

# **NMYSA Board of Directors**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**September 25, 2022**

### **Roll Call:**

- **Rennae Ross, President**
- **Matthew Sheppard, Vice President**
- **Tom Dickerson, Secretary**
- **Heather Starr, CFO**
- **Jim Cooper, Director of Cups and Games**
- **Pat Switzer, Past President (not Present)**
- **Alyssa Nieto, DC Representative**
- **Gloria Faber, Executive Director**
- **Rick Flores, Technical Director**
- **Alex Del Campo, Programs Manager (not present)**
- **Theresa Romero, Member Services Manager (not present)**
- **Bill Flor, Webmaster**
- **SYRA (not present)**
- **District 1 Commissioner, Nancy Serna**
- **District 2 Commissioner, Bill Nordin**
- **District 3 Commissioner, Eric Crespin**
- **District 4 Commissioner, Trey Urquidez**
- **District 5 Commissioner, Alyssa Nieto**
- **District 6 Commissioner, Isidro Castillo**
- **District 7 Commissioner, Steve Kinsey**
- **District 8 Commissioner, Andrez Montoya (via phone)**

Meeting was called to order by President Rennae Ross at 9:00 am.

- **Minutes:**

**Bill Nordine moved to accept the minutes, Alyssa Nieto second. Passed**

- **President's Report:**

Rennae Ross was unable to attend the Regionals and Nationals Tournaments.

Attended the USYS leadership meeting in Texas. Reported there was concern by the state associations the challenges with SafeSport overreacting to allegations and taking away the autonomy to regulate local coaches. Every alleged incident automatically goes to SafeSport including previously adjudicated ones.

Pat Switzer is not present due to family illness.

- **Vice President's Report:**

No Report

- **Chief Financial Officer's Report:**

Financial reports written; NMYSA is financially healthy. Coaching income and registrations are above expectations.

- **DC Representative:**

Alyssa Nieto reached out to Los Alamos because their numbers are slightly down. Reported the labs are hiring so hope more players will register in time.

Introduced Nancy Serna as the new Commissioner from District 1.

- **Technical Director's Report:**

Rick Flores provided a written report. We have hosted a successful C License course with 27 new C License coaches in New Mexico. There are currently 2 USSF D License taking place. United Coaches GK course in Albuquerque was successful.

ODP:

There are currently 325 players registered.

2006 girls ODP lack enough players to form a team for the ODP Championships January 5-9 in Phoenix.

Rick is proposing an international trip for the ODP 2010 boys and girls for the spring Of 2023.

All the ODP coaches have been trained by Rick. All have C licenses except 2 which have D licenses.

The South City League registered 5 u14 teams.

More coaches were trained last year than in previous years.

Andrez Montoya requested for new coaches to be able to be trained midseason. Rick agreed to this request. He is available and it can be done on Zoom.

- Registrar's Report:

Gloria Faber provided a written report.

Our registration number are higher now than last time last year, 21-22: 11,712; 22-23: 13,058. We are cautiously optimistic we will surpass our budgeted registration numbers of 17,400 for the 22-23 season.

- Executive Director's Report:

Gloria Faber provided a written report.

Paul Quan passed away on Saturday, September 17, 2022. He was an incredible person and a tremendous advocate for youth soccer, specifically referees in our community. There has been a tremendous out pouring of condolences from the local, regional, and national community. Paul was an impactful mentor for so many and will be sorely missed.

There will be a celebration of life in the future. Could Paul be honored through a referee scholarship in his name?

Two employees left NMYSA, Mysha Crowley and Michael Posen on the best of terms.

We hired two fantastic individuals, Theresa Romero, Member Services Manager, and Alex Del Campo, Programs Manager.

We have deferred some income to the 22-23 fiscal year (ITG and OG grants) and hope to establish our own grant program for member affiliates.

Certificates of Insurance (COI) are now automated. Let the NMYSA office know if field facilities are deactivated or new ones added (can be done on the NMYSA website).

We still have a few affiliates that are not completely vetting coaches but are working with them towards compliance.

Events and Projects: futsal, APS Middle School Soccer, Las Cruces Middle School Soccer, Intercity League Soccer (Hobbs, Clovis, Roswell, Anthony, and Las Cruces), Mesa del Sol Regional Sports Complex (Rush soccer club is currently using fields without authorization).

Dreaux Pilar has been recruited to become the new SYRA to replace Paul Quan. Dreaux is from the Las Cruces area.

Tom Dickerson **moved to accept Dreaux Pilar as SYRA, Bill Nordin second. Passed**

- State Cup/NM Cup Committee:

State Cup meeting planned for October 5, 2022.

NCS rule changes: roster continuity changes and adding qualifying league rules.

- Rules Committee:

Need to update the Risk Management matrix.

- Referee Report: No report
- Risk Management Committee:

The Center for SafeSport added some additional requirements last season requiring all “adult participants” be SafeSport trained. This includes board members, affiliate board members, trainers, chaperones, and players turning 18. Stack has a “heads up” notification system for players turning 18.

The new Safety Training (replacing concussion training) also includes AED and heat illness.

- Old Business:

Online Votes August 15, 2022 - August 22, 2022:

General Rules and Procedures update: **Approved**

Referee Respect and Zero Tolerance Policy: **Failed**

Request from NM Elite to affiliate: **Approved**

A discussion regarding the "Referee Respect and Zero Tolerance for Inappropriate Behavior Towards Referees" policy occurred. There was a lively debate and negotiation about the wording in the document. An agreement was reached to change a few passages.

Isidro Castillo moved to approve the "NMYSA Referee Respect and Zero Tolerance for Inappropriate Behavior Towards Referees" Policy, Eric Crespin second. **Approved**

It was agreed to be enforced immediately.

- New Business: none
- Good of the Game:

Looking forward to World Cup.

It's great kids are playing soccer again.

There was a general consensus of being proud to be part of an organization that can deal with difficult issues in a civil way.

Tom Dickerson moved to adjourn, Jim Cooper second. **Passed**

Rennae Ross adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Dickerson