CALL TO ORDER. Bob Maraia, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2006, at the BAYSA office.

ROLL CALL. Present: AL, BT, ELH, GV, MV, NC, PL, QT, SF, SB, SC, UA
Absent: TC

MINUTES. CLU made the motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of June 5, 2006; AL seconded; motion carried. Minutes are sent to clubs electronically and are posted on the BAYSA website at www.baysa.org.

COMMUNICATIONS.

STYSA Meeting. BAYSA officers attended the STYSA summer meeting last month (July 21-22, 2006) in San Antonio. Many rule changes were presented and passed at this meeting, and a summary of the actions were distributed to clubs at this meeting. The BAYSA executive board will discuss rule changes, particularly those that deal with small-sided games, academies, and “rec plus”, and develop ways to implement them in the fall 2007.

Office. The lease on the current office is not being offered for renewal. A real estate locator has found a facility with approximately 1500 square feet that will cost $750/month for 2 years and $850/month for year 3. BAYSA will be responsible for electricity and HVAC maintenance. The executive board discussed other options including use of a community or club facility, and decided to sign a 3-year lease on office space located at 15162 Highway 3 (Sterling Knoll Plaza) in Webster. The move to the new building will be completed in late August.

OFFICER REPORTS.

Executive Vice President.

Goal Post Inspections. Robin Foster reminded clubs that goal post inspections are due on September 1. Forms may be downloaded from the BAYSA (www.baysa.org) or STYSA (www.stxsoccer.org) websites. One form is required per location for game and/or practice fields. Please mail to Robin Foster, 1925 Tracy Lynn, Alvin 77551.

Player Grants. Player grant applications are being accepted for the fall 2006, and a copy of the revised player grant application is located on the BAYSA website. Player grant applications are due by October 1, and should be processed through the clubs then submitted to Robin.

Certificates of Insurance. Scorekeepers received a copy of the certificates of insurance at their annual meeting. Robin will forward new copies to clubs when they are available. BAYSA nor STYSA have provisions for one day insurance or riders, and clubs wanting this type of insurance will need to purchase it.

Risk Management. STYSA has combined adult registration and background checks (Kidsafe) into a single process this year through the E7 database. Adults will register online through this system. If the adult is already in the club’s database, a user name/password has been assigned and is available from the club registrar. If the adults are not in the system, adults should register through their club’s link. This year, each club is responsible for paying for Kidsafe registrations in their clubs. BAYSA will be printing and distributing the cards. Current Kidsafe cards, however, are valid through August 31.
Registrar/Secretary


Fall Registration. Due to the migration to E7 for adult and player registration, any requests for cards, after the initial print batch, will require club registrars to send the player’s name and team to Clay or Shirley. Player information will be downloaded to striker 7 for game cards on Tuesday, September 5. After that date, club registrars will enter players in E7 but will need to send Shirley McGraw information (player’s name, ID number, team name, team ID number) by Sunday evening at 10 p.m. in order to get them in the Striker7 system. This replaces the old Tuesday/Thursday rule. Also, the registration period begins August 1 so any player needing to change teams or needing to be released from a team will need to complete paperwork and submit it to Shirley McGraw.

D&P. Doug Peeler was unable to attend the meeting, but sent an email to clubs outlining key points from his committee’s kick-off meeting. Some of the items include:

Governing Documents. Clubs are asked to send updated copies (preferably electronic copies) of their governing documents (constitution, bylaws, formation policies, etc.) to Doug Peeler, D&P chair.

Licenses: All second year coaches are required to have an age appropriate module or "E" license.

Player ID cards: Clubs should let coaches know that all players must have laminated, signed cards with photos attached for the first game. It will be an automatic forfeit for incomplete cards. Any automatic forfeits may be appealed for re-consideration to D&P.

Game Cards: Game cards are the only legal record of the game taking place regardless of age group; this includes insurance and liability issues. All referee comments on game cards are recorded, and will be addressed by D&P, as appropriate. Automatic fines and forfeits will be incurred for not turning in game cards on time.

Penalty Points / Suspensions: It is the coach’s responsibility to track their own players’ penalty points, and to insure suspensions are served. Suspension forms must be signed and included with game cards for the suspension to be served. Sitting out with no suspension form does not serve the suspension. Coaches and players may be suspended indefinitely for not complying with progressive penalty point suspensions.

Minimum Play: STYSA and BAYSA rules require minimum 50% play for Divisions II, III, and IV. This rule includes provisions for forfeits and coach suspension.

Assault: All forms of assault or abuse will be addressed by D&P. Abuse/assault of referees will be forwarded directly to STYSA.

Treasurer.

Team Deposits. Rich Newell announced that team deposit fees were due August 1. BAYSA fines and fees are published in the BAYSA Handbook in Appendix A.


990’s. Rich is missing 990’s for Baytown, Dickinson, Manvel, North Channel, and Texas City. He noted that if a club does not make more than $25,000 annually, it is not required to file a 990. He would like copies of annual financial statements from each club so he can verify this information.

