

Florida Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 6/10/25

Meeting – Zoom

Roll-Call:

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

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

- **Guests:** Joel Dragan, Executive Director, Becky Messina, FYSA Staff, Tom Tianich, RCAAS, John Bauman, FSR, Mike Sroka, RCABN, Tony Williams (guest presenter)

Ad Hoc:

- **Minutes taken by:** *Melissa Alford (filling in)*
- **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: 6:02pm

Roll Call: Roll was taken by Daragh Cullen

Adopt Agenda:

It was moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Daragh – moved

Mike Hyatt – seconded

Motion Carries

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

Cris Whitaker – moved

Marino – seconded

Opposed- Dave DiTillio

Motion Carries

Recognize Guests – Tony Williams

Correspondence: None

President's Report: Reports in dropbox

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Reports in dropbox

VP Player/Coach Development: Reports in dropbox

VP Admin & Comm: Reports in dropbox

VP Competition: No report

Registrar: Report attached

Regional VP Reports:

Region A:

Region B:

Region C:

Region D:

Executive Director/Staff Report

Director of Coaching Report: Report attached

Standing Committees:

TOPSoccer Jenn has a program in downtown Tampa, thanks for the money :-) Louis talked about the new topps program in Destin.

R & D:

Unfinished Business:

Board Workload & Size (Cris Whittaker) last meeting, motion was tabled. Cris talked to Justin Lauer and Region C about answering questions. Bylaw changes in drop box. Goal is to talk about it tonight and then vote to bring it to AGM. Proposal by Cris Whitaker.....Hugo spoke about changes. This started from a motion moved by Becky, Mike Hyatt seconded, tabled by for discussion. Email sent and discussion continued. Open the floor to discussion by Daragh. Louis spoke, Mike Sroka disagrees with the discussion, Marino also disagrees. Mike Hyatt is recognized.

Original Motion moved by Becky and seconded by Mike Hyatt:

Motion Passes

Marino left at 6:59pm

New Business:

Employee Handbook Amendment (Becky McLaren) Gap in handbook, tuition questions for employees. Motion to accept Cris, Mike Hyatt second no one opposed. Motion Passes

Financial Policy Amendments (Justin Goldman) Credit Card limitations and a bunch of other stuff (listen to recordings). Motion by Cris to approve, Mike Hyatt seconded. Opened for discussionOlaf. Amendment to the motion.....Olaf is adding to amend 3.6.1 section F remove the sentence re-embursement 3.6.2 must be submitted within 15 days. Seconded by Mike Hyatt. Motion passes not opposing. Dave abstains motion passes.

The Potential Foundation (Tony Williams)

Motion to support \$5000 and get goals. Cris motioned, Dave seconded. Olaf spoke, Mike S. spoke, Ed spoke, talked about money and where it will come from. Kick off donation pulled out of general fund. Mike Hyatt, Hugo recognized. Alice talked about giving out money. Motion to support after discussion....Cris, motioned, Dave seconded.

For the Good of the Game

Board asked about Becky and how she was doing?

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 8:16pm

Mike Hyatt: motioned to adjourn

Louis – seconded

Motion Carries



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Date: 05/26/2025

Position: President

Name: Daragh Cullen

To: BOD

Activities since last REPORT:

R+D meetings.

New ED Search -ongoing

Attended Presidents cup finals in Lake Myrtle

Attended RC AGM

Tasks I plan to complete prior to next meeting:

Hire New ED !

Regional AGMS

Tasks I am working on and current status:

Large Club meeting- Planning ongoing .

1:1 meetings with clubs

Discussion/Action Required at the Meeting:



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Position: Region B Vice President

Name: Justin Lauer

To: BOD

Activities since last REPORT:

- Planning Region B AGM for July 12th at Orlando City Stadium
- Established Region B AGM agenda and worked with officer staff to open registration

Tasks I plan to complete prior to next meeting:

- Review all rule changes prior to the AGM

Tasks I am working on and current status:

- Promoting Region B AGM
- Understanding background check requirements for 2025-26 seasonal year

Discussion/Action Required at the Meeting:

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Position: VP Competition

Name: Olaf Henke

To: BOD

**Activities since last REPORT: Completion of all State run competitions:
State-, Presidents-, Commissioners Cup, FSPL Playoffs, FSPL and SC league play
Establishment of a team pathway from the local league through regional FSPL
divisions into the Sunshine Conference
Collective marketing material for participating local leagues
Alignment of rules, competition structure, referee fees/requirements, game
scheduling, player and team registrations etc**

**Tasks I plan to complete prior to next meeting:
Evaluation of regional competition participation of Florida representatives
Connecting with MLS Next and USL leadership to present a player and team centric
approach of competition that would create a merit based and talent focused
environment to create and support a easier player identification process than
currently in place.**

Tasks I am working on and current status:

**Local league structures and continuing aligning competitions across the various
levels from local league play through National league.
Developing and providing marketing resources to promote the newly established
FSPL playoff structure.**

Discussion/Action Required at the Meeting:

Marketing funding

**Additional support for the Competition Department – can we add a scheduler for all
our competitions? The competition schedules are the center of feedback we are
getting after every season and provide a great opportunity to improve our services.**



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Position: VP Administration & Communications

Name: Mike Hyatt

To: BOD

Activities since last REPORT: Working the rules rewrite, Working with the Risk Management team, Reviewing the changes to the website, and working at State Cup

Tasks I plan to complete prior to next meeting: Finishing the Rules!

Tasks I am working on and current status: same

Discussion/Action Required at the Meeting: