

Florida Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 10/28/23

Meeting – FYSA Office

Roll-Call:

X		Kai Velmer - President	X		Dave DiTillio – RVP-C			VACANT - RCDW
X		Daragh Cullen – VP Player & Co Coach Development	X		Louis Richard – RVP-D			
X		Becky McLaren - Secretary	X		Russell Walker - RCAN			
X		Justin Goldman - Treasurer	X		Lance Lass - RCAS			
A		Mike Hyatt – VP Admin & Comm.	X		Hugo Arce - RCBN			
X*		Olaf Henke – VP Competition	X		Moncef Hadiji -RCBS			
X		Alice Smith - Registrar	X		John Withkowski - RCCN			
X		Marino Torrens – RVP-A	X		Ed Kinsey - RCCS			
X*		Cris Whittaker – RVP- B	A		Terry Straub - RCDE			

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

- **Guests:** Joel Dragan, Executive Director, Mike Strickler – DOC
- **Ad Hoc:**
- **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 9:05am

Roll Call: Roll was taken by Becky McLaren

Adopt Agenda:

It was moved to adopt the agenda as presented

Marino – moved
Cris – seconded
Motion Carries

Recognize Guests – none other than noted.

Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023 meeting..

Marino– moved
Daragh – seconded
Motion Carries

Correspondence – None

VP Competition: Highlighted items on his written report.

Registrar: Registration list is in dropbox. Please RVP’s go to those clubs in your region as the number is low as to this time last year.

Regional VP Reports:

Region A: Sent dates yesterday so that he can open registration – same fields as last year if we need more fields he will put out to see who can host. Trying to centralized locations. Tom Tianch – is the new appointed regional commissioner South.

Region B: Dates set and application will be open next week

Region C: Application is open and 22 teams are already registration. Regional budget –

Region D: Has filled all vacant committee positions. Tallahassee is going to host. Registration is live.

Director of Coaching Report: Report Submitted. Highlighted areas of his report. ODP – only girls side is not going to regional camps. Next weekend 08/09 coming to event here with college coaches and National staff coming in as well.

Executive Director/Staff Report: Important dates at bottom of his report. Highlighted some other details of his report.

Unfinished Business:

It has been moved to ratify the following committees: Protest and Appeals, Tournament and Travel, 50th Anniversary.

Marino - Moved
Daragh - Seconded
Motion Carries

New Business:

New Member Affiliate Applications

Region A

It was moved to waive the 60 day notice for the FC Boca Predators.

Marino – moved
Becky – Seconded
Motion Carries

FC Boca Predators

It was moved to approve FC Boca Predators affiliation.

Marino – moved
Daragh – seconded
Motion Carries

Region B

Peak Football Academy

It was moved to approve Peak Football Academy

John W – moved
Daragh – seconded
Motion Carries

Soccer Performance Science Institute

It was moved to approve Soccer Performance Science Institute.

Cris – moved
Marino – seconded
Motion Carries

Region C

North Manatee Soccer Club

It was moved to approve North Manatee Soccer Club.

Marino – moved
Daragh – seconded
Motion Carries

It was moved to waive the 60 day notice for Tampa Bay Rowdies.

John W – moved
Marino – seconded

Motion Carries

Tampa Bay Rowdies

It was moved to approve Tampa Bay Rowdies

Dave – moved
Marino – seconded
Motion Carries

Region D

Florida Roots Youth Soccer

I move to approve Florida Roots Youth Soccer.

John W – moved
Cris – seconded
Motion Carries

Bylaw Revision – Board Size

4 meetings have been held – 2 hours are slated and they have worked an hour and half each time.

There will be a grid to show where things have been moved.

Discussion will be moved to Executive Session.

US Soccer Ball Size Recommendation (U13) – Until US Soccer mandates it we really can't do anything with it as it is only a recommendation. We can only recommend it.

2023-2024 Grant Program

It has been moved to accept the changes to the Grant Form.

Marino – moved

Daragh – seconded

Motion Carries

FYSA Position on Grassroot Symposium

USYS Revised Strategic Plan

US Soccer Community Letter

Nothing youth related was in letter. We should call them out and ask them why things are not mandated only being recommended. We need to ask them and confront them.

Kai advised that he spoke with them and he let them know how we feel. He said they do not want to touch them. They are more interested in how much money they can make from this World Cup. They are not going to shift their focus from money to fixing issues.

All of their decisions are being made based on mitigating risk.

Referee Issues

Brought up referee issues - stating that this is the worst he has seen. There have been games that have had to be cancelled due to lack of referees. Also, some games have had to use club linesmen.

Dave asked what is FSR doing? Olaf said he does not know what they are doing but knows they are offering to pay for first time referees registration and referee kit.

Marino advised that FSR is putting those on field training sessions on Saturday's during prime time of when league games are.

Louis advised they have worked with clubs to recruit 2 to 3 or more new referees per year. Clubs are going to have to recruit.

Executive Session

Meeting was moved to Executive Session

For The Good of the Game

Hugo – success going to the colleges and recruiting referees. Flagler college sends 4 to 5 players to assist with coaching the younger children as well as help with afterschool program.

Louis – watch from the balcony for a few minutes and look at the reason we are here and why we spending time in these meetings.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 2:08pm

Marino – moved

Daragh - seconded

Motion Carries