Scorekeeper. Robin Foster noted that all age groups need to complete a game card for each game. Blank game cards are found on www.striker7.com. Club scorekeepers will only turn in game cards weekly for those ages (U9 and up) where BAYSA keeps scores and standings. Any game card not received is a $25 fine per card for the home team. If a coach uses a blank game card and the card is not completely filled in like the pre-printed card, it will not be accepted.

Schedulers. Clay Knight reported that a preliminary list of teams has been loaded in Striker7, and club schedulers should go in and verify lists. He reminded clubs there are no playoffs for Division III teams. Also, if clubs wish to have a game changed or rescheduled, both clubs will need to send an email to the appropriate BAYSA scheduler requesting the change.
Coaching Development.

License requirement. Tom Wood reminded clubs that all second year head coaches will need an age appropriate license. Several clinics are planned in the local area as follows in the table below. A complete listing is found on the STYSA website.

Cost of clinics. Effective September 1, costs for coaching clinics will be increased as follows: U6/8 will be $30, U10/12 will be $30; "E" licenses will be $70, and "D" licenses will be $125.

Clinic reimbursement. He reminded clubs that BAYSA will reimburse coaches for all clinics up to and including "D", if taken in-house. If they attend clinics at another association, BAYSA does not reimburse.

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<td>Jeannette Christian (281) 427-3722</td>
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<td>August 19, 8 a.m. Eclipse/HYSA</td>
<td>Chris Delay (281) 980-7553</td>
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<td>August 20, 1 p.m. Eclipse/HYSA</td>
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Playoff Director.

Medals. BAYSA no longer will give participation medals to U8 and younger age groups. If clubs would like to get together to purchase medals, please let Randy Sayers know by September 1 so they will be available by October.

Field Usage by Outsiders. Randy Sayers reminded clubs that he needs permission and verification (preferably from the club president) for outsiders to use BAYSA clubs fields for events and tournaments before he will sign off on the paper work.

Tournament Reports. Clubs need to file reports with the state for all tournaments, even if a tournament is cancelled.

Playoffs. Randy Sayers successfully bid for fall 2006 playoffs (Eastern District and state) at the AGM in San Antonio. North Channel, Space City, and Quest have volunteered to host playoffs as well as East Lake Houston. He will announce more about playoffs in October. BAYSA will vote in October on BAYSA playoffs. He asked clubs to volunteer to host either bronze, silver, or gold brackets.

Referees

Training and Fall 2005 Coverage. Bob Mohler reported on recent referee training events including three referee events held at the state meeting as well as grade 8 and grade 9 recertification clinics held at BAYSA during July. He also gave a report on the active number of referees in the fall 2005 with breakdown by clubs. With a definition of 10-games during a season to be active, the total number of active BAYSA referees was 137 which made assigning and coverage difficult.

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Red/Blue Committee. The final red/blue report was distributed at the July 2006 meeting. James Kitchen noted that three teams were suggested for EDS2, and will check on their status.

TOP Soccer. Kevin Brooks will be relocating to another state, therefore, will be resigning as the TOP Soccer officer. Bob Maraia thanked him for his service to the association.
Referee Review Committee. David LeGrand reported that the committee is in the preliminary planning stages, and has met several times.

Referee Evaluation. There was a discussion at the meeting about a need for a process to obtain input and comments from referees, especially youth referees. Many times, BAYSA loses referees because of frustrations and concerns associated with sidelines behaviors and incidents (abuse and assault) at games. Clubs expressed a need for more support from the BAYSA referee program for these individuals, especially in cases where incidents go to D&P. BAYSA will ask Doug Peeler, D&P chair, as well as scorekeepers to be alert when concerns are brought forward, and report them to Bob Mohler and/or Bob Maraia. Bob Maraia will also have a note placed in all referee pay checks this fall asking for their input and acknowledging BAYSA’s support of the referee program with contact persons listed. Bob Mohler will develop a form that will be posted on the Striker7 website for referee comments and input.

EDS2. Robin Foster reported that as of August 1, there is no movement between players on EDS2 teams. The EDS2 season will begin the weekend after Labor Day. All coaches will be notified when log-ins and passwords are activated.

OLD BUSINESS. None.

NEW BUSINESS.

Academies. A rule change to allow academies was passed at the summer AGM. Clay Knight has volunteered to chair a committee to develop and implement policies for academies in BAYSA. Any individual wishing to serve on this committee, should contact Clay.

Special Request – U11 Playups. Manvel made a motion for permission to seek an exception to allow six players to play-up on a U11 team. The motion failed for lack of a second. For information purposes, a STYSA rule allows a maximum of four U10 players to play-up on an older team (U11 and above) no matter what the team’s competition level. It was also noted that BAYSA may have rules more restrictive, not less, than the STYSA rules. BAYSA did get an opinion from the STYSA registrar on this matter, and he replied that he would file a grievance against BAYSA if this action was allowed.

September Meeting. The September meeting has been moved to Wednesday, September 6, due to Labor Day, and will be held at the new office.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Shirley M cG raw
BAYSA Secretary
(Tuesday, August 8, 2006)