

**UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 27TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
PRIME HOTEL
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
FEBRUARY 5, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual General Meeting of the Utah Youth Soccer Association was held on Saturday, February 5, 2005 at the Prime Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Paul C. Burke.

ROLL CALL

Members present and votes:

President	Paul C. Burke	1	
Vice President	Scott Maxfield	1	
Secretary	Jodi Wells	1	
Treasurer	Rick Henage	1	
Director of Development	Bruce Cuppett	1	
Girls Competition Director	Debbie Haycock	1	
Boys Competition Director	Dave Malchenson	1	
Registrar	Tina Patterson	1	
SYRA	Gunther Haidenthaller	1	Absent
State Cup Director	Teresa Ortiz	1	
ODP Administrator	Judy Martin	1	
Tournament Director	Linda Kay Messenger	1	
District 1 Chairperson	Arnold Wilcox	1	
District 2 Chairperson	Leisa Vineyard	1	
District 3 Chairperson	John Lowery	1	
District 4 Chairperson	Dave Mills	1	
District 5 Chairperson	Michael J. Hall	1	
District 6 Chairperson	Richard Messenger	1	
District 7 Chairperson	Delon Brower	1	Proxy-Vicki Skinner
League 2	Jim Stray-Gunderson	3	Absent
League 3	Kelly Sheffield	3	Absent
Impact Club	Mark Yenchik	13	Proxy-Raed Hajeb
Murray Max Club	Tim Cosgrove	2	Absent
Firebirds Club	John May	5	
League 9	Steve Jester	3	
League 11	Troy Alvey	4	Proxy-Tonya Alvey
League 12	Kevin Dudley	2	
League 13	Eric Wells	7	
League 34	Paul Brockbank	4	
League 43	Trish Ferry	4	
USA Club	Kent Jones	2	Proxy-Jodene Smith
League 14	Mike Colemere	2	

League 16 Sparta	Ben Vandenhazel	2	Proxy-John Gygi
League 17	Lee Taylor	1	Proxy-Scott Hogan
Utah Blitz FC Club	Bill Kittle	3	Proxy-John Johnson
Avalanche	Rocco Vitacca	2	
League 29	Richard Seaman	2	Proxy-Richard Yoder
League 30	Pam Mckinnon	3	Proxy-Missy Powell
League 35	Roger Hughes	3	Proxy-Melinda timpson
Wasatch Thunder Club	Terry Mills	2	
Advantage Club	Dan Parkhurst	2	Absent
Utah Steam Club	Russ Moody	1	Absent
League 20	Steve Bowler	10	
League 21	Rocky Collins	2	Absent
League 22	David Gunn	2	Absent
League 23	Andrea Leavitt	2	Proxy-Brian Smith
League 24	Gary McKibben	1	Absent
League 26	David Josse	10	Proxy-Michael Corbett
UC Strikers Club	Rich Bradley	1	
League 41	Rick Ward	5	
League 44	Shirlee Flandro	5	
League 45	Brandee Nadauld	5	
League 46	Laree Robertson	4	Proxy-Peter Unwin
Utah Futbol Club	JR Knight	2	Proxy-Chuck Miller
Club United Club	Scott Hansen	1	
League 47	Jimmy Hess	2	Absent
League 48	Dale Baker	7	
League 49	Michael Huff	5	Proxy-Terri Baker
League 50	Audra Jackson	8	Proxy-Paul Skinner
Inter FC North	Chad Falsley	1	Proxy Eileen Clark
League 27	Lance Jackson	3	

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Secretary Jodi Wells reports that a quorum is established. Total quorum votes in attendance are 151; majority will be 75.5 votes and 2/3 majority will be 101 votes.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM 2004 AGM

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

REPORTS

Director of Development Bruce Cuppett reported that Utah Youth Soccer will be hosting the US Youth Adidas Workshops February 17, 18, & 19, 2005. We are in need of any one willing to help volunteer to make these workshops a success.

The following are the Workshop Committee Chairs:

Operations—Debbie Haycock & Leisa Vineyard

Registration—Linda Kay Messenger

Tickets—Tina Patterson

Players—Greg Maas

Equipment—Richard Yoder
Goody Bags—Jodene Smith
Banquet—Terri Mills
Adidas Booth—Denny Cuppett
Socials—Jodi Wells

Anyone willing to volunteer should contact any of Chairpersons.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION BYLAWS AND RULES.

PROPOSAL #1

Section 1:06:05—Richard Messenger
Motion to adopt the amendment, seconded

1:06:05 The governing authority of this Association may sanction a Club that affiliates through a District, League, or an At-Large League upon the Club's request and endorsement of the League, District or At-Large League. An Affiliated Club includes at least 5 teams that may be organized without geographic boundaries. An Affiliated Club must have an elected Board of Directors, its own non-profit corporate charter and tax exempt status. The Board of Directors of a League or At-Large League may be the same when the Affiliated Club is an extension of that League's or At-Large League's program. The above information must be submitted with an Affiliation Application that includes the approved signatures of the District Chairperson, League President, or At-Large League President.

1:06:06 There are two categories of clubs within Utah Youth Soccer Association:
(A) Affiliated Clubs – Those Clubs as defined in 1:06:05.
(B) Non-Affiliated Clubs – A Non-Affiliated Club is any number of teams that agree to use a common name and/or common leadership.

1:06:07 All Clubs must provide to the parent(s) of each player a prospectus which outlines their program including the expectation of the player's participation in the scheduled games, planned tournaments, training, and the location of their playing and practice fields and the club fees. Clubs must identify the fields they control, are assigned by a league or district, or fields for which they have contracted.

I. RATIONALE

Not all Club organizations within UYSA wish to affiliate with UYSA resulting in two categories of Clubs. Since some of UYSA players participate with those clubs, UYSA needs to insure the same standard of services offered to its players.

Richard Messenger stated that rules need to be revisited. Feb 20, 2003 motion was made and passed to set aside \$4,000 to rewrite the rules. Proposal brings about covering clubs that have not chosen to affiliate and provide a standard thru out and to identify those services, and to bring in clubs not affiliated and provide services.

Rules Committee Chairperson, Richard Yoder stated that if the State is going to require something, everyone must participate. By not doing so could be taken as discrimination.

Richard Messenger stated that we need to amend and pull out prospectus and replace with “an outline that explains their programs”

Linda Kay Messenger stated why not add leagues and clubs to it.

Call to question. Second

Vote on whether to adopt this current bylaw with the amendments.

Motion fails.

PROPOSAL #2

1:07 AUTHORITY STRUCTURE

1:07:01 This Association shall be governed by its Constitution, Bylaws and Rules, which shall take precedence over conflicting policies and shall be consistent with the Constitution and Rules of the United States Soccer Federation and the United States Youth Soccer Association, as such Constitution, Bylaws and Rules are approved by the governing authority. Policies passed by the Board of Directors during the year must be ratified at the next AGM.

III RATIONALE

This amendment will clarify the status of the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules in reference to policies and conforms to Constitution section 1:07:02. The last sentence allows Council members to have an opportunity to have input if they do not agree with a policy passed by the Board of Directors.

Linda Kay Messenger made the motion to adopt. Seconded.

Linda Kay Messenger stated that rules take precedence over policy—we need to put into writing to take out the wording conflicting; This gives the State Council the authority to pass if they do not want it.

Richard Yoder stated that the wording of Conflicting is a grammatical error.

Ratify vs. reporting would be difficult. Nationals use reporting.

Richard Messenger stated that even though we have worked on this for over a year, this rule needs to be in place. If it makes a difference.

Motion to amend to strike out conflicting and change ratify to reporting, seconded.

Linda Kay Messenger stated that if it was changed out this can body engage in any business.

Favor to amend proposal to strike conflicting and change ratify to reporting, motion passed.

Call to question. Motion to pass as amended in 1:07:01. Seconded

Motion passed.

PROPOSAL #3

NEW: Delete these two sections and under house keeping delete all references to the Executive Committee.

~~1:07:05 An Executive Committee shall be composed of the following State Officers: President, Vice President, Director of Development, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Competition—Boys, Director of Competition—Girls. This Committee is a planning and development committee which will meet at least quarterly to develop long range planning, formulate proposed policies, actions, recommendations and perform other duties as directed by the State Council or Board of Directors.~~

~~1:07:06 In case of emergencies between Board of Director meetings, the Executive Committee will meet to discuss problems. All actions by the Executive Committee must be ratified by the Board of Directors at their next scheduled meeting after such emergency Executive Committee meeting(s).~~

III RATIONALE

Rationale: The Executive Committee has met only once in the last 4 year for the purpose of “develop long range planning, formulate proposed policies, actions, recommendations and perform other duties as directed by the State Council or Board of Directors long range.” Any actions taken in the past 2 years never followed 1:07:06.

Richard Messenger made the motion to adopt this bylaw.

Proposal to Delete the executive committee, it has outlived its lifetime. Very little long range planning. I suggest that we support this motion.

Richard Yoder stated that every corporation has an executive committee. The federation also recognizes an executive committee. His recommendation is to leave in place for a president to use if they wish.

Richard Messenger stated that the executive committee was established many years ago. Read the rules. We are driven by rules and need to follow them. To live up to the rules you need to do long range planning, use as an emergency. It has not been used the way it was designed for.

Linda Kay Messenger stated that having been on the BOD for 10 years, many years ago, we did not have a quorum. We have not had that problem recently. You can do it electronically over e-mail the executive committee is sometimes used instead of having BOD meetings.

Call to question. Seconded

Voice vote. Motion failed.

PROPSAL #4

1:09 AMENDMENTS

1:09:01 Any proposal to amend the Constitution and Bylaws and Rules of this Association may be made by any State Council member. ~~And any proposal to amend the Rules of this Association may be made by any State Council member,~~ by the Board of Directors or by a properly constituted committee of this Association.

Changes must be submitted in writing to the State Office in care of the Chairperson of the Rules and Revisions Committee not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual General Meeting, and must be circulated to voting members not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

III RATIONALE

This allows Committees to submit amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules.

Richard Messenger proposed that 1:09;01 be amended. Seconded
Linda Kay Messenger stated that the rules chairperson has not had the authority to offer amendments

Richard Yoder made the recommendation that because the federation allows any member to submit amendments, changes, we should also do that.

Call to question. Seconded.

Motion passed.

PROPOSAL #5

2:01:02

MANDATORY REGISTRATION. All clubs, leagues, and ~~associations or~~ organizations affiliated with Utah Youth Soccer Association must register every State Competitive soccer player, coach, and soccer team that is sponsored, financed, coached, or administered by the club, league, ~~association or~~ organization ~~whether they be male or female, members of traveling teams, competitive teams, intramural programs, recreation programs, or house programs.~~ and must provide services to those registered players. Clubs, leagues and organizations may register recreation, district competitive and in-house players, coaches, and soccer teams and must provide services.

Services include administrative support, home field(s), uniforms and such other team-supporting services. Where a home field(s) is not assigned, the club President must negotiate with the league President/District Chairperson in another District for an available field for a reasonable cost which may include but is not limited to field maintenance and referee costs.

ALL volunteers (administrators, team managers, etc.) must be registered with Utah Youth Soccer Association (UYSA) by completing the Disclosure Form within 30 days of appointment.

III RATIONALE

Section 3:01 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS was modified to eliminate the word “Association” under the rationale that the word defies definition. Part of this amendment is the house keeping that should have eliminated the word from the only other location in the

Constitution, Bylaws and Rules that make reference to any Association other than Utah Youth Soccer Association.

The BOD in the July 15, 2004 passed a motion to limit the use of the UYSA computer program to the State Competitive teams with the direction for the cost to be renegotiated. Since, that time recreation and district competitive players not been eliminated from the computer program and others not initially entered by their league or district have been or are being input into the program. The cost of the program is based upon players registered in the program. This amendment does not compel a league to register recreation and district teams with UYSA unless the Clubs, Leagues or Organizations makes that choice.

