BAY AREA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION Presidents' Meeting - January 26, 2013

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>. Thomas Morrow, BAYSA President, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at the Springhill Suites in Webster, Texas. After roll call, club and association officers introduced themselves.

Present: AL, GC, MV, QT, PL, SB, SC

Absent: ELH, NC

Officers Present: Morrow, LeGrand, Newell, Edmond, McGraw

COMMUNICATIONS. Information items from STYSA and other sources are emailed to clubs as received, and posted on the BAYSA website.

<u>KIDSAFE</u>. Presidents talked about KidSafe process. Thomas Morrow will put together a handout to give to adults and post on website about safe measures with children.

<u>Goals.</u> Clubs are reminded to check goals and nets for spring. Many have been stored over the winter months and need to be re-anchored and secured.

Referee Assault. Thomas Morrow discussed a situation with referee assault that occurred within BAYSA last year. It was suggested that a written statement be posted on the BAYSA website and club websites that informs everyone that referee assault (verbal or physical) could result in ban from soccer.

SPRING SEASON 2013.

BAYSA SPRING 2013	
Games	Eight (8) game season; reschedules only due to rainouts may occur on Saturdays or weekdays. Any bracket with odd numbers will either have to play one Saturday game, start a week earlier or only be scheduled seven games.
Dates:	February 17 – April 28 (U5-U12); March 24– May 19 (U13 and up). No games on spring break weekends (March 9-10 and March 16-17) or Easter (March 30-31).
Teams Due	U5-U12 teams are due in GotSoccer by February 4, 2013
	U13 and older teams are due in GotSoccer by March 11, 2013
Registration Due	Registration ends April 1, 2013
Tryout Dates	Send tryout dates to BAYSA by March 18
Guest Players	No more than three (3) guest players ; must be BAYSA registered players
Format	U9/10 – 6 aside on normal field - No Offsides
	U11/12 – 8 aside on normal field - Offsides
	U13 up – 11v11 on normal field
	Teams may play up one age group from Fall 2012
	EXCEPTION: U10 teams are not allowed to play up in the spring (because of the May 1 rule). Also, no more than three U10 or younger players can play up on a U-11 or older team (Including U10 and younger guest players).
Team Fees	BAYSA Teams: U5-U8 – no fee, in house; U9-U10 - \$132/team; U11-U12 - \$304/team; U13 –U14 - \$344/team; U15-U16 - \$384/team; U17-U19 - \$424/team
	Non-BAYSA teams (non-fall): U9-10 \$230/team; U11-12 \$510/team; U13-14 \$650/team; U15-16 \$690/team; U17-19 \$730/team. Non-BAYSA teams returning from fall 2012 will be same fees as BAYSA returning teams
New Player Fees	U5-U8 = \$8.50; U9/10 = \$14; D3 = \$21; D2 = \$25; S2/Q=\$30; TopSoccer/Soccer Across America \$8

CENTRALIZED FIELDS. Centralized field proposal for games (not practice) was brought to the presidents. Three options were proposed: (1) keep home teams playing at home fields for games, (2) select four complexes across BAYSA and each club designate one of four complexes as their home field, or (3) select eight complexes across BAYSA shared by two clubs with games rotated between two complexes every other week to allow teams to get some home games. Utilization of centralized fields for games would be beneficial to BAYSA in the areas of scheduling, referee assignments and field marshals; however, more so, it would better facilitate the soccer atmosphere. Discussion brought forward the following considerations: permission from city or county to use facility, costs of field usage and financial burden on home club, home game status, BAYSA scheduling and referee assignments, condition and safety of fields, and convenience for parents and coaches. Plan is proposed to go into effect fall 2013. Group decided not to go to an overall plan, but utilize EI Franco Lee as much as possible and also arrange using whole days (tournament-like effect) at complexes such as Baytown and Sandhill Crane in Galveston. David LeGrand will work on a matrix that takes in consideration variables to work toward more centralization of game fields.

PRESEASON BRACKETING. BAYSA agreed to pre-season bracketing for U9 and U10 (gold, silver, and bronze brackets). To accomplish this, clubs will need to do skills assessment during the early summer. Thomas Morrow will put together information on what skills levels are recommended for respective age groups to assist clubs in their skills assessments. PL, MV, AL, and SB agreed. Also related to this discussion, all clubs must attend the U9/U10 re-bracket meeting on October 8, 2013.

<u>IMPLEMENTATION OF NO TOLERANCE RULE – REFEREE ABUSE</u>. Members talked about problems with sideline behavior and referee abuse, and ways to handle the situation. It was recalled that BAYSA adopted a policy at the presidents' meeting on July 9, 2011. Members revised the policy at this meeting and request referees begin enforcement. The following policy will be posted on the website and in the BAYSA handbook.

Zero Tolerance. BAYSA has adopted a zero tolerance of sideline misconduct and referee abuse for spectators. Referees will stop game, bring both coaches together, and give them a warning for spectator misconduct and abuse. The second time this occurs, referee will end the game. Coaches need to take responsibility and be accountable for management and control of sideline behavior. Referees will need to document concerns and issues so the association's D&P can address problem areas. (January 26, 2013)

<u>BAYSA WORKSHOP</u>. It was suggested that BAYSA consider offering a summer workshop for all club officers (registrars, scorekeepers, schedulers, etc.). It was suggested that event coincide with the BAYSA tournament and include parent participation. One problem with timeline during the tournament might be adequate time for officer inservice workshops before fall 2013 registration, scheduling, etc.

BAYSA TOURNAMENT PLANNING. Members made tentative plans for the summer BAYSA tournament. Tournament serves not only as a pre-season tune-up tournament, but gives new referees experience right after entry clinics. Last year, approximately 65 teams participated, and revenue was around \$2,000. For planning purposes, BAYSA needs to have a decision on venue by next board meeting. Suggestions for 2013 tournament:

- Reduce discount for BAYSA teams
- Proposed dates: August 24-25, 2013
- Suggested venues complexes in SouthBelt or Galveston County
- Transfer BAYSA tournament event in GotSoccer to BAYSA account

U8-U10 ACADEMY LEAGUE STATUS. SHAL will offer second session for PDF players. They want to participate in SHAL, but some, in those levels of players, want to play PDF also. Everything for spring will be set as before. It was noted that U7 and U8 are proposed to play Friday night and Sunday. Other items mentioned were plans for tournaments, fundraising, etc. There does seem like a path to having interplay between SHAL and BAYSA teams. To begin with, it was recommended we encourage SHAL and BAYSA teams to participate in tournaments together, such as the BAYSA tournament and maybe an end of the season tournament. SHAL will give ideas for end of the season (fall) tournament rules, and bring in SCFC VP3 to meeting for discussion.

FALL SEASON 2013. The following is the proposed fall season 2013.

May 13 Newly formed U11 teams begin practicing, etc. (EDDOA date)

September 9 Season Begins
October 8 Re-bracket Meeting

November 3 Last regular season game
November 9-10 U9/10 BAYSA Playoffs
November 16-17 U9/10 Rainout Date

November 16-17 U11 and above BAYSA Playoffs

ASSOCIATION UNIFORM PURCHASES. Morrow will approach uniform vendors and ask for association discount. Clubs are asked to send Thomas Morrow estimate on fall uniforms by Monday, February 4, so he will have negotiation points.

STYSA WINTER GOVERNING BOARD MEETING. STYSA Winter GBM will be held February 22-24, 2013 at Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston. Club officers and their members are encouraged to attend and participate. BAYSA will request a place on the GBM agenda to present information and progress on the ISDC fields at I35 and FM 518.

FEBRUARY MEETING. There will be no February general meeting.

ELECTIONS. BAYSA elections will be held at the April meeting. The following offices will be elected this year: president, treasurer, registrar, and tournament/playoff director.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

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