

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. Proxies from Terri Towers and Scott Hutchinson; all others present.

Guests in attendance: Jennifer Slattery, Barb Newton, Mike Strickler, Jozsef Michna, Becky McLaren, Michelle Butala, Sylvia Paulo, Jeff Goolsby, Ed Kennedy and Mary Jo Crews.

The agenda was adopted as presented.

A. Approve Previous Minutes – January 25, 2009 – Deferred to next meeting

B. Correspondence – None.

C. President’s Report

- a. Lake Myrtle Complex – Presented by Marc Zimmerman – Lights are going in, grass on fields, pavilions are up. We are slated to be in building on March 1, 2010. Bleachers for main field are already in. Photos are updated on website weekly. Potential sponsors through revenue sharing agreements were just approved and others are in process. On target to hold first event, Kohl’s Cup, on October 31, 2009. Ribbon cutting should take place same date.

D. Secretary’s Report – Credentials packages for AGM handed to BOD members; instructions given regarding proxies. Members reminded of times Credentials is open for affiliates and they were asked to remind affiliates of the deadline

E. Treasurer’s Report – 2009/2010 Budget Overview; overall budget is breakeven. Admin expense includes complex. AGM expenses to be closely monitored to reduce the loss. Budget is to be approved by membership at Sunday membership meeting.

Financial policies – Need to better track any travel on FYSA dime. Form will be on secure site; should be circulated for approval at least 4 wks in advance of travel. If prior approval not obtained then any expense already incurred is individual’s responsibility.

F. Committee Reports

- a. Vice President of Competition – Workshop on Saturday to reviews rules, procedures. Change last year was U16 may roster up to 22 players. U16 boys from MACO made finals at National Director’s Cup. U16 girls from Ponte Vedra made finals of National Championship and have been invited for National League participation.

Marino Torrens provided observations from Region III and Nationals.

- b. Vice President of Player/Coaching Development – ODP Format Change presentation will be presented at the meeting on Sunday but not until after the members vote on the fee increase. Trying to make the program self-supporting.
- c. Vice President of Administration & Communication
- i. New affiliation approvals (removed from probation in their 4th year):
1. Tropical Soccer: *Motion by Marino Torrens to approve affiliation. Seconded by Sandy Parker. Motion passed.*
 2. Tri County Soccer League: *Motion by Marino Torrens approve affiliation. Seconded by Dave Ditillio. Motion passed.*
 3. Greater Orlando Area B: *Motion by Rhonda Link-Cummings to approve the affiliation. Seconded by Jerry Matlak. Motion passed.*
 4. Island FC: *Motion by Rhonda Link-Cummings to deny removal from probation. Seconded by Bob Crews. Motion passed.* Affiliate will be notified they must complete affiliation by September 1st and they must pay the affiliation fee to continue for this year even if no players registered. Otherwise they will have to begin the affiliation process all over again.
- ii. Not In Good Standing (because of 104.2 – less than 50 players)
1. Elite Soccer: *Motion by Nancy Rocabado to give access to secure site so they can re-affiliate for 2009/2010 season; remain on probation for another year. Seconded by Marino Torrens. Motion Passed.*
 2. Club Athletico: *Motion by Nancy Rocabado to allow affiliation for 2009/2010 season and leave on probation. Second by Pilar Leon. Motion passed with one opposed.*
 3. Global Futbol: *Motion by Marc Zimmerman to allow affiliation for 2009/2010 season on probation. Second by Wayne Scott. Motion Passed.*
 4. Wave Futbol Club: There's not assignor here. Discussion took place that they can't get the assignor course; determined there has been misinformation handed out. RVP and DC to ensure all affiliates in area are aware of procedure. They will work to get assignor course in that area so several affiliates can take the course. *Motion by Earl Parchment to allow affiliation for 2009/2010 season on probation provided Wave meets the assignor requirement. Second by John Weekley. Motion Passed.*
 5. South Dade United, Miami Shores and South Broward: *Motion by Paul Piquet to approve these three affiliates provisionally until they are brought up at the September meeting after further information has been obtained. Second by Marino Torrens. Motions Passed.*
 6. Florida Premier: Letter received that they want to continue affiliation but no players registered for two years. *MOTION by Bob Crews to deny affiliation due to non-compliance with rules. Second by Rhonda Link-Cummings.* Upon further discussion it was determined they had less than 50 players for only one year. *Motion Rescinded.* They must register at least 50 players in 2009/2010 season or they will have to come back before the BOD.
 7. Discussion then took place stating that not all clubs listed above had met the referee course requirement. Reason given is that they were told could not schedule. Josef Michna stated that he does not tell them he will not do the course but why would they have the course in June and then have to pay to have it again in August. Letters will be sent to appropriate affiliates letting

them know they need the referee course; Josef Michna will receive copy. At this time it was verified that the affiliations just approved were not all in compliance with the referee course requirement; therefore they should not have been awarded affiliation. ***Motion by Marino Torrens to deny affiliation for the affiliates approved earlier if did not have a referee course in their first affiliation year since this would mean they were not in compliance. Second by Diana Robertson. Motion NOT passed.***

