

**UTAH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
RADISSON HOTEL
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
FEBRUARY 3, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual General Meeting of the Utah Youth Soccer Association was held on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at the Radisson Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Leisa Vineyard.

WELCOME

President Leisa Vineyard welcomed Special guest Region IV Deputy Commissioner, Ron Cook to our Annual General Meeting.

ROLL CALL

Members present and vote

President	Leisa Vineyard	1	
Vice President	Cindy Baron	1	
Secretary	Jodi Wells	1	
Treasurer	Rick Henage	1	
Competition Director	Kurt Cottrell	1	
Recreation Director	Paul Brockbank	1	
Member Services	Stephanie Kirtley	1	Proxy John Johnson
SYRA	Norm Williamson	1	
State Cup Director	Bruce Cuppett	1	
ODP Administrator	Judy Martin	1	Proxy Teresa Ortiz
Tournament Director	Linda Kay Messenger	1	
District 1 Chairperson	Allan Jones	1	
District 2 Chairperson	Trisha Roberts	1	
District 3 Chairperson	John Gygi	1	
District 4 Chairperson	Dave Mills	1	
District 5 Chairperson	Brian Smith	1	
District 6 Chairperson	Rich Egan	1	
District 7 Chairperson	Delon Brower	1	Proxy Kim Allen
League 2	Steve Colopy	1	Absent
Impact	Stephan Hall	14	
Murray Max	Paul Hezseltine	2	
Firebirds	John May	5	
Park City Extreme	Lisa Efinger	2	
League 9	Scott Morrill	2	Absent

League 11	Amy Mortensen	4	
League12	Rich Phillips	1	
League 13	Eric Wells	8	
League 34	Juan Canals	4	
League 43	Casey Walker	6	
USA	Justin Call	3	
League 14	Alan Mendel	2	Proxy Gene Nielsen
League 16	Spencer Bills	4	
League 17	Martin Villegas	2	
Avalanche	Rocco Vitacca	2	Proxy Mark Gibb
League 29	Richard Seaman	2	Proxy Tracy Proulx
League 30	Richard Droesbeke	5	
League 35	Melinda Stimpson	4	Absent
Wasatch Soccer Club	Robert Taylor	2	
Utah Steam	Russ Moody	2	Absent
Utah Strikers	Brett Porter	2	Proxy Donna Porter
Laroca	Dan Parkhurst	4	Proxy Pat Sebring
League 20	Steve Bowler	10	
League 21	Rocky Collins	2	Absent
League 22	Paul VonStrahl	2	Absent
League 23	Scott Payne	2	Absent
League 26	David Josse	14	
UC Strikers	Lisa Jensen	2	Proxy Rich Bradley
Celtic Storm	Steve Shallenberger	2	Absent
League 41	Kelly Davis	4	Proxy Chuck Miller
League 44	Denise Littlefield	4	
League 45	Joni Lorscheider	3	Proxy Becky Hogan
League 46	Brandi Nadauld	3	Proxy Eric Landon
UFC	Peter Tesch	3	Proxy Danny Ortiz
Club United	JR Knight	2	
League 47	Brenton Hammons	2	
League 48	Dale Baker	7	
League 49	Michael Huff	5	Proxy Terri Baker
League 50	Brian Tippetts	8	
Soccer Academy	Reine Akebrand	1	Absent
League 27	Kyle Pasley	8	Proxy Lori Cottam

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Secretary Jodi Wells reports that a quorum is established. Total quorum votes in attendance are 165; majority will be 82.5 votes and 2/3 majority will be 110 votes.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM 2006 AGM

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the 2006 Annual General Meeting.

REPORTS

President Leisa Vineyard encourages everyone to read the Boards yearly reports listed in the book.

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES TO THE CONSITIUTION BYLAWS AND RULES

Mike Blackburn will be the parliamentarian.

Motion was made and seconded to remove the following proposals:

Section 1

1:06:05

Section 2

2:01

2:01:01

2:01:04

2:02

2:02:04

2:07:02

2:07:04

2:11:01

Section 3

3:02:01

3:02:02

POINT OF ORDER

Motion was made and seconded to move Bylaws proposed by John Gygi to the front of the proposals.

Linda Kay Messenger stated that the rules committee discussed this; they current bylaws do need to be restructured. We recommend that this go back to the board and have them review, and have a committee made up of different districts review them and resubmit for the AGM in 2008.

John Gygi stated that we saw that there was a need to review. A complete overview of sections 1, and 2 of the bylaws. We wanted to clean up the format make them simple then develop policies around the bylaws. I did solicit other people to get input. I looked at the Federation, Washington State, and US Youth Bylaws.

