

Florida Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 1/27/24

Meeting – VIA Zoom

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		
A	Justin Goldman - Treasurer	A	Lance Lass - RCAS		
X	Mike Hyatt – VP Admin & Comm.	A	Hugo Arce - RCBN		
X	Olaf Henke – VP Competition	X	Moncef Hadiji -RCBS		
X	Alice Smith - Registrar	A	John Withkowski - RCCN		
X	Marino Torrens – RVP-A	X	Ed Kinsey - RCCS		
A	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, Tom Tianach, RCAS, Christina Unkel - FSR
- **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 9:06am

Roll Call: Roll was taken by Becky McLaren

Adopt Agenda:

It was moved to adopt the agenda as presented

Marino – moved

Mike – seconded

Motion Carries

Recognize Guests – none other than noted.

Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was moved to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2023 meeting..

Mike – moved

Moncef – seconded

Motion Carries

Correspondence – None

President's Report:

Secretary's Report: In dropbox

Treasurer's Report: Financial statement in dropbox

Additional Reports:

VP Player/Coach Development: No report

VP Admin & Comm: In dropbox

VP Competition: Will send updates out to all

Registrar: Registration report in the dropbox -

Regional VP Reports:

Region A: Ready to go next weekend, Tom is helping host 158 teams total Weak on the girls side

Region B:

Region C: Ready to go next weekend for Commissioner's Cup we have 164 teams.

Region D: Moving forward with Commissioner's Cup in February in Tallahassee increased numbers to 27 teams

Director of Coaching Report: In dropbox

Executive Director/Staff Report: In dropbox – Thank to those that attended convention in Anaheim – brought a lot back did a lot on risk management side, got some good meeting with US Soccer – youth landscape on their radar, Office – Chris has hit ground running and we are head of schedule with AGM, Spring Intern – Becky Wilkins – she will be primarily for events – 10 to 20 hours a week until graduation, Marketing Content/Communications role – we have extended an offer to someone – has accepted but we will not be releasing name yet as they will not start till end of February. Grant requests – we have tweaked what we need as lunch letter – we would like to extend until end of February. Remind affiliates to use their FYSA Bucks – in your communications to your clubs. AGM – planning. Thank you to the revisions committee. Financial statement – in dropbox please take a look at it.

It has been moved and seconded to extend the deadline of the grant applications.

Mike – moved

Marino – seconded

Motion Carries

Standing Committees Report:

FSR: Referees 4,448 in 2023. Currently 3,952 certified does not include future referees on track to exceed our number in 2024 from 2023. Highest recertification numbers since 2017. Numbers will be growing and will also be a quality thing. Ensure that the next SRA keeps this path. April 30th is the last date for courses in all regions. Referee courses will start in mid July and go to April 30. Thank you for all you do.

TOPSoccer: TOPS event with Rowdies – this is the third event. Be looking for some different things in our auction this year. We are trying to grow the program – we are going to set up regional trainings. Did some traveling for USYS in SC and taught a coaching a course. Thank you for all the support.

Unfinished Business:

Women in Soccer Committee:

It has been moved and seconded to ratify the Women in Soccer committee with chair and Region A representative and they will bring back representatives from Region B, C and D to the Board for approval.

Becky – moved

Marino – seconded

Motion Carries

New Business:

New Member Affiliate Applications

Region A

Miami Elite Soccer Academy

It has been moved to approve Miami Elite Soccer Academy.

Marino – moved

Moncef – seconded

Motion Carries

New Associate Affiliates:

Region A:

fFF Academy Inc. DBA Enigma Cup

It has been moved and seconded to approve fFF Academy Inc., DBA Enigma Cup

Mike – moved

Olaf - seconded

Motion Carries

Russell and Marino abstain

Region B

Titanium Endeavors LLC

It was moved and seconded to approve Titanium Endeavors LLC

Monef - moved

Marino – seconded

Motion Carries

Region C

Tournament Guru LLC (note on application will only host tournaments with IMG and will be partner with them)

It has been moved and seconded to approve Tournament Guru LLC with the restriction that they only host tournaments at the IMG academy if they wish to change that they must come back to FYSA Board.

Marino – moved

Dave – seconded

Motion Carries

Region D

Floirda Roots Youth Soccer Inc (league)

It has been moved and seconded to approve Florida Roots Youth Soccer Inc.

Louis – moved

Marino – seconded

Motion Carries

Soccer Management Company

It has been moved and seconded to approve Soccer Management Company pending specifying a local address for a specific region.

Marino- moved

Dave – seconded

Motion failed

Name Changes:

Region B

it has been moved and seconded to approve the name change from The Villiages Soccer Club to Brave Sporting Club.

Moncef – moved

Mike - seconded

Motion Carries

Hearing Procedures – Mike Hyatt

Mike expressed what he would like to do. Many members of the BOD stated that they feel he needs to write a procedure. Dave suggested that he write and send to the rules committee for them to make sure that they are in compliance with all rules set forth by US Soccer.

Mike will get with Marino and get something together.

2024/2025 Tryout Date

It has been moved and seconded to set the 2024/2025 tryout date May 6, 2024

Becky – moved

Mike – seconded

Motion Carries

2024 Southern Regionals

We need a commitment of who will be at Southern Regionals. We need volunteers to help with check in on June 20th through finals on June 27.

Please let Joel and myself know your availability. RVP's please ask your appointed commissioners as well.

Executive Session

It has been moved and seconded to approve the actions of the Board of Directors from Executive Session

Becky – moved

Marino – seconded

Motion Carries

After exiting from Executive Session, FYSA President Kai Velmer announced that he would be resigning as FYSA President effective February 24, 2024.

For The Good of the Game

Commissioner's Cup is starting next weekend.

Adjourn: *Motion to adjourn at 1:11pm*

Becky – moved

Marino - seconded

Motion Carries