



**SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH SOCCER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**



February 17, 2021 Minutes

Time: 7:00 pm

Topic: SCYSA Board Meeting

Zoom

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- I. Call to Order : 7:01pm
- II. Roll Call: Michael, Wayne, Richard, Hans, Conn, Helmut, Kevin, Burns
(Quorum reached Motion by Helmut w 2d by Michael)

Absent: Billy
Guest: TSC, Coast FA, Spartanburg United, Walterboro, Lexington SA
- III. Adoption of Previous Minutes: Michael motion to adopt w 2d by Richard
- IV. Reports
 - A. President: no report
 - B. Vice President: Kevin Kollegger seeks re-election and attending US Soccer AGM virtual (Feb 26-27)
 - C. Treasurer: Wayne Corley seeks re-election
 1. BOA Checking- \$133,079.17
 2. BOA Savings- \$200,130.63
 3. BOA CC- zero balance
 4. PPP Loan (\$68,240) Forgiveness application submitted
 - D. Executive Director/League Administration: attending US Soccer AGM virtual (2/26-2/27), Leagues are now operating. Total game count 862 w total team numbers = 207 teams (12U-14U)
Spring Development League – 2 boys and 2 girls teams have registered so far.
Closes on 2/22/21.
- V. Old Business-
 - A. BYLAW 109 Amendment proposal for membership March 6, 2020

Executive Director seeks to change the definition below to grant a voice to smaller clubs with continued and uninterrupted affiliation with SCYSA.

BYLAW 109 (3)

Current language

(3) A "Club" is an organization that is a member of SC Youth Soccer and that has an identifiable membership of at least one hundred (100) youth soccer players within a territory determined by the SC Youth Soccer Board of Directors. This organization is in place to carry out SC Youth Soccer's programs for youth players. Groups seeking membership in SC Youth Soccer and fulfilling all other requirements for same but having fewer than one hundred (100) youth players may be granted annual provisional status for a seasonal year by a majority vote of the Board of Directors but will not be eligible to vote at any annual general meeting until such a time as its player membership equals at least one hundred (100) players.

How it would be changed

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Rationale: Several long-standing smaller clubs with fluctuating player numbers but clearly established within their communities and within SCYSA still have no voice at the Annual General Meeting. It is appropriate, it is fair and it is long overdue.

[Motion will be reviewed and voted on next month as old business]

B. BYLAW 301 Amendment proposal for membership March 6, 2020

Current language

Bylaw 301. ORGANIZATION MEMBERS Section 1. (a) Each Club is entitled to vote at State Council Annual General Meetings and District Council Annual General Meetings. A Club shall have the following number of votes: (1) 100–499 players - 1 vote

How it would be changed

Bylaw 301. ORGANIZATION MEMBERS Section 1. (a) Each Club **as defined under Bylaw 109** is entitled to vote at State Council Annual General Meetings and District Council Annual General Meetings. A Club shall have the following number of votes: (1) **45–100** players - 1 vote

(2) 101-499= 2 votes

(3) 500-999= 3 votes

(4) 1000-1499= 4 votes

- (5) 1500-2499 = 5 votes
- (6) 2500-3499= 6 votes
- (7) 3500-4499= 7 votes
- (8) 4500-5499= 8 votes
- (9) 5500-6499= 9 votes

One additional vote per 1000 registered players above total number of 1499 registered players during the seasonal year as shown above.

Rationale: If BYLAW 109 is amended then this language is required.

[Motion will be reviewed and voted on next month as old business]

C. BYLAW 322 Amendment proposal may be changed by Board of Directors

Section 4. The districts may be realigned or new districts established by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

Executive Director **motions** for the following change below to remove Florence Soccer Association from the MidState geographical boundary to be opened for discussion and approved prior to March 6, 2020.

