

Portland Youth Soccer Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2010

Present for the Board of Directors:

President: Ricky Aker

First Vice President: Roger Thomas

Secretary: Greg Simon

Director at large: Ron Baglien

Director at large: Sean Moran

Excused: Rick Hansen, Amy Pate

Also present: PYSA Technical Director: John Madding

PYSA Office Administrator: Ana Konstin

PYSA Liaison Jeff Enquist

The meeting was called to order by PYSA President Ricky Aker at 7 p.m.

The Board voted to approve the purchase of PYSA rain jackets for referee mentors.

Jeff Enquist gave a report on registration for fall. The policy put in place to securely handle background checks is working. Jeff reported a huge bubble of teams at the U9 level (100 teams). 2900 games have been scheduled and sent out to coaches for scrutiny and possible change. John reported that the coaches he has spoken with at clinics are very impressed with the ease of getting permits via pdf files, how early they were available, and how responsive the office has been to requested changes.

Jeff and John are already working on the PYSA tournament. Jeff suggested that PYSA look into building a field development piece into the fee structure. He thinks a complex like Delta Park will soon be needed to accommodate games at the 8 v.8 level. Jeff will be visiting club presidents and boards in September and October. The Board agreed his mission should be a fact-finding one: to find out where clubs really are in terms of development and facility, and if there are clubs that need assistance. Ana wondered if PYSA had ever developed a manual for clubs. Ricky asked Jeff to find out where the clubs stand on Directors and Officers insurance, and whether PYSA will again need to offer this to the clubs.

John asked the Board for permission to donate old PYSA equipment from the storage unit to Jefferson High School. The Board authorized Jeff and John to look into adding U10 teams to the year-end tournament if not this year, then next year. The fee would be lowered to \$300 as the games are shorter (8 v 8). John reported that the Rec Plus league has been moved to OYSA and OPL which provide a more competitive environment outside of PYSA. Players are still registered with PYSA, but the teams have left our leagues. The Board voted to continue a yearly social event for members at a Timbers game. John will look into pricing for season tickets. It was suggested that we add an opt-out email option on the website.

The employees were excused at 9:15.

Ricky will attend a meeting with the new organizers of the Nathan Thomas Tournament to see in what direction they will be moving, and if it warrants continued support from PYSA.

The Board briefly discussed the upcoming membership meeting on September 14th, employee handbooks (Ricky has prepared one for Board review), the PYSA sponsorship policy/guidelines (this policy hasn't been finalized yet), concessions at Delta Park (we will ask Jeff or Tim to look into this at the next Delta Park Users Group meeting), CPR/First Aid classes (Sean was asked to schedule these and post the dates on the website). Ricky asked Greg to prepare a presentation on High School Coed Rec. for a future membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Simon, PYSA Secretary.