



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



January 6, 2021 MINUTES

Time: 7:00 pm

Topic: SCYSA Board Meeting

Time: January 6, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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- I. Call to Order 1902 hrs
- II. Roll Call: ED, President, VP, Secretary, Rules and Compliance, 3 District Reps  
Absent: Treasurer  
Guest: 9 guests clubs, Shawn Smith from GYO (E-Sports)
- III. Adoption of Previous Minutes:
  - i. Motion- Michael
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Billy
  - iii. APPROVED
- IV. Reports
  - A. President: Attended ODP friendlies overall went well, wet conditions on fields but all games were completed. Approximately 150 South Carolina players participated. Looking to schedule another upcoming friendly with GA.
  - B. Vice President: Attended State Cup in Florence. Excellent competition. Well organized.
  - C. Treasurer: BOA operating acct- \$85,116, Savings- \$200,122, CC- \$4113 SCYSA is currently in good financial position for start of spring.

D. Executive Director/League Administration: Most of the fall season invoices have been paid. 6<sup>th</sup> of Feb for start of spring season. Potential addition of 17-19 league if High School season is canceled.

V. Old Business- none

VI. New Business

A. Revisions required to the Spring 2021 calendar- see attachment

Executive Director **motions** to accept the updated calendar for spring 2021

- Motion- Hans
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Helmut
- Call the Question- Hans
- APPROVED

B. Esports Opportunity presented for SCYSA see Power Point on revenue share at both club and state level

Executive Director motions that SCYSA take advantage of this revenue opportunity and register these interested e-players into our Affinity system.

- Motion- Hans
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Burns
- Call the Question-
- Keep open and move to Old Business

C. Jim Hudson adds 11 v 11 for spring 2021-need Board approval on new fee structure (\$535) and amendment to current, Jim Hudson rules (11 v 11 permitted) and match length to 35 minutes per half. Competition Committee has reviewed this new format and recommends offering if there is enough interest in the spring season. If insufficient interest in the spring 2021 then roll out in Fall 2021.

- Motion- Hans
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Billy
- Call the Question- Helmut
- Approved

D. State Cup Spring event locations:

1. President's Cup Florence Soccer Complex April 24-25 2021
2. Open Cup –Lexington Soccer Complex April 24-25, 2021
3. Academy Cup- SCUFC May 1-2, 2021
4. State Cup- Lexington Soccer Complex May 8-9, 2021

*Dates and location subject to change*

E. USYS imagination of National Championships

1. "Play-In" format with several states having to qualify with a single elimination between their neighbors. SCYSA is not one of these states.
2. "Divisional" format has all state sending their State Cup Champions to the event. Larger States are given a BYE (Premier) and smaller states have group play to advance.

Executive Director recommends "Divisional" format to be supported by SCYSA

- Burns abstains
- All others AYE

F. 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]

G. 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 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) 25–499 players - 1 vote

[new vote scale possible]

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

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

H. 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.

*How it will be changed*

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*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.*

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

I. Piedmont Representative Richard Delap will not seek re-election on March 6, 2021

J. March 6, 2020 Annual General Meeting will be virtual. Details and voting process to be provided in advance of meeting.

VII. Adjournment –

**Next meeting February 17, 2021 at 7pm (Wednesday)**

- Motion- Billy
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Kevin
- Approved
- Adjourned at 2021