8. ***Motion made by Becky McLaren that the BOD suspend rule 102.4 for the referee course for the clubs that affiliated at the last AGM with the condition that these clubs contact FSR and schedule a referee course by August 30th; to be completed by September 30th. Said clubs are Okeechobee, A3; Elite Soccer, A5; Club Atletico, A5; Fishhawk, C1; Global, C4; Gulf Coast Soccer, C5; Immokalee, C5. Seconded by Sandy Parker. Motion passed with one opposed.***

iii. Affiliation Dissolution

1. Countryside Soccer: ***Motion by Myrna Foster to acknowledge that Countryside Soccer is no longer in existence. Second by Sandy Parker. Motion Passed.***

iv. New Affiliations

1. Empire: ***Motion by Rhonda Link-Cummings to deny affiliation due to noncompliance of rules. Second by Suzy Reno. Motion Passed.***
 2. Villages Soccer Club: ***Motion by Rhonda Link-Cummings to accept affiliation. Second by Marino Torrens. Motion Passed.***
 3. Florida Alliance Soccer League: Application for associate affiliation. Unidentified speaker on behalf of affiliation explained why they should be accepted. ***Motion by Dave Ditillio that the affiliation not be accepted. Second by Marino Torrens. Motion Passed with one opposed.***
 4. Tampa Bay Sports Club: Application for associate affiliation. ***Motion by Marino Torrens to deny affiliation. Second by Rhonda Link-Cummings. Motion Passed with one opposed.***
- v. Name Change: Ridge Soccer Association: Request name change to Lake Wales Soccer Club. No code change involved. ***Motion by Dave Ditillio to approve the name change. Second by Marc Zimmerman. Motion Passed.***

d. Registrar

- i. Linda Lathrop asked RVPs and DCs to encourage their affiliates to get all adults involved with organization to complete the risk management form so background checks can be completed. All were reminded that this process must be completed each year for every coach and adult volunteer. Additionally, Linda said that only name, birth date and correct address were only pieces of information required to run a background check. Affiliates are supposed to register the coaches/volunteers on July 15th of each year. The players are registered after the coaches are assigned to a team.
- ii. Recreation Players – DCs should be verifying that their affiliates are in compliance by having 100% of their players registered.
- iii. Playing Up – Cannot place anything on system because of the different ‘playing up’ provisions for the different sectors of play.
- iv. Overage Players – This has not been as big a problem this year, partly because of the action taken. Three coaches and one player suspended until 2063. Also, the federation has been asked to have

other entities uphold this suspension. Have not heard back yet. US Club seems to be letting them participate; they've been seen on fields and at a Disney tournament. Have to wait to hear from the federation.

e. Regional Reports

- i. Region A – Welcome and introduction of Region A's new DCs.
- ii. Region B – No new DCs. Two years ago Big Sun has treasurer embezzling funds; Big Sun is finally recovering; former treasurer to be sentenced next week.
- iii. Region C – Wayne Scott retiring. Pam Garrett will be new DC.
- iv. Region D – No issues. Gave appreciation for clarification of ref and assignor course information.

f. State Office Report

- i. Barb Newton stated that Xiomy Gonzalez had returned from Pennsylvania and would be working at least temporarily, including this weekend; this helps offset Glorivee Valentin leaving three weeks prior.
- ii. Tommy Thompson stated that we are working very closely with Polk County through Marc Zimmerman and Mark Jackson on developing sponsors for the complex. We have a very good relationship with both Polk County and the City of Auburndale and that is working well. A proposal has been submitted to Wise Foods; no response yet. Agreements executed this morning on Best Western and the Holiday Inn in Lakeland. Publix agreement received; going back to them with some language issues but it should be resolved before the end of the month. Score; the two-year option is up for renewal. Boar's Head has two more years; no apparent issues. It was suggested we approach cell phone companies for sponsorship, or at least cell phones. Barb Newton will pursue.

- g. Referee Liaison Report – Mario Martinez said they had some issues with referee assignment to work out. They are preparing more communication materials. Also Congratulations to FSR; they had 4 referees in the National finals. This shows the referee academy is working. He stated Treasurer informed him \$10,000 was available for referees and ref assignors. Will be using it for the referee academy. Also, synopsis of academy in Deland will be posted on FYSA website.

h. SRA/SYRA Report

- i. Jozsef Michna explained what the FSR Referee Academy is. It identifies young referees at the local level; then moves them into the regional area. Once they are 17 they can upgrade to Grade 7 and then come into the state academy.
- ii. Mike Strickler reported that registrations are up even though fees have increased. B1, B2, B3 and B4 were only areas that had decrease. It was noted that two referees also went to USASA Nationals. Two AR's are now from Florida and two national referees (one working for women's professional league).
- iii. Assignors recertification is available online as two hour course; three hours if taken in classroom. Referee course will soon be available online; although, part of it will still require classroom time.

iv. It was mentioned that the certified ref assignor list is not available and is needed. Issue was stated as multiple servers being in use but not all communicating as the new site is implemented. Until resolved Josef will send list to Mike Strickler and he will post on FYSA site.

i. Director of Coaching – Two sessions at AGM. Had two festivals – Plantation and Oveido; potentially a third in Region C will be held. National Youth License will be held in Wellington. For ODP, 170 players identified through regional pools. Fifty-three players on national teams or in national team pools.

G. New Business – Empire Soccer requested time to speak regarding the decision to deny their affiliation. Speaking was Eddie Santos; also in attendance were Jolie Santos, Marlene Curtland and Ben Everidge. The request was to revoke the 15 mile rule and reconsider their affiliation. Marlene Curtland also spoke regarding the 15 mile rule. Ben Everidge spoke requesting repeal of the 15 mile rule and reconsideration of their affiliation. Mr. Everidge stated several letters had been sent and phone calls made in an effort to get the 15 mile rule repealed. He suggested we review the tax laws. Tommy Thompson advised the letters and communications would be forwarded to counsel for review of the appropriate laws. If we are advised we are not in compliance we will correct the rule; otherwise the rule will have to stand unless the membership changes it.

H. For the Good of the Game – None.

I. Next BOD Meeting – August 9, 2009 at the JW Marriott Grande Lakes, Orlando (Time TBD -- following the Annual General Meeting).

J. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.