Richard Messenger proposed that 2:01:02 be amended. Seconded.

Richard Messenger stated that the state has to register every soccer player. Sandy & Provo & Springville & District 4 have many soccer players not playing with UYSA. He suggested that the state take the approach that the state makes the recreation players their domain.

Richard Yoder stated that in section 2:01:02 it requires you to register all members. Section 1:04:01 also states that we comply with the bylaws; Although it may cause limited opportunities and discriminatory.

Call to question. Seconded

Motion failed.

PROPOSAL #6

2:02:02 Each member of the Board of Directors, other than District Chairpersons and Presidents of At-Large Leagues, shall be entitled to one vote except that the Commissioner (and Deputy Commissioner or person conducting meeting according to 1:06:04 when acting in the absence of the Commissioner) shall cast a vote only when the vote is by ballot and in all other cases where the vote would change the result. District Chairpersons will be entitled to exercise ~~two (2)~~ weighted vote based upon the registered players within their district – two (2) votes as District Chair plus one (1) additional vote for every 1,500 players or fraction thereof over 2,000 and Presidents of At-Large Leagues shall have no votes except at the State Council where they shall have a weighted vote in accordance with the number of registered players within the league.

III RATIONALE

This would allow for a weighted vote at the BOD that reflect the strength of membership they represent. A District Chair would not have fewer votes than they currently have.

Richard Messenger asked for a suspension of rules to correct changes in wording that appear on paper.

Richard move to amend and change commissioner to president.

Chairman accepted the amendment.

Richard Messenger stated that the voices of the leagues are not being heard, as well as they might be.

Richard Yoder stated that Richard Messengers amendment uses the current wording in the bylaws. Federation level everyone gets 1 vote, US Youth level everyone gets 1 vote. No other state gets weighted votes. Leagues do not have weighted votes. Summary being—we are already different because of the waited votes

Melinda Stimpson League 35 asked if other states that do not have waited votes, have more district chairs.

Richard Yoder stated that every state is structured differently. They are represented.

Paul C. Burke stated that you dilute the votes of elected officers by the state organization.

Richard Messenger stated that to further answer this, very few states have this many state officers. They do not represent the recreation player. Major representation on numbers is recreation, and they have no voice.

Call to question. Seconded

Motion failed.

District 2 Chairperson, Leisa Vineyard called for division on last motion.

President Paul C. Burke asked everyone to ont eh provided ballots.

Mike Blackburn and Jolene Woodhaven counted votes.

Motion failed

RECESS

President Paul C. Burke called for a 5 minute recess.

PROPOSAL #7

Richard Messenger made the motion to withdraw proposals #7 and #8

2:03 Withdrawn.

2:10 Withdrawn.

PROPOSAL #9

3:07:03 Player Transfer. The team may not roster any player who was previously rostered during the seasonal year to another team, or the same team, unless a written request, stating the reason why this action has been requested has been made to and approved by the governing authority on the appropriate form. The team may not have more than five (5) previously rostered players in any seasonal year.....

RATIONALE

This would conform to the National Cup rule change allowing five transfers instead of three. This would go into effect Fall 2005.

State Registrar, Tina Patterson proposed that 3:07:03 be amended. Seconded.

Rules Chairperson, Richard Yoder stated that we need to be in compliance with nationals.

Tina Patterson stated that this is not just for state cup. This will affect our competition bylaws, to raise from 3 transfers to 5 transfers.

District 5 Chairperson, Mike Hall stated that if the other states are at 5 transfers and we are at 3 transfers, we may be at a disadvantage.

Richard Yoder stated that the other states have already made this change.

Mike Hall stated that there is a way to help implement our teams.

District 6 Chairperson Richard Messenger stated that if our rules are not in line with Nationals rules that we can automatically change without voting, so that our spring teams could have the 5 transfers.

Mike Blackburn stated that if we do not follow national rules, protests could come up. We should vote to change immediately.

President Paul C. Burke stated that he would be surprised if everyone was not in favor to be in compliance. Let's adopt the rule for spring.

