

**FLORIDA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 30<sup>th</sup> ,2020**  
**9:00 AM Eastern Time**

- The special meeting of the Florida Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by John Stacey.
  
- Roll Call

Present: John Stacey, Chris Ellison, Eric Heidel, Daragh Cullen, Greg Zak, Mike Flood, Alice Smith, Justin Goldman, Stephen Huff, Mike Connell, Sandy Lehtio, Russell Walker, Carlton Talbot, Terri Towers, Eddie Merlet, John Withkowski, Kai Velmer, Dawn Hart, Terry Straub

Guests Present: Joel Dragan, Jill Hartley, Mike Strickler, Marino Torrens

Absent:

- Adopt the agenda.

**Motion to adopt the agenda.**

**Terri/Stephen**

***Motion passes***

**Voice Vote**

**Motion to approve previous minutes**

**Sandy/Stephen**

***Motion passes***

**Voice Vote**

Business

- Presidents Report
  - Conversations with U.S Club regarding background checks and return to play guidelines
  - Lots of conversations happening with our Insurance Group trying aggressively to get this resolved for piece of mind moving forward
  - Eric working on Budget to be reviewed here on call
  
- Secretary Report
  
- Treasurers Report

--Financial Policy Update. Updated travel and expense policy for car mileage usage and rental car usage. Updated

**Motion to approve updated Travel and Expense Policy sections submitted.**

**Eric/Daragh**

***Motion Passes***

**Voice Vote**

--Proposed Budget for 2020/2021

Items addressed. insurance premiums concerns and player registration count.

Tightening the belt on expenses.

Budgeting a deficit based on only passing on one of the insurance premium increases from last 2 years to the membership.

Motion to approve the submitted Budget

Eric/Mike F.

Motion Passes

Unanimous Consent

Additional Reports

- VP Coach and Player Development-- Daragh Cullen  
Some updates coming to Recreational Program.  
Continuing to work with TOPS
- VP Administration and Rules-- Mike Flood  
--Bylaws Committee has been formed and beginning work on Bylaw update  
--Worked with Joel and Jill to form some rule changes that have been submitted  
--AGM Committee formed.  
Going to have to be in person meeting. Sunday only for voting.  
Free parking at venue.  
Everything on Saturday will be virtual.  
Credentials Committee will get together with Mike to work out details  
Send in Interactive or Virtual topics that we will host on Saturday ASAP. Deadline June 4<sup>th</sup> for ideas to begin organizing and setting up.  
Each club will be allowed 2 members at the meeting.  
Reviewing options for the venue/social distancing/voting options etc..  
Start time anticipated at 11am.

Regional AGMS will all be set up as Virtual Meetings. RVP need to get together and decide how to host and set dates.

- VP Competition--Greg Zak  
--Will be proposing some new Regional League Structure once can gain consensus between affiliates and Competition Committee  
--Sunshine Conference DA Question. Play for US Club. Don't need to play in a local FYSA league to enter State Cup

- Registrar Report—Alice Smith
  - Registration Report submitted to BOD via email.
    - 94,948 current total registrations for 2019/2020
    - June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for registrations for AGM vote count per club
    - Not in good standing down compared to previous years
    - Monday re-affiliation going out to membership
    - Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>..Background checks can begin. Effective for next seasonal year
    - Background check billing will be billed immediately not waiting until August. Cant float the money this year.
    - Still planning on having typical AGM meetings for registrars but will be virtual.
- Region A VP Report—Justin Goldman
  - All Region A finally open but may have individual club field space concerns depending on local govt. direction.
  - Fielding lots of calls and questions regarding US Club tryouts already going forward

#### Region B VP—Stephen Huff

- Lots of individual club tryout questions. Trying to get back on field. Mixed bag from clubs/directors/parents/field and local govt direction
- July 11<sup>th</sup> ,10am Region B AGM

#### Region C VP

- Rowdies July 25<sup>th</sup> on for Regional AGM
- Wild west out there in Region C right now. Some open some not. Some aggressively going after tryouts. Some still can't do anything based on local govt.
- Several poaching and field challenge issues going on in Region C right now.

#### Region D VP

- Most clubs ramping up for practices and back on field activities starting next week.
- Still deciding on AGM. Most likely in July. Deciding on virtual or in person, weekend or weeknight.

- Executive Director Reports—Joel Dragan
  - Risk Management policy proposal. Worked with Jen Murphy to put on paper what we are required to do vs. what else we want to do to help improve our status with insurance companies. 14 pages long. New criteria from Safesport included along with many other mandated actions from governing bodies.

### **Motion to adopt the new Risk Management Policy Sandy/Mike**

Amendment statement/section. Individual training sessions must be observable and interruptible. It is the responsibility of the adult members to obtain the written permission of the youth participants legal guardian in advance of the individual training session if the individual training session is not observable and interruptible by another adult.

Eric/Terri T.

*Motion Passes*

Voice Vote

Amendment: It is recommended required that the last adult in addition to the adult member wait at the site until the youth participant is picked up.