SYRA, Norm Williamson stated that there is a problem with item #9. It is just not the youth, there is a broad amount of sweeping change it should be individual items.

John Gygi stated that we have a paid Technical Director why not have a paid Referee Director it is important to spend the time and energy to mentor our referees.

Brian Smith stated that #10 allowing recreation and competition to vote for each of their directors, some leagues have both programs, so how would you determine their votes.

John Gygi stated that they would be represented from each. Each team has a proxy to vote.

Dale Baker stated that in his league they run small sided games; we have more teams because they are smaller, so how do we make that equitable for everyone.

Wasatch Soccer Club stated that this is unreasonable to have 15 pages of sweeping changes to not have had time to read, and look over. Suggested that we vote on this next year.

John Gygi stated that everyone should have had them 15 days prior to the meeting to review.

Pat Sebring stated that what you are doing is great, but the proposal needs to be reviewed in length. By waiting a year this would be a good opportunity to review and suggest changes.

Call for question, seconded

Vote to stop discussion

Motion to stop discussion passed.

Motion made and seconded to adopt

Vote by cards, motion failed.

Motion made and seconded for recommendation that the BOD & Rules Committee take a serious look and come back with a detailed recommendation at next years AGM.
Motion passed.

Proposal 1:07:05

Deletes the old titles and positions that were consolidated with rule changes adopted at the 2006 AGM.

Motion made and seconded to accept change.

Motion passed.

Proposal 1:08:01

Moved and seconded

UYSA uses the internet as a method of communicating with its members.

John Gygi stated that we need to clarify weather it is done via e-mail or to just post on the website.

It was recommended that we use electronic mail and post on the website or use the US Postal Service.

David Josse stated that we need to have a guaranteed way to know if it was received.

Brian Smith stated that we are making more out of these than we need to. Posted on the link with people and e-mail changes.

Leisa Vineyard stated that using the internet, this would save the association money.

John Johnson stated that we need to make an active effort not a passive effort. People here at the AGM have not seen rules, we need to be active to notify membership, even have electronic conformation.

John Gygi stated that with an e-mail distribution list it makes it easier.

Cindy Baron stated that she was willing to accept the friendly amendment to read as follows:

1:08:01 The State Council shall hold an Annual General Meeting each year during the first quarter of the year. Written notification shall be made to all voting members and other state officers on the State Council at least sixty days prior to the meetings. Written notification may be made via (1) electronic mail and posted on the website or (2) The United States Postal Service, but is not limited to these two methods.

Motion made and seconded to preceed to vote on amendment only.

Amendment passed.

Motion made and seconded to vote on full bylaw change.

Motion passed.

Proposal 2:01:01

Delete the old titles and positions that were consolidated with rule changes adopted at the 2006 AGM. Delete Snickers as they are no longer a national sponsor or sponsor of State Cup.

Call for a vote.

Motion passed.

Proposal 2:01:05

Moved and seconded

Clarifies that individual members are subject to being placed into bad-standings.

Stephan Hull stated that as I read we are just adding player, we already have member in there.

Cindy Baron stated that we are adding player for more of a clarification.

John Gygi stated that any member of the association could be placed in bad standing

Justin Call stated that we should put individual member

Justin Call stated the clarification on the motion to amend to individual member.
Amendment accepted.

Proposed amendment to read:

2:01:05 NON PARTICIPATION BECAUSE OF BAD STANDING. Any Team, Club, League, At-Large-League, District or official body of this Association or Individual Member thereof determined to be in bad standing will not be allowed to participate in any UYSA activities (tournaments, games, travel, etc.) This includes participating and voting at any and all meetings.

Reasons for bad standing include but are not limited to:

Non-payment of fees

Non-compliance of rules and policies (1-03)

Approval of amended motion passed.

Discussion on bylaw change

Steve Bowler stated are they a member if they have not paid their money

Rich Bradley stated that if they have not paid their money, then it is up to the league or club

John Johnson stated that in section 3:04:02 technically our rules state that once they have signed and made payment they are a registered member of the association.

Rich Bradley stated that they have to have signed the form and made payment before you can issue a card.

Cindy Baron stated that some clubs take payments from their players.
Terri Baker stated but usually in that case, the club has paid their state fees, so they are members.

Leisa Vineyard stated that then the club or league can put the player into bad standings.
Rich Bradley stated but how do you know if a player is in bad standing

Leisa Vineyard stated that the registrars, clubs/leagues must let the office know.
Norm Williamson stated that UYSA would be the backing point to help the club put the member in bad standing.

