**DUKE CITY SOCCER LEAGUE**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM 1/26/2023**

* **CALLED TO ORDER**
  + Meeting called to order by Bill at 7:30pm the AYSO office.
* **CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
  + None
* **ROLL CALL/QUORM DECISION (need 10-11 in attendance)**

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| **Board Members:**  Melissa Valdez- Secretary  Sonya Woodhouse- Treasurer | **Staff:**  Bill Nordin- Director of Games | **AUFC Timbers/Thorns :**  Andrew Murphy  Stan McCoy |
| **AYSO United:**  Ralph Callum  Felisa Palery | **Classic FC:**  Nico Beraun (Zoom) | **Elite:**  Michael Posen (Zoom) |
| **NM Rush:**  Eric Dooley (Zoom) | **Rio Rapids:**  Woody Woodhouse  Jason Moran | **Guests:**  n/a |

* **APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES FROM June 2022 BOARD MEETING**
  + Tabled until next meeting; copies not available for members to review.
* **INTRODUCTIONS/GUESTS/SPECIAL REPORTS**
  + **PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**-no comments
  + **CLUB REPRESENTATION-**no comments
* **MANAGEMENT REPORT**
  + **Complex**
    - Currently working on a new lease: proposal for Tamaya Ventures to run all the operations of the complex (no long an agreement between Tamaya Ventures (Pueblo), Sandoval County and SYSC). They are in final process of hiring Dwayne.
    - They plan to rent to SWSC at a proposed yearly rate of $108,000; rent does not cover DCSL Tournaments (Gaylord and Sandia Cup).
    - They will collect and keep the money changed for parking.
    - They will contract with the clubs and leagues to run tournaments.
    - Complex will be renamed “Pueblo of Santa Ana Sports Complex”
    - They will retain any and all sponsorship rights and all vendor payments.
    - Tamaya Ventures have offered $16,500 for all the assets SYSC owns (market value of our assets (not including goals) is $180,000). SYSC has liabilities of over 100,000 (made up of equipment loan payments, payroll liabilities and a PPE Loan of $75,000). We have countered…. Proposing $125,000 which can be paid over a 5 year span by decreasing the annual rent rate.
    - Waiting to hear back from Tamaya Ventures……
    - Other options: land near Renaissance could be another option to turn into fields…. City wanting to grass this area and balloonists need open fields to land.
  + **Fall Play**
    - Overall, a good Fall season
    - Planning to move away from opinion of DOC’s/coaches and going back to using results from play to rank teams. A few teams had been incorrectly bracketed.
    - Limiting club pass players better this fall
    - Still a few games were affected by COVID, and games had to be cancelled. Need to make sure all teams have an assistant coach on the roster that can step in if head coach cannot be present.
  + **Referees**
    - Paul Quan passed away at the beginning of the Fall season. His passing brought attention to succession planning and importance that other people have access to passwords and data in the event of an unexpected passing.
    - Aaron Ostic was hired to assign referees, also in process of training Leanne. Bill and T.J. are backups if needed to do this.
    - There is still a shortage of referees.
      * We changed the 8 week schedule to a 9 week schedule with each team having a bye week to help with the shortage
      * Important that DOCs share travel plans of teams to help with building to schedule to avoid unnecessary rescheduling.
      * Some teams still did not have a team referee to contribute to the 4 required games covered. There were 3 teams in the Fall season. Discussed a fee if not covered or extending into the Spring season to get the points.
    - We would still like to offer reimbursement to youth referees getting certified to referee DCSL games. They would not receive their reimbursement until AFTER they finished refereeing their first game.
    - In regards to youth referees, some issues that have come up are late Saturday practices or scrimmages that prevent them from refereeing games. Importance we encourage coaches to try and avoid scheduling these practices and scrimmages so they can ref. Also, they are initially limited to refereeing U11 and U12 games, which does not help cover the older groups.
  + **Transfers**
    - Not as many transfers in the past; a lot to NMSA
    - Question regarding if an entire team can transfer mid-season… discussion concluded if club is ok with it and it is benefiting the players, than its up to the club to decide.
  + **Tryouts**
    - Concerns still present regarding non-DCSL teams and timing of tryouts for non-metro leagues including ECNL, GA and DPL.
    - Meeting with DOCs is planned to discuss timing and when they can hold tryouts; trying to make it as fair to as many as possible.
  + **Other Non-Metro Leagues (including ASL, ECNL, GA and DPL)**
    - DCSL recognizes the need for clubs to be these leagues
    - Planning to work with these teams going forward regarding:
      * Schedules
      * Referees- number needed and pay scales.
      * Not one local contact
  + **Tournaments**
    - AYSO United has asked to be in the rotation of the DCSL Tournaments
      * Initial agreement in acceptance into DCSL was with the condition they would not be including in the rotation
      * AYSO now being one of the larger clubs feels they deserve to be in the rotation now and could host a successful tournament.
      * Discussion among members brought up concerns regarding Elite FC (they are up and their current size, status and acquisition/merger with Corrales Soccer Club.
      * Decision was made to review our current bylaws and modify them before voting to allow AYSO into the rotation.
        + Need to review minimum # of teams to be in club to be included in the Tournament rotation
        + Do new teams have a probation period?
      * Also requested to see what the rotation would look like if AYSO was included.
      * Will schedule meeting soon to review and vote.
    - Should Sandia Cup continue to be rotated among the clubs or hire a company to run it?
      * Current status of tournament: averaging 85 teams, timing may not be good as it fall right after State Cup and before tryouts, almost no support from other DCSL teams that are not hosting the tournament that year (mostly Texas teams registering), obviously the referee shortage is also an issue
      * Will continue to discuss at future meetings.
  + **City Parks**
    - BFP has some damage and very dry; not in good condition; Susan making things difficult to do anything; new way to assign practice space
    - We still have ADO on Saturdays
      * 4 fields we can use if needed; some U7 and U8 games still being played there.
      * DCSL shed still located at ADO. Was holding off moving to BFP until word regarding status of Complex with Tamaya Ventures
    - Some parks are getting dangerous (homeless and safety issue
  + **NMYSA**
    - Everyone involved with NMYSA/DCSL needs to complete SafeSport (this includes board members)
      * One SafeSport referral was made regarding acquisition from youth female against a youth male; reason why there is a rule regarding U14 and older girl teams playing boy teams.
    - New board members: Rennae Ross new President and Matthew Shappard is VP
    - Zero Tolerance policy was approved (but somewhat modified)
      * Will not follow rule that states second offense from a parent requires ALL parents to leave; we will not throw out parents that are acting appropriate. Parents have a right to be there and support their children if they are behaving.
      * Discussed there are some referees that “stir the pot” and actually make things worse.
      * Coaches shouldn’t be carded for parent’s behavior.
* **FINANCIAL REPORT**
  + Registration Billing will be going out this weekend.
* **NEW BUSINESS**
  + Election of a new Vice President- currently no nominations
  + Succession plan for Bill – will being to look for an assistant.
  + Succession plan for clubs
* **UPCOMING MEETINGS**
  + **Board Meetings**
    - Feb 28th at 7:00pm at AYSO Office
* **MOTION TO ADJOURN**
  + Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm