliation of Empire Soccer Academy. Seconded by Geri Kohler. Motion failed.***
6. C1-FHY – Fishhawk Youth Soccer Club: Romildo Sanches made a presentation to the board regarding this proposed affiliation. ***Motion by Mac Shepard to approve the affiliation of Fishhawk Youth Soccer Club. Seconded by Rhonda Link-Cummings. Motion passed.***
7. C4-GFA – Global Futbol Academy: ***Motion by Mac Shepard to approve the affiliation of Global Futbol Academy. Seconded by Ra Popham. Motion passed.***
8. C5-GCS – Gulf Coast Soccer Academy: ***Motion by Terri Towers to approve the affiliation of Gulf Coast Soccer Academy. Seconded by Rhonda Link-Cummings. Motion passed.***
9. C5-ISP – Immokalee Soccer Pit Youth Athletic Club: ***Motion by Mac Shepard to approve the affiliation of Immokalee Soccer Pit Youth Athletic Club. Seconded by Frank Villaizan. Motion passed.***
10. C5-LCY – Lee County Youth Soccer: ***Motion by Mac Shepard to approve the affiliation of Lee County Youth Soccer as an associate affiliate. Seconded by Rhonda Link-Cummings. Motion passed.***

iii. Ratification of affiliations approved by the EC: A5-BBK - Boynton Beach Knights and A5-PBG - Palm Beach Garden Youth Soccer Association were given provisional affiliation approval at prior EC meetings. ***Motion by Wayne Scott to affirm the actions of the EC in the approval of A5-BBK and A5-PBG. Seconded by Rhonda Link-Cummings. Motion passed.***

iv. Removal of Probationary Status: ***Motion by Marino Torrens to remove A2-HBS–City of Hallandale Beach from probationary status and afford the club full affiliate status. Seconded by Sandy Parker. Motion passed.***

v. FYSA Communications Plan: Jennifer Slattery, FYSA's Director of Communications, will be making a presentation during the workshops on Saturday regarding the FYSA communications plan. Jennifer stated that the redesign of the FYSA website is operational; users should see a much more user-friendly site. The newest edition of the Coaches' Handbook is available; affiliates can send order forms to the FYSA office for copies of the handbook. A new publisher produced the book this year; FYSA will see $1500 from advertising – a dramatic increase over the prior.

d. Registrar – Linda Lathrop stated that FYSA is testing having a flag in the registration database that would protect teams from over-rostering (the 19th and 22nd players); however, no team should take this as a guarantee of roster protection. Letters had been sent to all required affiliates in relation to compliance with Rule 102.8 (registering at least 50 players) and the 100% registration rules. USSF rules state that each affiliate must register 100% of its players with a USSF affiliated organization in order for FYSA to register those players. In addition, Tommy Thompson related to the group that in order for a league to be an FYSA sanctioned league, 100% of the teams participating in the league must be registered with FYSA. Linda then explained the change to the confirmation page on the registration system; the change has eliminated the need for the return card list that was previously posted on the FYSA web site. Altered birth certificates continues to be a problem; it is recommended that the affiliates make sure when they register players that they verify the player's birth date is correct even if the player has come from another club. In addition, registrars should list players with the name as it appears on the birth document and not use nick names.

e. Regional Reports

i. Players NIGS after 07/01/08 – Discussion An affiliate sent a request to the FYSA office to place players in "not in good standing" after the July 1st deadline; club was confused as to the cutoff date for the submission of that request. ***Motion by Marino Torrens to place five (5) players from CTC Bandits in "not in good standing" even though request was past deadline. Motion seconded by Joe Goldian. Motion failed.***

ii. All other regional reports are included in the book of reports.

f. State Office Report – Ed Thiebe stated that the office staff had done a good job preparing for AGM weekend. He requested that BOD volunteer time to assist during the weekend. In addition, Ed reported that staff have reviewed their performance plans and have re-calibrated their goals and objectives for the next six months. He also told the board that Jennifer Slattery has been working on the communications plan as a priority, and Barb Newton will be working on an event management procedures and protocol plan. Ed stated that Polk County Sports Marketing has agreed to a revenue sharing plan and potentially a sponsorship agreement.

g. Director of Coaching Report – Mike Strickler distributed his year-end report to the members of the board. Mike reviewed the status of the ODP program and the academy festival program including a definition of an academy. The hope is that the academy festival can be conducted in each region going forward. Mike then discussed the academy accreditation program and noted that the application for the

accreditation was in the report. He stated that a director of the academy programs must carry a national youth license (one will be held in Tampa in September). Mike then moved on to coaching education and told the group that the course system had to be revamped because US Soccer came down with a new curriculum. The new curriculum is now ready, and anyone who wants to set up a coaching course should contact Virgil Stringfield. Mike then discussed the ODP program highlights and reiterated that Dax McCarty, Jose Altidore and Nathan Sturges from Florida are currently members of the US Olympic team. As for TOPSoccer, Mike told the board members that he will be putting on a TOPS coaching course in Florida. In addition, Mike would like to add a TOPS festival to the academy festival. He also said that he and Virgil are working to development some parent education modules to work into the academy festival. Mike then asked the members to decide on sites for the ODP trial dates.

h. SRA/SYRA Report – Jozsef Michna reported that FSR has 5,572 referees registered for 2008. There are 600 referees registered for 2009. Mr. Michna also stated that Florida has referees participating at every level of soccer. He then told the group that USSF had requested that FSR host the MLS pro clinic which should involve about 250 referees. The Federation has imposed a new fee increase. The Law book will not be distributed until September. FSR is looking at developing on-line training. He stated that in 2009, all grade 7 referees will have to have a maintenance assessment; this is for U16's and up. Jozsef announced the Broward Community College has adopted the referee training program as one of their classes for credit; Jozsef is working with other institutions to try to get this program throughout the state. John David McGee then gave an update regarding the FSR academy; he will be making an in-depth presentation on the academy during a workshop session on Saturday.

i. Standing Committee Reports – None**.**

H. New Business

a. Scott Maxwell presented an expense report that was over 90 days old and needs Board approval to be paid. The request is for $141. ***Motion by Mac Shepard to approve the payment of the expense report. Seconded by Frank Villaizan. Motion passed.***

I. For the Good of the Game – None.

J. Next BOD Meeting – August 10, 2008 at the JW Marriott Grande Lakes, Orlando – 1:00 PM (following the AGM meeting).

K. Adjournment

a. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.