Richard Messenger made the motion to make friendly amendment to change this proposal to be effective immediately.

Tina Patterson did not accept the friendly amendment.

Region IV Deputy Director Jolene Woodhave stated that all your fall teams have frozen roosters. UYSA could do it for spring.

State Cup Chairperson, Teresa Ortiz that State Cup is one tournament broken up between two seasons. By adopting this proposal it would make it an inconsistent tournament.

Call to question.

Amend the motion to be effective immediately.

Call for division.

Amendment passed to make the motion effective immediately.

Director of Development Bruce Cuppett made the motion to reconsider this proposal. Every team that played in the fall could protest, because they have played on one set of rules, and the spring would play under another set of rules.

Motion to reconsider.

Motion passed.

Sherrie Griffiths stated that this would not be instated in the fall. We are just inviting problems.

Richard Yoder stated the rules committee would propose to accept as written for the 2005-2006 year, and have the BOD revisit the policy.

Linda Kay Messenger stated that if you pass it as a rule, you can't change a rule.

John Johnson stated that we need to pull it out of a rule and place it in as a policy.

Richard Messenger stated that under State Cup competition rules you have 24 hours to make a protest.

Call to question, seconded.

Nays have it continue to discussion.

Tina Patterson stated that Richard said that a protest does not apply, but a protest can occur because the rules have changed.

Girls Competition Director, Debbie Haycock stated that it affects any team that has competed, and opens up a protest. It is better not to amend and have it fair across the board.

Teresa Ortiz stated that Jolene made call to Tom Mendeth his thought are that there are no problems.

Call to question

Motion to amend proposal to make effective immediately. Proposal failed.

John Johnson made the motion to delete 3:07:03 from bylaws and have BOD make a policy for state cup and league play. Seconded.

Discussion to delete 3:07:03

Richard Messenger stated is it a legal amendment.

Debbie Haycock stated that the important thing here is to change to the 5 transfers. It should be a policy.

Call to question, seconded.

Motion to amend the proposal to delete.

Call for division

Motion to amend passed. Delete bylaw 3:07:03 and make it a policy.

John Johnson stated that we should encourage accepting.

Avalanche President Rocco Vitacca stated that by doing this it gives us the opportunity to change when nationals changes.

Call to question, seconded

Proposal to delete 3:07:03 from bylaw and make a policy for the BOD to address.

Proposal as enacted is adopted.

PROPOSAL #10

Richard Messenger motion to withdrawal proposal.

3:07:03 Withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS

The policies passed by the Board of Directors in 2004 are located in the tan section of the booklet.

BUDGET

Proposed 2005-2006 operating budget.

The Board of Directors passed proposed budget in the January BOD meeting, it is brought before State Council for ratification.

Motion made and seconded.

Linda Kay Messenger states that they proposed a \$3.00 increase to hire a recreation director. There is about a \$25.00 increase this year.

Paul C. Burke stated that the BOD spent some time going over budgets. The basic fee is \$11.00. We raised the competition player's fee, but lowered the recreation player's money. The competition player's fees have increased.

Summary of fee structures from other states has been passed out. Utah is either at or below average. The comp player was getting a great deal. The association wants to create fair fee equity.

Paul C. Burke stated that for your understanding what is before you is the budget that reflects what the BOD has passed.

Executive Director Scott Harward stated that there is an increase of \$11,000 to add to the bottom line.

Richard Messenger stated that the BOD passed and amended that \$81,000 referee assigner line item taken out of the budget. This budget does not reflect that.

Paul C. Burke stated that we make a proposal to make adjustments. There is a discrepancy caused by rounding up the fee. The best practice is for the BOD to manage it.

Treasurer Rick Henage stated that if we eliminated the \$43,000, the rest would have to come out of the state competition program.

Mike Hall restated that the BOD voted to eliminate the referee assigning of \$81,000 .

Rick Henage state that the budget presented to this council should have been sent out so everyone can review it.

RECESS

Paul C. Burke, President called for a 5 minute recess.

Mike Hall made the motion to ratify the budget that was originally passed by the BOD.

