

Illinois Youth Soccer Association  
Approved Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
February 7, 2014  
IYSA Offices

Board Members Present: Salvador Arroyo, Gus Bender, Bob Berkley, Charlie Dyson, Flo Dyson, Kelly Fairwood, Dave Hicks, Stuart Kasten, Gary Seyring

Board Members Absent: Pete Glon, Yianny Caparos

Guests: Bill Bruno, Rick Flores, Hugh Orlicz, Jen Pfeiffer, Jay Ray, Meaghan Kinser & Stu Kasten (recording secretaries)

The regular board meeting was called to order by the president, Gus Bender, at 4:45 PM.

**MOTION**

**Stu Kasten moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting as presented. Minutes were unanimously approved.**

**COACHING REPORT**

Rick Flores presented the Coaching Report. The February 5th DOC meeting has been rescheduled to February 12 at 10:00 AM at the IYSA downstairs meeting room. Guest speakers for the meeting will be Paul Cadwell, Larry Sunderland and Tony Kees.

Illinois Youth Soccer will be hosting a National Youth License Course on March 12-16 in St. Charles. IYSA will be conducting several new courses, one of which will be parent driven and will have video interactions to help educate parents. IYSA will also be conducting a women's only E License Course to be held on June 28-29. Rick thanked the leagues for their continued support for coaching education.

IYSA continues to reach out to the Hispanic community and to schedule Spanish language courses. Rick will be conducting more coaching sessions for the *Soccer for Success* program coaches.

**ODP REPORT**

Rick Flores presented the ODP Report. IYSA is looking for ODP coaches who are qualified, dynamic, and enthusiastic. Futsal sessions have been added to this year's ODP and are well received and attended. More inter-state ODP friendlies and age group trainings have been added to the ODP process.

The ODP National Championships will be held in Phoenix on February 27 – March 2. Illinois will be sending its 1997 Boys, 1997 Girls, and 1998 Girls ODP teams that qualified through the Regional ODP Tournament last July.

## **GRASSROOTS PROGRAM**

Rick Flores presented the Grassroots Program. He recently met with Illowa and is reaching out to recreational programs throughout Illinois. Rick is in the process of adding more videos to the Coaches Corner for recreational programs.

## **TOPSOCCER**

Rick Flores presented the TOPSoccer Report. Tri-Cities Soccer Association hosted a well-attended TOPSoccer certification course. There will be another TOPSoccer certification course in Libertyville on February 9. More clubs are starting TOPSoccer programs for children with special needs.

## **CHICAGO FIRE**

Gus Bender stated that Illinois Youth Soccer is expanding its partnership with the Chicago Fire.

## **REFEREE REPORT**

Gus Bender and Hugh Orlicz presented the Referee Report. US Soccer will be eliminating the Grade 12 and reclassifying Grades 9, 8, 7, and 6.

Barb Baumgartener has been appointed State Referee Committee office manager.

## **FINANACIAL REPORT**

Gary Seyring presented the Financial Report.

## **RECREATIONAL LEAGUE APPROVAL**

### **MOTION**

**Stu Kasten moved to accept Chicago Alliance FC as a recreational member league. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **STATE CUP REPORT**

Bill Bruno presented the State Cup Report. Registration is up by approximately by 100 teams. Registrations for the U-9, U10, and U11 age groups are still open. Coaches are very excited about the new format. There will be a State Cup meeting on February 20 at 7:00 at IYSA Office. The State Cup and Presidents Cup semis and finals will be at Naperville/Plainfield.

## **STATE PREMIERSHIP DIVISION REPORT**

Bill Bruno presented the State Premiership Division Report. Coaches would like multiple levels, a relegation system similar to MRL, and a benefit such as a seeded position in State Cup.

Bill Bruno and Chris Jamrozy traveled to Decatur on February 6 to discuss the State Premiership Division. The meeting was well attended and very positive.

## **ISSA**

The Board discussed the Illinois State Soccer Association.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Gus Bender stated that there increasing impetus from US Soccer to support Futsal. He asked the leagues to consider offering Futsal as part of their league play.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:30 PM and exited to attend the IYSA AGM at 7:25 PM.

The regular Board meeting resumed at 8:33 PM.

## **ELECTIONS**

### **Slate of Candidates:**

President – Gus Bender

Vice President – Dave Hicks

Secretary – Stu Kasten

Treasurer – Gary Seyring

## **MOTION**

**Gary Seyring moved to accept the slate as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.**

## **CHICAGO RED STARS PDL TEAM**

The Board discussed the Chicago Red Stars PDL team. Flo Dyson and Gus Bender will submit the business and financial plan for the PDL team to the IYSA Board before the next Board Meeting.

## **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next IYSA Board Meeting is scheduled on May 3, 2014. *(This meeting has been changed to May 10, 2014.)*

Gus Bender declared the Board Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.