

Fairbanks Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors Resolution Re: Attendance/Voting Member Status - January 2021 Annual General Meeting



To All Fairbanks Youth Soccer Association Members,

Per Alaska statutes for non-profit organizations, an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the membership must be held as outlined in the Association's Bylaws.

FYSA Bylaw 111.1 states: "*The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of this Association shall be held prior to the end of January for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Membership.*"

While it is important for us to continue to operate our organization as necessary from a governance standpoint, the health and safety of our membership is also a top priority. As most would expect, the AGM will be made available virtually, via Zoom, to all who wish to participate. Details will be provided via email to the general membership and posted on the FYSA website. In-person attendance at the meeting will be available, with social distancing and other prudent measures in place.

However, when the Board of Directors recently met discuss the AGM and other matters, it was acknowledged that offering a virtual format would create a unique challenge:

Bylaw 105.2 - Voting Members

*a. To be considered a Voting Member, an individual must meet one of the criteria detailed below AND **attend in person** at least one membership meeting or meeting of the Board of Directors in the previous 12 months:*

- i. Be a parent or guardian of a youth player registered with FYSA within the previous 12 months, OR*
- ii. Be an adult player registered with FYSA within the previous 12 months, OR*
- iii. Be a volunteer, Associate, Honorary or Sponsor Member, approved for Voting Member status by the Board of Directors.*

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d. A Voting Member in good standing, as defined herein, may vote at all annual and/or special general membership meetings. For the purpose of obtaining Voting Member status, being present at a membership meeting fulfils the attendance requirement outlined in 105.2.a for any votes held at that same meeting.

The requirement to attend '**in person**' in order for an FYSA member to receive 'voting member status' for the purpose of a membership meeting is not something that can be reasonably expected during the current COVID-19 pandemic and the associated efforts to eliminate unnecessary gatherings. These Bylaws do not allow participation electronically to meet the requirement for attendance at an AGM. Updates to Bylaws may only occur AT an AGM. Language will be presented for an approving vote at the AGM to remedy this for any future similar situations. However, for the purposes of the upcoming meeting, the Bylaws remain as written.

As such, to ensure that FYSA members who take time to be involved in the AGM will still have voting status, **the Board of Directors hereby approves this resolution to include virtual participation at the January 2021 AGM as sufficient for meeting the attendance criteria of being present 'in person'.**

We look forward to the coming year and the opportunities to see our fellow soccer friends on the field and on the court. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out via email to the FYSA Executive Director at director@fairbanksyouthsoccer.com or President at president@fairbanksyouthsoccer.com

Yours in Soccer,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K. Stacy".

Katherine Stacy, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Theresa Groves".

Theresa Groves, Secretary