Eric/Stephen

*Motion Passes*

Voice Vote

Amendment: Any Non-Affiliated adults involved in FYSA sanctioned programs/events are prohibited from interacting one-on-one with unrelated youth participants in settings outside of the program (including, but not limited to, one's home, restaurants, and individual transportation.)

Eric/Justin

*Motion Passes*

Voice Vote

Amendment: Adult members who are not also acting as a parent and/or legal guardian, shall not ride in a vehicle alone with an unrelated youth participant, absent emergency circumstances, and must have at least two youth participants or another adult at all times, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the youth participants parent/legal guardian in advance of each local travel.

Eric/Stephen

*Motion Passes*

Voice Vote

Discussion on Section regarding driving and things you need to have or do. Must have some level of insurance liability? Must be 21 to drive other children-- Only when talking about adult members. No motions at this time.

Amendment to change the age from 21 to 18 allowing Adult Members to transport players for team travel.

Mike W/Russel W.

*Motion Fails*

Roll Call Vote

Motion to Table the RM Policy vote until end of meeting.

Sandy/Terri

*Motion Passes*

Voice Vote

10 Min Bio Break. 11:05. Reconvene at 11:15.

- New Affiliations/Name Changes
  - 2 Name Change Packets submitted.
  - Name Change from Wesley Chapel to Sporting Tampa FC

**Motion to accept the name change**

**Mike C./Daragh**

***Motion Passes***

**Voice Vote**

-- Name change from Miami Club Champions League to Club Champions League Florida

**Motion to accept the name change**

**Justin/Carlton**

***Motion Passes***

**Voice Vote**

--Joel to please follow up with affiliation package for this organization to present to BOD to verify scope of operation for this league to present at next meeting.

- Director of Coaching Report—Mike Strickler
  - Email submitted.
    - July 30th coach's courses can resume. (tentative and changes to courses still pending)
    - ODP no regional camp this summer. Creating list of Florida player ratings sent to the region
- Standing committee reports
  - Rules Committee
    - Received rule changes. Working on reviewing and also working with multiple parties to combine multiple submissions that were similar.
    - Want to run a rules forum Virtual Session at upcoming AGM
  - Nominations Committee
    - Nominations for upcoming positions is open.
    - Nominations link/submissions are on the AGM page.
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
  - Background Check US Soccer Issue/Discussion (Eric H.)

**Motion Effective immediately, as a result of US Club Soccer's failure to conduct or mandate background checks in compliance with the laws of the State of Florida, no pass from any organization for a coach, team manager, or any other adult who is**

required to be screened in accordance with Florida Statute 943.0438 and is not so screened annually with non-disqualifying results returned shall be valid for participation in any FYSA sanctioned activity, including, without limitation, unrestricted tournaments

Eric/Terry S

*Motion Passes*

Voice Vote

--FSPL Policy Governance Amendment (Justin G.)

Motion to adopt the rule changes as submitted in writing.

Justin/John

Amendment to the motion

102.1--The Florida State Premier League Commissioner will be appointed by the FSPL Oversight Committee VP of Competition and will serve as the primary contact for the FSPL. The day to day operation of the league will be under the responsibility of the FSPL Commissioner. The FSPL Commissioner will directly report to the FSPL Oversight Committee Commission. In the event of a tie in votes, the VP of competition would cast the deciding vote.

John/Rusell

*Amendment Fails*

Voice Vote

John W. Calls the question

*Motion Fails*

Roll Call Vote

Amendment to 102.1 – The Florida State Premier League Commissioner will be appointed by the FSPL Oversight Committee VP of Competition and will serve as the primary contact for the FSPL. The day to day operation of the league will be under the responsibility of the ~~FSPL Commissioner~~ the director of competitive services. The FSPL Commissioner will directly report to the FSPL Oversight Committee Commission

John/Terri

*Motion Passes*

Voice Vote

Amendment to 103.1 – The Florida State Premier League Oversight Committee will be comprised of the FYSA VP of Competition, FYSA VP of Player and Coaching Development, FYSA Executive ~~Director and FYSA Director of Coaching~~. The Oversight Committee will be responsible for the selection and evaluation of the Florida State Premier League Commission members.

Chris/Russell

*Motion Passes*

Voice Vote

**Call the question by John.**

***Question Passes***

**Voice Vote**

**Motion to adopt the rule changes as amended.**

***Motion Passes***

**Voice Vote**

- **Motion to un-table the Risk Management discussion and approve the policy as amended.**

**Sandy/Daragh**

***Motion Passes***

**Voice vote**

- Good of the Game
  - John plans to run for re-election to office of President of FYSA
  - Stephen not going to run for re-election in Region B.
  - Joel commends the BOD for steps taken on our Risk Management policy
  - Joel commends the BOD for the live stream event for transparency to our membership.
  - Justin commends everyone for how we have handled the covid-19 challenge and how we have stepped up the communication.

Entered Executive Session at 1:13PM

Exited Executive Session at 2:20 PM

Next Meeting: Full Meeting Saturday August 8th

June 16<sup>th</sup> Conference Call 7:30 PM EST

July 21<sup>st</sup> Conference Call

Meeting adjourned at 2:21pm.

