



Illinois Youth Soccer Association
Approved Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
April 10, 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, Adam Howarth, Chris Jamrozy, Ale Jurado, Meaghan Kinser (recording secretary), Katie O'Malley, Marek Radziszewski

The regular Board Meeting of the Illinois Youth Soccer Association was called to order by the president, Gus Bender, at 9:16 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gus Bender moved to approve the Minutes of the February 7, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting. Minutes were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Flo Dyson presented the Financial Report.

OFFICE REPORT

Mary Jane Bender presented the Office Report. The first PPP Loan IYSA received was forgiven and was granted a second one that should be forgiven as well. IYSA also received the US Soccer Innovate to Grow Grant for COVID Relief. She noted that SafeSport continues to be complicated. Once SafeSport takes jurisdiction over a report, all communications are handled through SafeSport. SafeSport states that all adult participants are considered mandatory reporters who may remain anonymous and without retaliation. SafeSport also requires that clubs have their own Safety Policy in place, provide instruction to its member and supervise its staff. Some coaches are not aware that SafeSport certificates are valid for only 1 year and that they must take a refresher training annually. IDPH thanked the IYSA for following their COVID guidelines. Mary Jane also recognized the valuable contributions that were made by women in youth soccer. Lastly, she thanked the staff for their continued innovation and hard work during this past year.

RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

Meaghan Kinser presented the Risk Management Report. A letter of termination was sent to Player's Health and JDP effective April 1, 2021.

MARKETING & EVENTS REPORT

Chris Jamrozy presented the Marketing & Events Report. The State Cup and Presidents Cup competitions for the girls' high school age groups were rescheduled to the spring and concluded April 2-4. Although the Cup competitions were changed to a single elimination format due to time constraints, the teams were pleased to participate. He congratulated the following teams that will be representing IYSA at the Midwest Conference Regionals:

State Cup

15U Girls GLSA FC 1974
16U Girls Galaxy SC
17U Girls GLSA FC 1974
18U Girls FC United
20U Girls CFJ West

Presidents Cup

15U Girls Tinley Park Bobcats
16U Girls FC-1 Academy Elite
17U Girls Chicago Rush
19U Girls Crystal Lake Force

Play-in games for the remaining age groups will begin April 24-25 in Rockford. The National League Midwest Conference was reformatted to expand Premier 2 and remove Premier starting Fall 2021 season which will impact the older age groups.

IYSA has continued to expand their social media campaigns with a launch wishing all teams good luck with their Spring 2021 season. Social media was also utilized to announce IYSA's COVID protocols for their State Cup and Presidents Cup competitions. Due to COVID, IYSA has pivoted from print publications to more e-publications, with the Tryout Guide scheduled for the next e-publication. Lastly, IYSA will run its first monthly ad in the Daily Herald on April 11 that will showcase the recent State Cup and Presidents Cup champions.

COACHING REPORT

Adam Howarth presented the Coaching Report. To date, IYSA has completed 8 courses and is working to get as many coaches certified as possible. An all-female D License course which is in progress in collaboration with and funding from US Soccer began on March 29. The course consists of all female candidates and instructors. The first blended C License course began on April 5 with a second one to begin in August. Adam continues to offer free clinics whether online, in-person, or a combination of both for IYSA member recreational organizations.

ODP REPORT

Marek Radziszewski presented the ODP Report. He was pleased to report that IYSA successfully completed the entire ODP season. Invites for the Indy Interregional event will be sent out within the next couple of weeks. State Team players will be announced at the conclusion of the Indy Interregional event which will serve as the event for Regional Camp selections. Due to COVID, the Regional Camp was moved from Saginaw, MI to Rockford, IL.

SOCCER FOR SUCCESS REPORT

Ale Jurado presented the Soccer for Success Report. IYSA was able to run an indoor program that concluded on March 26. There are 150 kids registered for the outdoor program that just began at 3 separate sites. All programs are following the IYSA COVID protocols.

REFEREE REPORT

Gus Bender presented Referee Report. US Soccer is continuing to conduct Zoom trainings with no in-person trainings at this time.

COMPETITIVE LEAGUE APPROVAL

MOTION

Bob Berkley moved to approve the LDE Soccer Organization as an Illinois Youth Soccer competitive member league. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered executive session at 11:04 AM and exited at 11:48 AM.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The Board Meeting of Illinois Youth Soccer is scheduled on July 17, 2021.

Gus Bender declared the Board Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.