



Illinois Youth Soccer Association
Approved Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
February 6, 2021
Zoom Conference Call

Board Members Present: Salvador Arroyo, Gus Bender, Bob Berkley, Charlie Dyson, Flo Dyson, Kelly Fairwood, Dave Hicks, Dale Litney, Jake Mooney, Jane Raede

Guests: Mary Jane Bender, Jan Berkley, Bill Bruno, Chris Jamrozy, Adam Howarth, Ale Jurado, Stu Kasten, Meaghan Kinser (recording secretary), Martin Cramer, Katie O'Malley, Rob Paneral

The regular Board Meeting of the Illinois Youth Soccer Association was called to order by the president, Gus Bender, at 9:06 AM.

ELECTIONS

Gus Bender conducted the elections.

MOTION

The following officers and directors were re-elected by acclamation.

President	Gus Bender
Vice President	Dave Hicks
Treasurer	Flo Dyson
Secretary	Kelly Fairwood

MOTION - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Hicks moved to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting. Minutes were unanimously approved.

COACHING EDUCATION REPORT

Adam Howarth presented the Coaching Education Report. IYSA is currently running three 'D' License Courses with plans to start more in April. Adam is working to schedule future Grassroots Courses that adhere to the new blended format of 2 hours of online instruction combined with 2 hours of in-person instruction. Adam and Marek are currently concluding a 'C' License Course with a second one starting in April and registration has just opened for two more 'C' License Courses hosted by IYSA. All National courses are done in a blended format that combines online instruction followed by 4 days of in-person training. The next virtual Coaches Connection will be on March 17.

ODP REPORT

Adam Howarth presented the ODP Report. All sessions for the current season have been successful and well attended. IYSA is following the COVID guidelines for its ODP Sessions in Rockford and Schaumburg. There is a plan for ODP State Teams to attend an event in Indiana in June with more details to come.

OFFICE REPORT

Mary Jane presented the Office Report. She was pleased to report that the US Small Business Administration forgave IYSA's first PPP Loan. IYSA has submitted a second PPP Loan request and applied for the US Soccer Covid Relief grant.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Martin Kramer presented the Financial Report.

MARKETING & EVENTS REPORT

Chris Jamrozy presented the Marketing & Events Report. The suspended Fall State Cup and Presidents Cup has been rescheduled for a majority of the high school girls. Due to the IHSA girls' high school schedule, IYSA is planning to complete the majority of its competitions prior to the start of the IHSA season and bring the teams back to conclude their competitions at the beginning of June. The remaining Spring Cup competitions will go ahead as planned, barring any major changes from the state of Illinois. All COVID guidelines and procedures will be followed and the participating teams will be notified thereof prior to the start of the competitions. A webinar will be held on February 10 to explain the Spring programming and to answer any remaining questions.

The E-Sports website is being finalized will go live in the near future to share with our members. Through the partnership, in addition to the FIFA tournaments, players can also sign up for a season or year-long gaming pass to compete with other players in a variety of games. IYSA has continued to utilize their social media platforms as a way to reach its members and, as a result, social media following has grown. Lastly, the Network News transitioned from a mailed, print publication to a e-publication with plans to do more e-publications throughout the year.

SOCCER FOR SUCCESS REPORT

Ale Jurado presented the Soccer for Success Report. The program has started indoor training at Max McCook facility. All COVID guidelines are being followed. Masks are required indoors for all participants and parents are not permitted inside facility during training. The Soccer for Success Department of Justice grant has been extended for another year.

INVESTMENTS REPORT

Rob Paneral presented the Investments Report.

MOTION - RECREATIONAL LEAGUE APPROVAL

Dale Litney moved to approve Coal City Soccer Club as an Illinois Youth Soccer recreational member league. Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Gus would like to schedule a meeting with IYSA Member Competitive Leagues to discuss ideas on how to proceed with the Spring season and increase membership.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered executive session at 11:25 AM and exited at 11:39 AM.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The Board Meeting of Illinois Youth Soccer is scheduled on April 10.

Gus Bender declared the Board Meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM.