**DUKE CITY SOCCER LEAGUE**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM April 13, 2023**

* **CALLED TO ORDER**
  + Meeting called to order by Bill at 7:30 pm at the AYSO office.
* **CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
* **ROLL CALL/QUORM DECISION (need 10-11 in attendance)**

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| **Board Members:**  Ron Espinosa- President  Melissa Valdez- Secretary  Sonya Woodhouse- Treasurer | **Staff:**  Bill Nordin- Director of Games | **AUFC Timbers/Thorns :**  Andrew Murphey  Stan McCoy |
| **AYSO United:**  Ralph Callum  Felisa Palery | **Classic FC:**  Nicolas Beraun | **Elite/Corrales FC:**  Brennen Posen |
| **NM Rush:**  Eric Dooley | **Rio Rapids:**  Woody Woodhouse  Jason Moran | **Guests:**  n/a |

* **APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES FROM February 2023 BOARD MEETING**
  + No discussions
  + Unanimously approved
* **INTRODUCTIONS/GUESTS/SPECIAL REPORTS**

**none**

* **REPORTS**
  + **COMPLEX CONTRACT UPDATE**
    - Contract signed, new name is Pueblo of Santa Ana Sports Complex
    - They will retain all sponsorship right and vendor payments
    - Dwayne hired
    - Will rent to SWSC at proposed yearly rate of $115,000 covering 21 weeks (including Gaylord and Sandia Cup) and a few make-up days. The contract is for 1 year with 4 one-year options. (see attached Field Cost sheet). Daily cost per field $131.73. GA and ECNL $150/field/game.
    - Our already established DSCL game schedule and tournaments have been approved; they are aware of other club tournaments but not in the contract. Rent does not cover non-DCSL Tournaments. They will contract with the clubs and leagues to run tournaments. Kyle is point of contact but not good at returning calls.
    - They will collect and keep the money charged for parking for the complex
    - Property Settlement
      * Initial proposal from Tamaya Ventrues was $16,500 for all the assets, market value of these assets (no including goals) was $180,000. We accepted $125,000 to be credited to our lease at $25,000 per year for 5 years.
      * SYSC liability now totals around $80,000.
  + **Spring Season**
    - 1,021 games scheduled at the complex compared to 1,026 games scheduled last year. (does not include GA games not held at the complex)
    - 261 teams
    - Number of scheduled games still depends on the number of referees; some weekends are short on referees, but getting close to filling slots. Three referees from Roswell helping to cover CR spots.
    - Penalty if teams don’t fulfill covering 4 games with referees: 2 teams did not meet their requirements in the Fall and were not scheduled games for the first 2 weeks of the season. This caught the attention of many parents.
    - Discipline card tracking: spreadsheet to keep track of yellow and red cards given at games. Large number of cards handed out…. Need to look into issues with some referees. Also need to look into issues with player cards. Will likely go back to using printed rosters next year.
    - Team Bench: location of parents and players/coaches.
    - Game cameras (ie-VEO): make sure teams secures these (had an incident where one fell down). If managers will be by camera on bench side, will need to be Safe Sport certified.
    - Referees: Aaron Ostic continues to assign referees. Lee Anne is being trained and will help assigning for May tournaments including Sandia Cup.
  + **Transfers**: 43 transfers processes
  + **City Parks:** The city has hired a new employee to oversee sport fields- Ted Bailey
  + **NMYSA:** 
    - Reminder that everyone involved with NMYSA/DCSL needs to complete Safe Sport (this includes our board).
    - Zero Tolerance policy was approved in the Fall. So far this Fall we have suspended 3 parents from at least 1 future game.
  + **Directors of Coaching Meeting**
    - Held on 3/28/2023.
    - Tryout order proposed spreadsheet was approved; future dates showing rotation of clubs
    - After May 1, 2023 (after the last DCSL scheduled weekend), teams/clubs can register their own players. Registered players may be contacted by anyone from any team. Registered players may be offered a spot in a new club and may commit, but registration cannot take place until June 2nd. New players (non-registered players) cannot register until June 2nd (U-14 and under) and June 7th for U-15 and older players.
    - There was discussion regarding bullet that states “Individual and team tryouts may begin to take place (not club tryouts)” regarding rules for tryouts after May 1. Can this bullet be better written? If a club within DCSL or outside does not follow our rules, we need to enforce these rules with some type of penalty.
    - Options for weak teams: DOC for DCSL teams need to be involved
    - Club Pass: DOC suggestion for next year is to lower the number to 3, with the ability for the Director of Games to approve more for special reasons, including but not limited to Spring Break and team illness/injury.
* **Handbook Changes for 2023-2024**
  + Referees
    - Require Team Rosters for all games (will review at next meeting).
  + Metro Rules of Play
    - U-9 and 10s bench and player set up
  + Club Pass (proposed changes, to discuss more at next meeting)
    - Only 3 club passes allowed (with approved exceptions), maybe allow 5 club passes for older teams (U16 and up???)
    - Need club pass form filled out
  + End of Season Transfer Policy
  + Guest Player Policy
  + Discipline Point System
    - Should be reviewed
  + Ranking Procedures
  + Lightening Policy and Procedures
    - Need to be updated
  + Alcohol and Use of Tobacco Policy
  + Texting, Email and Social Media Policy
  + Team Application
  + NMYSA Injury Report
  + Referee Assessment form
* **Review of By-Laws and Constitution**
  + DCSL By-Laws were reviewed, and the following changes are proposed:
    - Article I, change “May” to “June”
    - Article 2, “seasonal year” changed to “Aug 1- July 31”
    - Article 3, “at least once each quarter during the fiscal year” changed to “minimum of 2 meetings”
    - Article 5, remove “and Referee Administrator”; change “May” to “June”
    - Article 5, letter F Referee Administrator section to be moved to under “Staff”
  + DCSL Constitution were reviewed, and the following changed are proposed:
    - Article 4, letter d.-Player Registration: change “(September 1st to August 31st of the following calendar year)” to “August 1st to July 31st”.
    - Article 6, letter b.- League Governing Body: remove “and Referee Administrator”
    - Article 8, letter a- change “seasonal year” to “Aug 1- July 31”
* **FINANCIAL REPORT**
  + The last registration Billing of the year will go out the end of next week
* **NMYSA**
  + State Cup: A total of 72 teams will participate in this year’s State Cup in 16 divisions (that is up form last year’s 68 teams). Three divisions have non-contested winners, all moving on to Regionals, (down from 4 last year)
  + El Paso team can represent New Mexico at Regionals
* **Tournament Updates/Calendar Review:**
  + Sandia Cup 2023- as of now, 24 teams are signed up
* **NEW BUSINESS**
  + Election of a new Vice President
  + Discuss a succession plan for Bill and begin to look for an assistant.
* **UPCOMING MEETINGS**
  + **Board Meetings**
    - June 15 at 7pm at AYSO office
  + **Special Meetings**
* **MOTION TO ADJOURN**
  + Motion approved at 9:16pm