

Florida Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 08/05/22

Meeting – In person in Orlando

Roll-Call:

X		Kai Velmer - President	X		Dave DiTillio – RVP-C	A		Renee Pippy - RCDW
X		Daragh Cullen – VP Player & Co Coach Development	A		Guillaume Joyeux – RVP-D			
X		Becky McLaren - Secretary	X		Russell Walker - RCAN			
X		Justin Goldman - Treasurer	X		Lance Lass - RCAS			
P		Mike Flood – VP Admin & Comm.	X		Mike Sroka - RCBN			
X		Olaf Henke – VP Competition	X		Moncef Hadiji -RCBS			
X		Alice Smith - Registrar	X		John Withkowski - RCCN			
X		Carlton Talbot – RVP-A	X		Ed Kinsey - RCCS			
P		Mike Goodman – RVP- B	A		Terry Straub - RCDE			

X = in attendance, A = Absence, P = Proxy
C = Called in for an in-person meeting, * = left meeting early

- **Guests:** Joel Dragan, Executive Director, Tom Tianch, Marino Torrens – Past President, Barb Newton – HOF, Dennis, Mike Strickler – DOC
- **Ad Hoc:**
- **Proxy:** Mike Flood to Daragh Cullen, Mike Goodman to Mike Sroka
- **Minutes taken by:** *Becky McLaren*
- **Do we have Quorum:** Yes
- **Action Items are in red and should be reviewed at the end of the meeting**
- Motions and resulting votes are ***bolded italics and underlined.***

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Kai 10:02am

Roll Call: Roll was taken by Becky McLaren

Adoption of Agenda: ***It was moved to approve the agenda of the meeting as presented.***

Daragh – Moved
John W– seconded
Motion carries

Approval of Minutes – ***It was moved to approve the minutes of the July 2022 call/meeting as amended.***

Daragh– moved
John W– seconded
Motion Carries

Correspondence – None

President’s Report – Thanked everyone for being here. Work we do is for the good of the game and for the kids and to make the best decisions that we can. Spoke about how there is politics in both USSF and USYS. Spoke about how he understands why FYSA brought in an outside company. Looks at frustration of affiliates with landscape of the competitive market – there is too much money involved. Interesting to see behind the scenes and how things operate. I didn’t get into this to be in soccer politics – I got involved to try and make a difference. Giving kids and players a voice that don’t have a voice – like TOPS Soccer. Let’s put our money in grassroots education and get new kids into the game. Grow the game that is our job.

Secretary's Report -

Treasurer's Report – Proposed Budget for the 2022/2023 season – will be presented tomorrow. We did go over budget in 2021/2022 – market down, and also some unexpected expenses. We do feel that the new budget is attainable, and will be checked monthly – and thanked both Joel and Michelle

Additional Reports:

VP Player/jCoach Development – submitted in book of reports – will defer to Mike Stricker for coaching update

VP Competition – Completed cup competitions, defer to Joel for Nationals. Our cup competitions – give a shot out to Cristina and the other staff. Lots of good feedback from teams. Finalize FSPL, Sunshine Conference, Fall State Cup going out for U18/U19 we are adding the U17 in the fall as well. Struggling with registrations – market it better. Marketing needs to go all the way down to parents and kids.

Registrar – Registration committee has put together a manual for registrar's. It is fluid manual and will be making updates all the time. Make sure that all of your club reach out to Jacqui – she is membership services. Reaffiliation – ask that we vote on that on September call to give a better account of numbers.

RVP – A – Communication – make sure they are engaged with information that is sent to them. Commissioner's Cup – going to try and have an in person event this year. Believes we can do a lot to turn things around. We have a great staff at our state events and help us with the engagement process.

RVP – B – Agrees that Jacqui is a great asset to the organization. – what happens when our membership does not have the kids best interest – what do we do. What about fun somewhere along the way the fun has been lost.

RVP – C – Communication – and worry about your own region – build within your region first. Start it within your region. Start the region hall townhall meetings again. Start with the foundation. We had a good year and a building year. If you have a problem in my region come to me – I talk to my clubs because that is what they want.

RVP – D – No report

Executive Director/Staff Report: Thanks to all the Board members for your trust and support this year. Need to do what works best for your region. Great to see all of us in person! Great to see the Board want to focus on the what we want as our mission. Nationals – looks like they may be back next year at Disney – we had people out there setting up tearing down – as host state we have a lot of responsibilities. Going to work with USYS on what we get out of it. – Lots of thanks from the other states. Please make sure you thank Sarah if you have not already. Jacqui great addition and has hit the ground running. Financial side – loss is mostly based on the loss in our investments. Proud of the financial position we are in and what is projected we have gotten leaner. Big credit to Michelle for her assist with budget and finance. Big credit to Mike and the coaching department – they are balancing expenses and income very well. Look at schedule and go to workshops tomorrow.

Director of Coaching Report: ODP trials are posted. We have 7 – D licenses set up and 5 – C licenses.

R&D Committee – Her report is in the book and her committee members were responsive.

New Business

Fee Increase \$.50 increase to both types of player fees for 2023/2024. Wants this half of this fee increase to sustain the program and grow the program. The other half of the fee would be for grassroots coaching education. Marino suggested that we look at raising only the competitive side and raise \$1.00 or give something in advance.

For The Good of the Game

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 4:00pm

John W – moves

Daragh – seconds

Motion Carries