Call for vote to adopt as amended

Motion passed as amended.

Proposal 2:02:01

This deletes the old titles and positions that were consolidated with rule changes adopted at the 2006 AGM and clarifies which years State Officers are elected.

Proceed with vote

Motion passed

Proposal 2:11:01

This would make the wording consistent throughout the bylaws and rules.

Proceed to vote

Motion passed

Proposal 2:04

Motion made and seconded

This award has merit and that the longevity will be maintained with policy rather than as a bylaw/rule.

Linda Kay Messenger stated that we have has this award for the past 10 years, including it in the bylaws identifies the stability of this award.

There is some concern that down the road that it could be deleted. It is a valuable award. If it is a policy than the BOD can decide whether or not to keep it with out bringing it to the entire association for a vote.

Call for vote to adopt as bylaw.

Motion failed.

Proposal 3:04:01

This proposal encourages full disclosure of all fees.

Proceed with vote

Motion passed

Proposal 3:04:02

ADG system and Accuracy and accountability of all registrars.

Rules recommend this change

Justin Call stated that if a player registers and the player has not paid, but the club/league has paid, they should be considered a member.

Amend if anyone has paid the money in behalf of the player

John Johnson stated that we are entering into insurance coverage

Linda Kay Messenger stated that the national definition includes payment of fees

Steve Bowler stated that it puts a lot of potential cost to league or team, once the form is signed.

Terri Baker stated that payment of fees covers everything; Clubs are taken on the burden of itself.

Mark Gibb stated that clubs pay the state registration fee

Cindy Baron stated that if you leave appropriate it gives you a leeway.

This proposal is on the certification of registrars.

All amendments have been withdrawn.

Terry Baker stated pull out the registration form.

Gene Nielson stated that there is a concern about kids not being covered with insurance. Call for vote only on proposed amendment to delete registration forms in section A of 3:04:02.

Amendment passes.

Brian Smith stated why we need to have our registrars bonded.

Leisa Vineyard stated that it is for creditability and liability to keep things in order.

John Gygi stated that some have given passes out to people who are not registered.

Steve Bowler stated what the bond is for

The ADG system is administered by the state; the registers are hired by the district. We can't fire them.

Stephan Hull stated have we considered the registrars input.

John Johnson stated that the leagues and districts would pay for the registrars. But we have had passes being made improperly.

Terri Baker stated that I would not have a problem with this as a registrar.

John Gygi stated that we need a certain level of intent, not to have illegal paperwork.

Call to question, seconded.

All in favor of ending discussion

Roll call vote no votes so discussion is still up

Rich Egan stated that club and league registrars submit to the District registrars.

Club and league can submit directly with the state, but they need to pay district fees.

Pat Sebring stated that district, club, league registrars need to be bonded to use the system.

Leisa Vineyard stated that with that you could pick your registrar

Lori Cottom stated that registrars are hard to find, I would not vote for it.

Our district does not have the money to front that.

Chuck Miller stated that we have neighboring teams

Leisa Vineyard stated that you register with their club, and pay their district.

David Mills stated how do you manage teams

David Josse stated that all registrars, and anyone that inputs any names into the system,
Leisa Vineyard stated that as it is written they would.

Pat Sebring stated that I think this needs to go back and have the registrars go over this.

District registrars to manage areas, it is easier to deal with 7 than 100's of them.

Linda Kay Messenger stated that the tournament committee discussed that some registrars are doing hundreds of passes, other are not, if you have a club or league registrar to help out and stream line it.

Call for question. Seconded.

All in favor of ending discussion.

All amendments have been withdrawn.

Motion failed.

Moved and seconded to refer this back to the board

Motion passed.

RECESS

Motion made and seconded for a 10 minute Recess

Proposal 3:05:03

Motion made and seconded

This would be a housekeeping change to update perpetually without further legislative action at either the council or BOD level.

Kim Allen proposed an amendment that the bylaw end with top section years and the perpetual years be dropped.

All in favor of adopting amendment.

Motion passed.

Adopt bylaw as amended.

Motion passed.

Proposal 3:06:04

Moved and seconded

Mark Gibbs presented new bylaw.

Rules committee rejected, and recommend it go to the competition committee. There is a concern that this will violate the USYSA rule that allows players to transfer.

Mark Gibb stated that this is about player's recruitment. Coaches, administrators or others may not attempt to secure a player's participation with a team or member organization during the season year September 1 to August 1st.

Everyone would be in violation because tryouts are in May. I have checked out neighboring states. There is no rule, no bribing, a recruiting window a coach that a coach can only talk during that time frame.

The proposed rule tries to create a recruiting window starting May 1st, the coach would be in a safe harbor if the parent goes and talks to them during that time.

Jodi Wells stated that this recruiting window would be during state cup.

David Josse stated that did you consider changing the specific dates of May 1st and make it the last league game.

Mark Gibb stated that by changing dates and setting time deadlines as of this date you can talk will help stop during the season recruitment.

John Johnson stated that it should be in prohibition of players practicing during the seasonal year. All of the non UYSA items, futsal, indoor soccer, intentionally bind a player to a team for all soccer practices.

Chuck Miller stated that advertising tryout dates—we have parents wanting to know right know.

Dale Baker stated what is the point you can't stop it.

Cindy Baron stated that if we prohibit the transfer we are in violation of USYSA rules.

John Johnson stated that recruiting violations come up all the time.

Justin Call stated that this is not preventing players from going where they want to go.

Mark Gibb stated that if we could get all on one page it would be easier to manage.

Casey Walker stated that we do not have a lot of competition players, if they don't make competition, we need to have somewhere for them to go.

Chuck miller stated that this needs to go to the state competition committee for their review.

Call to question

Motion failed.

Propose to send to competition committee to review.

Motion accepted and passed.

Motion to consider sections 4 thru 15 together to remove them from bylaws and place into policy.

John Gygi stated that we are not voting on them, we are just moving them to policy for the board to be able to recommend any changes in the future.

We are not changing the wording we are taking a vote to accept as policy not bylaw.

Policy changes are considered at board level.

Linda Kay Messenger asked the association to consider section 9 as a bylaw then look at the rest of them.

Cindy Baron agreed to consider section 9 as a bylaw and discuss the changes.

Proposal 9:02

Linda Kay Messenger stated that this is a bylaw, and there are some changes to be made.

I would like to then have it considered as a policy after the changes have been voted on.

Proposed changes to section 9 are as follows, items to be deleted in bold additions underlined:

9:02:02 *The committee shall conduct all UYSA sponsored tournaments and establish rules for the conduct of these tournaments, i.e., **President's Cup, Pioneer Day, Select Team, and Regional Representation.***

9:02:03 *The chairman may request additional assistance as a chairman for specific tournaments, i.e., **Select Team, and Regional Representation.** This selection shall be made with the concurrence of the UYSA President.*

9:03 SANCTIONING CRITERIA

9:03:01 *The criteria for sanctioning a tournament shall be:*

A-no change

B-no change

C-no change

D-no change

*E A completed application to Host a Tournament or Games along with a copy of the rules for the tournament must be submitted to UYSA for consideration. A **post tournament report must be submitted to UYSA within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the tournament or games. This report should include documentation of any incidents involving ejections or cautions. Hosts of sanctioned UYSA tournaments must submit a financial accounting from the tournament not more than thirty days after the conclusion of the tournament. No host member, club, league, or district will be eligible to host another tournament until such accounting statements have been submitted and reviewed by UYSA.***

POLICY: 1:08 TOURNAMENT REPORT.

*1. The UYSA Tournament report must be filed with the UYSA Tournament Director within **Thirty (30) Forty-five (45) Days** after the conclusion of the tournament and shall include the following:*

A. Program

B. Rules of play

C. Invitation Form

D. Letter of Acceptance

E. Financial Report

F. Misconduct Report

G. List of teams participating in the tournament

H. Fields utilized

I. Name of tournament sponsor, where applicable

*J. List of serious injuries (report should be turned in by coaches within 48 hours of the injury). Fees of \$2.00 per team for small-sided games and \$5.00 per team for full sided games participating in the tournament are also due within **Thirty (30) Forty-five (45) days** after the conclusion of the tournament.*

*2. Failure to adhere to the tournament policies, including the late filing of tournament reports and payment of fees, will result in a **\$150.00 \$300.00 fine. If after 90 days or by September 30, the report and fees have not been submitted, the tournament will be suspended for the following year.** The hosting organizations (district, club and/or league) are responsible for these fines and may be placed in bad standing for failure to comply.*

Motion to approve amendments to section 9 as a bylaw change, seconded.

Amended motion passed.

Motion made and seconded to look at each section individually.

Motion passed

Section 4

Change from rule to policy

Motion passed.

Section 5

Change from rule to policy

Motion passed.

Section 6

Change from rule to policy

Motion passed.

Section 7

Rules committee felt that changing this section could lead to injustice and place the State in the position of being overturned.

Paul Burke stated his concerns that having this section go to policy is that disciplinary and protest committees could change rules during hearing.

I would suggest that this not happen.

Procedural rules should not be put into policy.

Recommend to leave as a rule not policy.

Vote to change from rule to policy

Vote failed.

Section 7 will stay as a rule.

Section 8

The Rules Committee feels that “quick changes” to the guidelines could lead to injustice and place the State in the position of being overturned.

Recommend to leave as a rule not policy.

Motion to change from rule to policy

Motion failed.

Section 9

Change from rule to policy

Motion passed

Section 10

Change from rule to policy

Motion passed

Section 11

Change from rule to policy

Motion passed

Section 12

Change from rule to policy

Motion passed

Section 13

Change from rule to policy

Motion passed

Section 14

Change from rule to policy

Motion passed

Section 15

Change from rule to policy

Motion passed

We are done with all of the proposal changes thank you.

Policy Changes that have been made since last AGM.

Cancellation policy

BUDGET

The Budget is on the Pink Sheet slipped into the book.

Treasurer, Rick Henage presented the current budget and the proposed budget for 2007-2008 budget. This is what I would recommend for start of September 2007.

It is very hard to make suggestions that far out.

The concerns about the budget are the following:

Administrative services, we have budgeted 2 years out.

Top soccer has never been added to the budget. Paul Skinner Top Soccer Chairperson is here if you have questions with this program. This program should be in the budget.

Paul Skinner stated that the grants we can get only cover equipment; I don't have the money to get programs going. The region has allocated some money from the region, but there is no money for anything in the state. Soccer is for all youth.

Rick Henage suggested that this should go to the board and discuss giving something for the top soccer program.

Pat Sebring stated that with the cost of rental on fields; why not put that money in to the development of our own fields.

Motion to accept the present budget for ratification.

Motion passed

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Nominations for Treasurer

No nominations

Refer back to BOD to for recommendations

Nominations for Recreation Director

Nominate Terri Baker

Terri Baker in place by acclimation.

Nominations for President

Nominate Leisa Vineyard

Nominate Scott Maxfield

Scott Maxfield stated that he would like to thank Leisa for allowing his information to be put up on the web site. I have been involved in soccer for many years. I have been in touch with everyone. I would have the knowledge, and I would ask for your vote.

Leisa Vineyard stated I feel that we have opened the line of communications and really focused on getting things rolling. The recreation program has really grown. We have brought more recognition to UYSA. These past years, our competition program has grown, and we have had many players be recognized on regional and nationals levels. Our coaches have also really grown. Our 5 year plan is to develop fields, we are in a crisis. We really want to focus on this and bring it into line to continue to grow. I ask for your vote.

Bruce Cuppett and Jodene Smith will collect all the votes.

Bill Bosgraph and Linda Williamson will be counting the votes.

100% Club

Cindy & Jodi distributed to the following clubs for increasing their numbers this past year

Murray Max	119%
Impact	114%
League 11	101%
League 13	124%
League 34	102%
League 43	118%
USA Club	119%
League 16	182%
Avalanche	145%
League 30	131%
League 35	128%
Wasatch Soccer Club	146%
Utah Steam	119%
Strikers	103%

League 20	128%
League 21	121%
League 23	117%
League 26	152%
UC Strikers	258%
Celtic Storm	142%
Club United	127%
League 50	108%
Southern Utah, Lg 27	133%

GOOD OF THE GAME

Past President, Paul C. Burke reported on the status on the Sports Complex in North Salt Lake. We will have a Sports Complex; we should have a groundbreaking by this summer. We are in the process of trying to acquire more land in Salt Lake and Davis County. We currently have 180 acres and want to acquire more. Things are in process and are looking very optimistic.

Region IV Deputy Commissioner, Ron Cooke thanked the State Association for inviting him to our AGM, it has been a delight to be her, Region IV Commissioner Jolene Woodhave has a National Board Meeting, and was unable to attend. On behalf of Region IV we would like to Thank you for all that you do for the soccer community, we appreciate your dedication.

At this time I would like to present President Leisa Vineyard with a gift of an Adidas watch, we appreciate your service and hope that it continues, we wish you the very best.

Vice President Cindy Baron reported that the President ballots have been counted and Scott Maxfield is the new Utah Youth Soccer Association President.

The motion to destroy the ballots was made and seconded.

Vice President, Cindy Baron invited everyone to stay for lunch and listen to RSL Players Joey Worthen and Mehdi Ballouchy on their journey from youth soccer to the pros.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made and seconded at 12:25 p.m. to close the Annual General Meeting of the Utah Youth Soccer Association.

*These draft minutes were prepared by Secretary Jodi Wells.
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