

TCYSA BOARD MEETING - MEETING MINUTES

Franz St Fire Station

6:30pm May 4, 2025

ATTENDEES

Attendees

Kyle Jones, President
Kate Green, VP
Meagan Edwards, TSC
Bobbie Bates, TeYSC
Josh Eagen, TSC
Curt Gavigan, OUSC
Sara Poprawski, TCYSA
Catherine Cregg, TCYSA
Megan Asbjornsen, PSC
Dan Yourkowski, Treasurer
Brian Cregg, Referee

Mike Brackett, Dir of Competition
Carla Borgaard (acting as Secretary)
James Brawley, PSC
Tonya Vaughman, CBSC
Angel Rasmussen, TeYSC
Seth Crump, OUSC
Matt Johns, Ref Assignor
Candice Bock, Dir of Discipline
Allison Rogers, OUSC
Jeff Line, CBSC

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Kyle Jones. Introductions were made.

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes Dated January 5, 2025 and March 2, 2025

Motion to approve – Dan

Second – Kate

Motion Passed

ASSOCIATION MANAGER REPORT

Sara reported that spring is going well. We had a few teams not placed in the correct bracket. One has dropped out. She noted that it's so important that managers check all teams.

Summer teams due 5/30. First game 6/25. No games the week of July 4th.

Fall dates: Sort meeting set for Aug 3 from 6-7:30. Teams are due July 30th. New DOC will need a little bit more time after teams are in to get them sorted into divisions. Fall begins Sept 6.

Coaching clinics: Sara noted that we need new coach clinics so coaches understand what play is acceptable. There has been a lot of complaining this season about rough play.

Lewis and Grays Harbor Counties did not know that we don't travel at U12 and below. We need someone to reach out to them each season or create a document that can be sent.

Rochester has a nice enticement for referees paying for uniforms etc.

The TCYSA Rules of Competition needs to be updated. The Director of Competition should update them and bring them to the board for approval.

Sara is currently the only person with access to Google workspace. Angel and Tonya have volunteered to work with Sara on this.

Old Business

- a. Update on Ref Subcommittee – Curt Gavigan reported that the subcommittee is mainly looking forward. With the move to Arbiter, some positives is that the cost is much less expensive than we were paying for QuadCo services. We have seen a solid population of referees, with several hundred refs signed up and picking up new folks that want to referee. Kyle J thanked the subcommittee and recognized all the work that went into a

successful start to the season. Curt noted that the committee did some outreach to other associations. Many are staying with Ridgestar which has no impact on TCYSA. The only note was that associations should not use both assigning platforms as that created confusion among the referees and the assignors. The committee has been happy with the transition and will continue to work on tweaks, and continue to bring information back to the board. They want to look at ref rates and incentivize center refs by raising those center rates. One advantage is that clubs and the subcommittee have been engaged and we have been able to move refs around to get coverage. The board approved the committee to continue their work moving forward into summer. The committee will continue the work of reviewing rates, and longer-term designation of an assignor. Ryan Olsen mentioned that we could try and schedule U8-U10 games a little later in the day to try and get some of those teenagers to take those games.

Discussion was had about goal size for U8. The size is odd and hard to find.

Motion to change the goal size for U8 to 5-6x8-10.

Motion – Carla Second – Dan Motion Passed

- b. Sara mentioned it is time to order new lamination sheets.

Motion to order rules laminated sheets spend up to \$500

Motion – Tonya Second – Dan Motion Passed

- c. Update on Ref Assigning – Matt Johns took over the assignor position in mid-March. We went from 0 -200 referees to date. Matt has been fielding a lot of emails. We moved from Ridgestar to Arbiter. Ref recruitment focused on active referees, most of whom are primary residents of Thurston County. Matt has been focusing on covering games and encouraging refs to take center positions. He has been building relationships with refs and families. This has been time consuming but is turning out to be rewarding. He is focusing efforts on underserved areas and will continue to get referees out to outlying areas. Matt has held two zoom meetings and has been sending emails with helpful hints and letting refs know what games still need to be covered. Kyle asked what ideas we have about getting mentors out to fields. WRA suggested we work with Quadco mentors that “should be giving back to the community”. To be a mentor a ref has to be a certified “mentor”. We can work on finding people that want to become mentors. The numbers show a successful spring season so far. He would like to work with QuadCo to provide equal and fair service to all soccer communities. We should look at center rates for U8-U10 games and pay them more so we can encourage refs. Refs receive two updates per week. Candice mentioned that a friend said communication was good this season.
- d. Update on Hiring New Bookkeeper – Kate has talked to a girl that’s a grad and looked at outsourcing to a business. Catherine asked about cost. Kate is looking at options including outsourcing. Sara asked if it would be opened up for people to apply and Kate agreed that should happen.
- e. Update on Registrar salary recommendation - Carla and Meagan will get together and come up with a number. Carla requested salary information from both TCU and BFC. TCU passed information along. Kate on behalf of BFC refused that request and said TCYSA could find that information by contacting the Secretary of State.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Coach clinics – Candice and Seth will work together to coordinate coach clinics.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President – Nothing to report

Vice President – Nothing to report

Director of Competition – Mike reported that the season is underway. He does not have access to Arbiter so will work with Matt to get that.

Registrar – Sara and Catherine noted that all board members that have not done so need to update their RMA.

Treasurer – Treasurer – Dan Yourkowski / Catherine Cregg (bookkeeper) There was a detailed report in the packet that went out that Catherine prepared and Dan reviewed. TCYSA made \$3700 on the year.

Motion to approve the budget – Carla Second - Dan Motion approved
Catherine asked for clarification on a grievance to WYS with previous TCYSA Assignors. Kyle reported he does not have details but does plan to have another meeting with Roger, WYS, and will update the board with any information provided.

Secretary – Drives were passed along to the new Secretary.

CLUB REPORTS

PSC – success with refs on fields.

TeYSA – had some refs and it's getting better!

RYSC – not present

TCS – KITG registration is open. Meagan will pass along the flyer for clubs. If a team volunteers 8 hours of time they will receive 50% off their registration.

CBSC – Tonya was welcomed aboard as the new rep.

BFC – not present

OUSC – nothing to report

AGM ELECTIONS

President – Kyle Jones

Director of Competition – Seth Crump

Secretary – Angel Rasumssen

ADJORNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

NEXT MEETING:

- Sunday, July 13
- 6:30p Franz St Fire Station

FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

- Policy on accumulation of cards during a season.

MEETING ACTION ITEMS:

- Matt will get Mike access to Arbiter.
- Kate will post for the bookkeeper job and work with Catherine on scope of the position.
- The referee subcommittee will continue to meet and update the board.