

# Florida Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 10/26/24

## Meeting – In Person in Auburndale

**Roll-Call:**

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

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

- **Guests:** Joel Dragan, Executive Director, Becky Messina, FYSA Staff, Tom Tianich, RCAAS, Stephen Huff, RCABS, Stanley Smith, Florida Elite, Corina Ramirez, Women in Soccer Chair, Mike Sroka, RCABN,
- **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 9:02am

**Roll Call:** Roll was taken by Becky McLaren

**Adopt Agenda:**

**It was moved to adopt the agenda as presented.**

Mike H – moved  
Marino– seconded  
Motion Carries

**It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.**

Marino- moved  
Mike H - seconded  
Motion Carries

**Recognize Guests** – none other than noted.

**Correspondence:** None

**Reports:**

**President’s Report:** Last few months have been challenging. Mental Health has been a priority and the webinars have been very successful. College Coaches we are working diligently to increase attendance. Women’s incitive is huge and we will hear about the success event that occurred in Region D. Risk Management has become huge with the Level 2. We are going to whatever we can to get these kids back on the field.

**Secretary’s Report:** Report in dropbox

**Treasurer's Report:** Financial report in dropbox

**Vice President Player and Coach – No Report Submitted**

**Vice President Admin & Comm:** working on the rules with committee. Level 2 is making us do things in a different manner – it is good. Go in and check it out.

**Vice President Competitions:** We are in the midst of competitions. Set up is great and looks professional – it takes a lot of manpower and keeps our competition staff very busy. We have calls weekly – main task we are looking at is looking at league structure in Florida. We started the conversation in Orlando at the AGM – and we are continuing them and are working to create that pathway. USYS – E64 and E64R – sometimes there is some disconnect between us and them – and we are trying to work on that.

**Registrar:** Report is in the dropbox – shows we are down 4600 players from this time last year – please contact your clubs to see where their numbers are. We know that all recreational programs are not in. Check and see which clubs are down and try and have a one on one conversations with them to see why.

**Region A RVP -** Start sending out information for Commissioner's Cup – Region A – has 11 out of 12 teams here this weekend.

**Region B RVP –** report in dropbox

**Region C RVP –** Everything going well. Have already selected gifts for players and coaches – player gifts will be the same for all three competitions. Numbers down due to storms.

**Region D RVP –** Have asked people about West Commissioner – but have not found right person yet. FSPL and EDP going well – playing. Had first meeting with Melissa. Melissa – had Girls in Soccer program. ASG will be hosting Commissioners Cup in Region D and Melissa will once again spearhead this event.

**Execute Director/Staff Report:** Report in Dropbox

**Director of Coaching Report:** Report in Dropbox

**Standing Committees:**

**TOPS:** Report in dropbox

**Unfinished Business:**

**Recognition Committee**

**It was moved and seconded to accept the Recognition Committee as presented.**

Marino – moved

Louis – seconded

Motion Carries

**Women In Soccer Committee**

**It was moved and seconded to accept the Women in Soccer Committee as presented.**

Marino -moved

Mike H – seconded

Motion Carries

**Protest and Appeals – New Member of Committee**

**It was moved and seconded to put Joann Quinn on Protest and Appeals committee**

Marino – moved

Dave – seconded

Motion Carries

**New Business:**

**It was moved and seconded to amend the agenda to add another affiliation to Region A South.**

Marino- moved

Dave – seconded

Motion Carries

**New Member Affiliate Applications**

**Region A North:**

**All Play Soccer Club Inc.**

**It moved and seconded to accept All Play Soccer Club Inc.**

Marino - moved

Russell – seconded

Motion Carries

**RPS Academy**

**It was moved and seconded to accept RPS Academy.**

Marino – moved

Russell – seconded

Motion Carries

**Region A South**

**Bay Lions Florida Soccer Club Academy, Corp**

**It was moved and seconded to accept Bay Lions Soccer Club Academy, Corp.**

Marino – Moved

Russell - seconded

Motion Carries

**Soccer Management Entertainment Group LLC/Athletum FC**

**It was moved and seconded waive the 60 day requirement for Soccer Management Entertainment Group LLC/Atheletum FC and for a provisional approval so that the 15 mile letter can be sent out by the office.**

Marino – moved

Dave – seconded

Motion Carries

## Region C

### Citrus Youth Soccer Association (Associate Affiliate)

#### **It was moved and seconded to approve Citrus Youth Soccer League.**

Dave – moved

Marino – seconded

#### **It was moved and seconded to amend to motion to add provisional approval allowing them to bring their rules to comply with FYSA rules.**

Becky – moved

Marino – seconded

Motion carries

#### **Vote on amended motion**

Motion Carries

### **Women In Soccer Symposium Region D Pilot – Melissa Aflord**

Melissa – spoke about this event and the different things that they had. Event was completely lead by women. They had 4 different rooms with a different topic in each room. Very successful and the day could not have been better. She raised \$3500.00 that covered the costs of the event. Please look at the article on the FYSA website. Now talking about how to take to other regions. Find a date, find a facility, find sponsors in your region.

Corina – already spoke to Ft. Lauderdale United and they are willing to assist. They are thinking February.

### **FYSA Grants, Bucks and Scholarships**

All documents are in the dropbox – Joel referred everyone there.

**Hurricane Relief** – two applications received thus far – we will be pushing out again. Application open till November 18

**FYSA Bucks** – Process is not easy – send it out to all administrators of clubs – include registrars. Make sure link is tested before sending out. Please think about if we could use these funds somewhere else

### **Foundation Grant/Scholarship**

#### **It was moved and seconded to approve the Foundation Grant process as presented.**

Marino - moved

Becky - seconded

Motion Carries

### **US Soccer – Birth Year Band**

AYSO, US Club and USYS have said they are banding together on this as they had a press release stating this.

There was much discussion about this and it gave Joel what he needs to take to the Federation this meeting this week.

### **Financial Update**

Joel gave a financial update – went over the highlights from what is in the dropbox.

Joel reminded those that have corporate cards to please be mindful and follow financial policy – this is for Justin.

### **Possible Rule Change (US Soccer 531-6)**

#### **It has been moved and seconded to accept the proposal as presented Rule 502.6.**

Marino – moved

Mike H – seconded

Motion Carries

**Executive Session:**

**It has been moved and seconded to ratify the decisions made in Executive Session**

Becky – moved

Louis – seconded

Motion Carries

**For the Good of the Game**

World Cup – how can we part of – how can we promote – can we have world cup programming – bring the game to the people. – Lous seconds Olaf about participation

Louis – Thanked Melissa again – and encouraged everyone to please get involved.

Ed – what is community – the money we spend benefits the whole community and our membership

Daragh – His daughter was just certified and did her first game – U10 Boys and was AR2 – she so enjoyed it  
3 teams will be flown over from Barcelona and will be playing Strikers Miami

**Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 2:05pm**

Marino – moved

Mike H – seconded

Motion Carries