Rick Henage stated that we would change line item #520 to \$285,250.00 and line #585 to \$43,000.00.

Vice President, Scott Maxfield stated that what will take place is that Rick will redo the budget to reflect what was originally passed by the BOD and then have the District Chairs take back to leagues for ratification.

Steve Jester stated state team players should have to pay more, not the recreation player.

Rick Henage stated that after calculating the numbers it would be approximately \$45 year

We need to realize that our revenues and expenses have gone up over the years.

Steve Jester stated that by cutting down the state fee, the competition players would have to pay more.

Boys Competition Director, Dave Malchenson stated that you are looking at your league, some have different budgets. The State budget is different from your league budget.

Steve Jester stated that taking fees from recreation to state competition the numbers don't add up.

Brandee Nadauld League 45 asked what the field development for \$70,000 was for.

Paul C. Burke stated that this would allow each district to submit proposal for money to help with field development. This would not be used for Prop 5; it is budgeting money and spending money if there are projects to use it on.

Brandee Nadauld asked if this could be used next year for other things.

Paul C. Burke stated that next year projects may not be approved.

Brandee Nadauld asked why administrative services showed an increase of \$30,000.

Paul C. Burke stated that accounts for the inline system. That is the base line; it will not go any higher.

Brandee Nadauld stated that system did not work for us, but will they address those concerns for us to be able to use that system?

Paul C. Burke stated that the issues are being addressed and being corrected.

John May League President asked about the online budgeting, is it a depreciable item, or a hard cost.

Paul C. Burke stated that contract services can not be depreciated.

John May asked what do we get out of this, if we have any problems do we get anything out of it.

Paul C. Burke stated that we have provisions in the contract, for any issues that can not be solved.

Trish Ferry League 43 stated that I very am concerned; I do not want to price our selves out. I have a lot of complaints on how high the fees are getting.

Mike Halls motion to ratify the motion as passed by the board in January.

Call to question

Ratify the budget as passed by the board in January.

Budget was not ratified.

Paul C. Burke stated that this creates a problem,

Call for division, Motion does not pass.

Paul C. Burke stated that we can either sit here and create a budget or it leave it back in the hands of the BOD.

Richard Messenger stated that it might be well, that there be some recommendations from other people. The online system is pricey, and does not work for everybody.

Steve Jester stated that it was sold to me as a straight across trade, it is not equitable, and the state fees are not equitable either.

Paul C. Burke stated that the primary purpose here is to elect officers.

Linda Kay Messenger stated that if there are any concerns about the budget they meet with Rick Henage and go over it with him.

Leisa Vineyard stated that we need to review line items and address all the concerns.

Motion to call a State Council Budget Meeting for 3:00 p.m., seconded

Amend to 2:00 p.m.—friendly accepted.

Call to question

Meeting at 2:00 pm to discuss and go over any budget concerns.

ELECTIONS

President Positions nominations

Tina Patterson nominated Leisa Vineyard, seconded.

Close nominations.

Moved and seconded to close elections.

Motion to close nominations, seconded.

Leisa Vineyard was elected as President

Elections open for Boys Competition Director

Nominate Dave Malchenson.

Moved and seconded to close elections.

Motion to accept by acclimation, seconded.

Dave Malchenson was elected as Boys Competition Director.

Elections open for Treasurer.

Nominate Rick Henage

Moved and seconded to close elections.

Motion to accept by acclimation, seconded.

Rick Henage was elected as Treasurer.

GOOD OF THE GAME

Mike Hall stated that his 10 year old girl's team loves the head gear. It has started to teach my girls to do proper headers. Every girl was doing it correctly. I would encourage it for player development. I saw the benefits in a game. Something more than safety.

Tonya Alvey Thanked Paul C. Burke for the last 2 years, he was always good to help District 2 when asked.

President Paul C. Burke Thanked Eric Blommer for the help in getting X-league up and going.

The Budget meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. for those who would like to address and go over any budget concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made and seconded at 12:00 p.m. to close the General Meeting of the Utah Youth Soccer Association.

*These draft minutes were prepared by Secretary Jodi Wells.
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