Current language to be changed

Bylaw 322. GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICTS Section 1: The Piedmont District is defined as - East of Georgia /South Carolina border. West of US 321 from NC border to SC 121 at Chester. SC 121 from Chester to Johnston. US 25 from Johnston to I - 20. North of I - 20. South of the SC/Georgia border. Section 2: The Mid-State District is defined as - Eastern boundary of Piedmont District west of I - 95, but not to exclude the Florence Soccer Association, North of the SC/Georgia border. South of the NC / SC border. Section 3: The Coastal District is defined as –East of I-95, west of the Atlantic Ocean, north of the SC/Georgia border and south of the SC/North Carolina border.

How it will be changed

Bylaw 322. GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICTS Section 1: The Piedmont District is defined as - East of Georgia /South Carolina border. West of US 321 from NC border to SC 121 at Chester. SC 121 from Chester to Johnston. US 25 from Johnston to I - 20. North of I - 20. South of the SC/Georgia border. Section 2: The Mid-State District is defined as - Eastern boundary of Piedmont District west of I - 95, North of the SC/Georgia border. South of the NC / SC border. Section 3: The Coastal District is defined as –East of I-95 **except for the inclusion of the counties of Chesterfield, Marlboro and Darlington**, west of the Atlantic Ocean, north of the SC/Georgia border and south of the SC/North Carolina border.

Rationale: Florence is a natural fit in the north Coastal district serving as an anchor club for that soccer community and providing a much needed large complex to host SCYSA events in the Coastal district. This area represents a possible 4th District as envisioned in the SCYSA Bylaws if player numbers are sufficient in the future.

[Motion will be reviewed and voted next month as old business] Discussion only leave on Old Business

VI. New Business

- A. Discussion on Club Pass player numbers per game for 2021-22. Do we stay at 7 players or return to a lower number? 5 players..... attending clubs seemed to favor the 7 player CP limit
- B. Executive Director **motions** that all Club Pass players must have select player registration unless passing onto Open team from recreation or academy level. SCYSA is losing money on teams without full complement of select level players on the roster. This will maintain flexibility and programming for the clubs and SCYSA while maintaining options for developing recreation and junior academy players.

Wayne w 2d- discussion Call the Question- Wayne- unanimous to approve

- C. Coaching license requirements – deferment for 2021-22 or compliance for 2021-22. Discussion requested.
- D. Executive Director **motions** to adjust the AGM and Registrar Work shop fee (\$150) and the affiliation fee (\$30) in order to have a more reasonable fee in light of the virtual nature of the AGM/Registrars Workshop. Executive Director recommends a revised 2021 combination AGM/Registrar/Affiliation fee of (\$100) rather than the previous combination fee of \$180 from 2020. This will only apply to this March 2021 AGM.

Burns w 2d- discussion Call the Question- Kevin- unanimous to approve

- E. Conn Leithauser will seek re-election as Coastal Representative
- F. Executive Director wants feedback from the clubs on recreation registration returning to a school year registration and no longer using calendar birth year. This is a topic currently being considered by USYS.

Clubs supported a return to school year for all play levels only if directed by USYS- do not split between recreation and select.

G. Executive Director **motions** for an updated player registration count for the March 6, 2021 AGM to include any and all players registered to the clubs by February 26, 2021 for the 2020-21 seasonal year. Several clubs have recently closed their recreational registration after February 4, 2021 (30 days prior to the AGM- Bylaw 301 Section b1) and the vote count that SCYSA sent out may not be truly reflective of the total membership in our state at this time. In support of true player representation, the Executive Director would request this revision for the March 6, 2021 AGM to be approved by the Board. Club representatives on the Zoom Board meeting can provide their feedback and either consent or reject same as the US Soccer waiver of the same voting numbers for its 2021 AGM. We have done this before when we moved the AGM from August to March so it is not unprecedented.

Richard w 2d, Discussion Call the Question Hans- unanimous to approve

VII. Adjournment – 7:51 pm Motion by Richard w 2d by Helmut unanimous

Next meeting April 21, 2021 at 7pm (Wednesday)