

WSSC Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 10, 2020
7 pm to 8:55 pm via Zoom

Attendees: Goss (Pres.), Persson (VP Players), Lucas (Sec.), Conway, Larsen, Hinthorn, O'Byrne (7:18 pm via phone), Foulk (7:13 pm).

Excused: Oltyan (VP Admin.), Weiner (VP Coaches)

Absent: Allan

July 2020 Minutes: Larsen moves, Conway 2nds approval of the July 2020 minutes; unanimous approval.

Club Finances: No report in Allan's absence.

OLD BUSINESS:

United Soccer Coaches: Via email in advance of the meeting, Weiner reported that about 35 coaches have signed up for this benefit and they will be getting emails enabling them to complete their registrations this week. We still need to nominate a club coach to receive the single full membership that comes with our subscription. There is not a way to track a participant's use of the program; USC recommends making one of their courses mandatory or recommended, then they can tell us how many of our coaches participated in that.

ACTION ITEM: Goss, Persson and Weiner will choose a coach for the full membership.

Fall Registrations: Registrations are at about 60% of normal.

League Affiliation: WSSC teams may be approved to play in SYSA this season on a case by case basis. Intertie or other SYSA affiliation issues are tabled for a later date.

Scholarships: Lucas reports that scholarship applications are proportionately way down. Foulk reports the same at HSA.

RETURN TO PLAY:

It is impossible to predict when or whether rec teams will be able to return to play. A season is dependent upon King County reaching at least Phase 3 as currently defined by the Governor. Discussion was had regarding the various moving parts of return to play. If the season is delayed, we will consider extending the season (which could be hampered by Parks

closing grass fields when the weather gets really rainy), shortening the season, playing double headers, or canceling the season. NPSL has announced that they will have practices for two weeks following reaching Phase 3, then games will start. SSUL's schedule is not known at this time. We anticipate needing at least two weeks lead time before WSSC games begin. We will continue to discuss the situation via email and at future meetings, and will refresh our position on the website at least every two weeks.

ACTION ITEM: Goss will draft a message to the membership regarding return to play and practices, circulate it to the board for comment, and publish it on the website.

Practices and Field Reservations: No practices for rec teams in Phase 2, which we are in right now. We plan to provide practice fields in Phase 3 (as currently defined by the Governor). Since we have not progressed to Phase 3 in King County, and we do not want to spend club funds on fields we cannot use, we will turn back August field reservations as appropriate without endangering our historical use record. Our goal is to save as much money as possible without risking our future access to the fields we historically use. Persson moves that from August 10 to the end of August we turn back unusable practice field reservations, except those needed by HSA Select and Premier, and that we will pay for our pro rata share of field time that we cannot turn back. Goss seconds; unanimous approval.

ACTION ITEM: Foulk will handle details of rec field reservations for August and will discuss shared use/costs with HSA.

ACTION ITEM: We will meet August 31 at 7 pm via Zoom to discuss the status of the season and practice fields for Sept.

ACTION ITEM: Hinthorn will relay our position to HPFC, HSA, and HSC (which meets tomorrow).

Coaches' Meeting: Goss reports that he forwarded the slide deck to Weiner who is currently updating and finalizing it. If it appears we can return to play, Goss will complete the Coaches' Meeting presentation, to be delivered via video with some mechanism to ensure coaches watched it. Age group break out sessions will be held at a single location, all at the same time, outdoors, to be followed by uniform distribution.

Uniforms: Uniforms require a two to three week lead time. One option is to order kits now and store them until next year if there is no Fall 2020 season. It serves the club to have our kit supplier survive the Covid shutdowns, and we want to support them, but we don't want to expend club funds unnecessarily, and are wary of storing a partial season's worth of kits (60%). We will hold off ordering uniforms for now.

ACTION ITEM: Goss will research this issue further and provide follow up to the board via email.

Fields: Field preparation will need to be ramped up quickly, including field lining, net checks and hiring field liners for the rest of the season.

NEW BUSINESS:

RMA Clearances: Foulk reminds us that a coach's RMA status currently resides in Affinity. Eventually all clearances will be renewed during the regular registration process via the WSSC site in US Soccer Connect/Blue Sombrero, but until that time coaches will need to log in to their Affinity accounts to renew and document RMA clearance.

ACTION ITEM: Foulk and Goss will generate a report of coaches who are not yet RMA cleared and send them an email reminder.

Registrar: We need a new registrar in the coming months as Cori Reid will be stepping away from the position; she is available to train a replacement.

ACTION ITEM: Goss will get a complete job description from Cori and we will discuss further the best way to replace her, including the possibility that some functions might be handled by Soccer Office.

Co-ed coordinator: Clydene Evans-Wenzel has stepped down from her position as age group coordinator for the co-ed teams. She is available to mentor a replacement. Larsen is willing to learn the position from Clydene and has scheduled a meeting with her. Goss will assist Larsen.

Age Verifications: Soccer Office has successfully worked on this process since last year. SO is bringing all U13+ existing age verifications from the old registration system into the new one.

ACTION ITEM: Hinthorn will ask SO to expand this project to include all ages down to U8. Once all previously existing age verifications have been imported into the new registration system, Hinthorn will provide a template email to SO to use in obtaining age verifications for all players U10 and above.

D&O Insurance: WYS has just announced that they are cancelling the D&O insurance they currently provide to all member clubs effective August 31. They will do a presentation regarding an option for new insurance this Thursday August 13.

ACTION ITEM: Persson and Lucas will attend the WYS presentation.

ACTION ITEM: Persson will research available options and relevant considerations, including whether we would be best served by an HSA-wide policy.

ACTION ITEM: This board will need to vote to authorize a choice of new insurance before the existing policy expires. We will hold Monday, August 24 at 7 pm as a possible Special Meeting to discuss new D&O insurance.

Important Dates:

Monday, August 24: Potential Special Board Meeting

Monday, August 31: Special Board Meeting

Monday, August 31: New D&O insurance must be in place

Monday, September 14: Regular Board Meeting

TBD: Coaches Meeting via video

TBD: Age Group Break Out Sessions and Kit Distribution

TBD: Co-ed Coaches' Meeting and Kit Distribution

TBD: Fall Season Begins

TBD: Fall Season Ends