TCYSA BOARD MEETING - MEETING MINUTES

Franz St Fire Station 6:30pm March 2, 2025

ATTENDEES

Board Members Kyle Jones, President Mike Brackett, Dir of Competition

Kate Green, VP Carla Borgaard (acting as Secretary)

Club RepresentativesTiffany Leone, TSCKirsten Brackett, PSC

Bobbie Bates, TeYSC Monica Wilhelm, BFC

Matt Johns, CBSC

Derrick Hansen

Other Attendees Kyle Greenwood Sara Poprawski, TCYSA

Emmanuel Mupinganjira Amayo Mupinganjira Martin Hernandez Hailey Hernandez

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Kyle Jones

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes: Previous minutes were not approved

Motion to approve - Second -

ASSOCIATION MANAGER REPORT

Sara reported that TCYSA has a total of 255 spring teams, including Lewis, Mason, and Grays Harbor County teams. The sort was held and both Lewis and Grays Harbor had representatives present. The season will commence April 12. Sara will send out teams tonight and expects to have preliminary schedules completed by the end of March.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Golden Boot Academy Club Proposal** Members from Golden Boot attended to inquire about adding a new club in Yelm that would focus on providing soccer programs for disadvantaged children. The initiative aims to engage children and keep them out of trouble through diverse volunteer activities. The group has developed a business plan and will forward it to TCYSA. They aim to raise funds to purchase land. As a start-up, they are concentrating their efforts on forming three teams of player aged 9, 10, and 11. The board inquired as to whether they would consider fundraising to sponsor players in existing TCYSA programs.
- b. **Referee Abuse Prevention** Kyle Greenwood reported that an Initiative is coming down from US soccer commencing spring season that will make penalties for referee abuse much more rigorous. Kyle G and Mike will work on a summary of the new guidelines for distribution to coaches and spectators. A short YouTube video can be shared with parents and coaches. Referees under age 18 will have a different colored badge, and any abuse directed at minors will result in triple the punishment. Effective July 1, the goalkeeper will have 8 seconds to release the ball, with the referee counting down the final 5 seconds.
- c. **QuadCo Access Revoked to TCYSA Bookkeeper** Kyle J reported that Catherine forwarded an email she received from QuadCo that was dated March 2, 2025. The email sent from Devon Diekman informed her that her access to

the "Quadco website was revoked pending a Board Meeting for website misuse and violating US Soccer Policy 531-8 Assignment of Game Officials." The letter stated that the QuadCo board would be meeting to discuss whether her access would be reinstated.

Kyle G said the QuadCo board had a concern about how TCYSA obtained referees for a Founder's Cup match. He said there was confusion about how those referees had been assigned since he and Devon had not assigned them. Upon investigation, they determined that Catherine had used her access to find referees in the system to cover the match. Kyle G reported that the manner in which referees were secured was problematic because since we had not used a certified assignor, the State could come back in and nullify the match. He stated there are other liabilities by not using a certified assignor in that they (assignors) carry insurance, L&I and other coverages that the refs do not have if they have not been assigned by them (Kyle and Devon) and that opens their board up for liability.

Sara clarified that Catherine helped her to find referees after the assignors had declined to assign the match. Sara said she sent two emails requesting them to assign the match and they declined in the absence of TCYSA agreeing to their new contract. Sara said she reached out to Catherine to discuss how to move forward and get a couple of refs. She regrets that she put Catherine in that position, and she regrets that TCYSA was put in the position to have to find our own referees.

Kyle Jones acknowledged that Catherine requires access to Quadco to perform her duties. Sara requested understanding from the Quadco board, explaining that they were unprepared for the Founders Cup game and attempted to make the best decision to enable children to participate.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President – Kyle suggested we should establish a rule regarding card accumulation during the season. This will be added to the next agenda.

Vice President – Nothing to report

Director of Competition – Mike reported that the team sort was complete. Most waivers are in.

Treasurer - Not present.

Secretary – Vacant

CLUB REPORTS

PSC – Kirsten reported that Prairie will have home games!

BFC – Monica reported that teams are headed to State Cup.

ADJORNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

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:

Kyle G and Mike will work on summary of RAP to send to coaches and families.
Spring Season Recap Meeting Notes:
Discussion was had about pushing the season back to begin after spring break.
It was agreed that we all liked that change and would recommend to continue to begin spring season after spring break.
Discussion about moving games for competition.
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We all agreed that making changes for competition was good for competition and we would like to continue to do it. Families and coaches should be notified by the DOC prior to the season that we will be monitoring scores and making changes. Games could change and they should be prepared. The DOC said he would be watching competition and would initiate changes. Managers and Sara could also initiate game changes and approve them with DOC.