

KANSAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 11, 2011
Hays, Kansas

Voting Members:

José Zarate – President
Steve Schwartz – VP Recreation
Vic Boydo – VP Competitive
Mo Loridon – Secretary
Tom Squires – District II Commissioner
Ron Schneider – District III Commissioner
Mark Griffin – District V Commissioner
Alan Blinzler – Past President

Others:

David Ouderkirk – Alternate District III Commissioner
Bob Riggs – Executive Director
Mark Sheldon – Director of Coaching
Jessica Smith – Director of Member Services
Gunar Harmon – SYRA
Tony Almeida – Rules Chair
Carroll Sliva – Shawnee Soccer Club
Craig Shaw – Fort Hays State University
Brett Parker – Fort Hays State University

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. A quorum was present and acting throughout the entire meeting. Mo Loridon acted as Secretary for the meeting.
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes from the Previous Meetings (Regular meeting on January 23 and Special Session meeting on February 22, 2011) - Motion to approve by Alan Blinzler, second by Vic Boydo. Passed unanimously.
4. Report of Officers and Committees
 - a. José Zarate, President:
 - i. He has met with staff, thanked the board and staff for everything that has been accomplished this last year, and discussed his vision for the future with regards to an updated website, an Ambassador program to work with member recruitment and retention, outreach to other groups beyond the Hispanic population, and a goal of increasing membership by 20% this next year.

- ii. Steve Schwartz has recently joined Kansas Youth Soccer as the Vice President of Recreation and will be working with staff on academies and festivals.
 - iii. Plans are to meet with our Member leagues and clubs more each year.
 - iv. More emphasis will be placed on coaching education and referee mentoring.
 - v. Expressed the need to identify outside resources and have activities (like a silent auction black and white event) to raise money for the Foundation, seek grant writers, and partner with programs that focus on health and wellness.
 - vi. Plans to have the members of the Audit Committee confirmed by the end of March to begin reviewing governance and programs, looking at developing five and ten year strategic plans, and outlining short and long term goals and objectives.
- b. Vic Boydo, Vice President of Competitive:
- i. Thanked staff and expressed his support to help increase membership by 20% noting that it may be necessary to make multiple visits to prospective leagues. Discussion held on getting grants to help offset first year costs for new leagues.
- c. Gunar Harmon, SYRA:
- i. Discussed the need to coordinate referee development with membership growth.
- d. Tom Squires, District II Commissioner
- i. Wichita Wings will once again have a team.
 - ii. Kohl's American Cup will be held on April 23.
 - iii. SCSA has had an increase of membership, predominantly in the U6-U9 ages, with an increase in the number of Hispanic teams.
 - iv. LeBaron Hollimon is the new SCSA Director of Officiating.
 - v. SCSA makes it mandatory for coaches to attend coaching education and recently had 40-50 coaches participate in the last youth module.
- e. Alan Blinzler, Past President:
- i. Reported that US Youth Soccer Board of Directors have endorsed club passes and that the National Championship Series (NCS) Committee will be looking at crafting rules as related to the use of club rosters at the championship events.
 - ii. Reported that the US Youth Soccer Board of Directors has endorsed player safety and concussion awareness. Also noted that the concussion law has cleared in Topeka so that leagues will need to show that coaches have been trained in concussion awareness.
 - iii. US Youth Soccer will be conducting a survey of large, medium and small leagues/clubs in all the state associations as part of the strategic planning efforts. There is some discussion of moving to a national registration database that would be offered to state association for free.
 - iv. The US Youth Soccer Coaching Committee has endorsed the use of a Five Star Program that would provide incentives for league and club participation. Blinzler noted that Indiana has begun working with school

districts on education programs that are funded by Federal physical education grants.

- v. US Youth Soccer has reviewed its budgeting process, adopted the Recreational Academy system, and is discussing bylaw and governance reform.
 - vi. Blinzler suggested that the Kansas Referees association might want to consider using online referee testing program. Florida and Missouri currently use such programs.
- f. Ron Schneider, District III Commissioner:
- i. Kansas Magic, a new professional team in Topeka, will hold an exhibition game on April 30.
 - ii. The Topeka TOPSoccer Kick-Off will be held on Sunday from 2-3:30 PM at Washburn University.
- g. Mark Griffin, District V Commissioner:
- i. Welcomed and thanked everyone for holding the meeting in Hays as the addition of men's and women's soccer program at Fort Hays State University (FHSU) and the completion of the city's 8-field sports complex will have a great impact on soccer development in District V.
 - ii. Craig Shaw and Brett Parker, FHSU women's and men's head coaches, will be working with Hays Soccer Club to start an academy for the players and hold coaching education courses at the university.
- h. Jessica Smith, Director of Member Services:
- i. Discussed Membership Development Plan (MDP), reported on communication efforts with Member leagues, and presented the revised Kansas Youth Soccer website to be launched in the next month.
5. Report of Delegates - None
6. Unfinished Business -
- a. Rule for Bad Standing – (From January 23, 2011 Board Meeting): Discussion held on adopting a rule for putting players in bad standing. Steve Schwartz made a motion “If a Member Organization requests for a player to be put into bad standing, the state association will place the player into bad standing for 30 days.” Second by Phil Lattimer. Discussion held on the necessity of a hearing and proper notice requirements in compliance with KSYSA Rule 4.0 and USSF Bylaw 701 and the timeliness of the request. Motion to table by Mo Lorida, second by Vic Boydo. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Motion by Steve Schwartz, second by Ron Schneider to bring the original back on the table.
 - c. Motion by Steve Schwartz to amend the original motion and use the proposed changes for Rules 5.2., 5.2.1., and 5.2.2., adding Rule 5.2.13., second by Alan Blinzler. Passed unanimously.
7. New Business
- a. Discussion was held on minimum license/certificate standards for coaches. Mark Sheldon reported on the status of the US Youth Soccer online E Coaching Certificate module which looks to be available in April. Minimum coaching standards will tie-in to the Five Star Program and it was suggested to include requirements for directors of coaching, a recognition program that identifies

members of the Program, keeping the costs of coaching education low, and incentives for participation instead of penalties for non-compliance. Zarate appointed Steve Schwartz, David Ouderkirk, Vic Boydo, and Mark Sheldon to a special committee to review.

- b. Mark Sheldon discussed the Kansas Youth Soccer Member Camps and Clinics Program that will be part of member benefits to provide player development opportunities following the guidelines of youth development in US Youth Soccer and the US Soccer Federation. This program also offers leagues and clubs to use this program as a fundraiser.
 - c. Steve Schwartz and Alan Blinzler will send out more information on the Five Star Accreditation Program to the board and staff.
8. Motion to adjourn by Alan Blinzler, second by Vic Boydo. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 PM by unanimous consent.

Respectively Submitted,

Mo Lorida
Secretary – Kansas Youth Soccer



**KANSAS STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 11, 2011 at 7:00 PM
Hays, Kansas**

Order of Business

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

**III. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Regular meeting on January 23
and Special Session meeting on February 22, 2011)**

IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- a. President's Report
- b.

V. REPORT OF DELEGATES

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Amend Rules 5.2., 5.2.1., 5.2.2. and add Rule 5.2.13. for Bad Standing

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion on Minimum License/Certification – Mark Sheldon

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meetings:

- Sunday, May 15, 8 PM, Teleconference
- Sunday, August 14, 8 PM Teleconference
- Saturday or Sunday, November 12 or 13, TBD

Amend KSYSA Rule 5.2.

Currently reads:

5.2. SUSPENSIONS

- 5.2.1.** A player, while under suspension, shall not be released by his club until the completion of the team's playing season or the end of the seasonal year, whichever comes first.
- 5.2.2.** A team official, while under suspension, shall not change his team/club affiliation.

Change to:

5.2. SUSPENSIONS AND BAD STANDING

- 5.2.1.** A player, while under suspension **or bad standing**, shall not be released by his club until the completion of the team's playing season or the end of the seasonal year, whichever comes first.
- 5.2.2.** A team official, while under suspension **or bad standing**, shall not change his team/club affiliation.

Proposed KSYSA Rule 5.2.13. Player Bad Standing:

Club/League intending to place a player in bad standing must hold a hearing in compliance with US Federation policy 701-1 and KSYSA rules, section 4.0, within two (2) weeks after written notification has been provided to the participant of their intent to place in bad standing with the state association. The state association must be notified within two (2) weeks after the club/league hearing has been held with the participant. No action will be taken by the state association should this timeline not be followed.

After the state association has deemed full compliance in accordance with KSYSA rules 4.0 and policy 701-1 of the US Federation, the participant will be placed on bad standing with the state association for a period not to exceed one seasonal year or earlier with notice given the state association by the club/league withdrawing their request to place the participant in bad standing.

A player may be kept in bad standing for subsequent years provided that the organization seeking to impose the sanction has sent the individual a notice of how to cure the issue, and if requested holds a hearing on removing the bad standing determination.