



EMERALD CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

Emerald City Football Club (ECFC) Board of Directors Minutes of Special Meeting June 24th, 2009 Sand Point Education Center, Seattle Washington

In attendance: Dan Barsher, Jonathan Fischer, AJ Fischer, Monique Keranen, Chris Perkins, Jeanne Suleiman, Tor Jernudd, Bobby Howe, Joe Picciano, Mea Fischelis, Ruth Nicholson, David Smith.

Tai Po arrived late because of a coaching conflict. Monique Keranen, Dan Barsher, and Jonathan Fischer left the meeting at approximately 7:05 to attend the Seattle United Steering Committee Meeting being held next door. Discussions regarding member communications were held between the remaining members present.

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

By general consensus Tor Jernudd was appointed to serve as temporary secretary until such time as a secretary could be elected, Ruth Nicholson agreed to serve as meeting chairperson until such time as a President could be elected.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There was a general discussion regarding the roles of the various officer positions.

Tor Jernudd nominated Jonathan Fischer to serve as Treasurer. Joe Picciano 2nd. Jonathan indicated he would be willing to serve.

Discussion: Assembled board members commended Jonathan for the great job he had done so far and thanked him for his willingness to continue.

Vote: 8/8 in favor.

Dan Barsher nominated Tor Jernudd to serve as Secretary. Jonathan Fischer 2nd. Tor indicated he would be willing to serve.

Discussion: There was consensus that Tor's long service on the board would add valuable perspective to the position.

Vote: 7/8 in favor; 1 abstention.

Tor Jernudd nominated Monique Keranen to serve as Seattle Youth Soccer Association (SYSA) Commissioner. David Smith 2nd. Monique indicated that she would be willing to serve.

Discussion: There was a consensus that Monique is a great pick for this position and would also help to demonstrate ECFC's ongoing commitment to achieving better gender balance in soccer governance, in particular given the current composition of the SYSA board.

Vote: 7/8 in favor, 1 abstention.

Tor Jernudd nominated Joe Picciano to serve as President. Dan Barsher 2nd.

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Joe indicated that he would be willing to serve.

Discussion: It was noted that the President's job was the most difficult and time consuming. The President has the flexibility to delegate work to other board members and committees and is encouraged to do so. An important function of the President is to serve as primary spokesperson for the club.

Vote: 7/8 in favor; 1 abstention

Joe Picciano nominated Ruth Nicholson to serve as Executive Vice President. Jonathan Fischer 2nd.

Ruth indicated that she would be willing to serve.

Discussion: Given her professional experience and prior service, the board was very pleased to hear that Ruth would agree to Joe's request to take a big role in running meetings, and facilitating discussions, as well as assisting in the preparation of meeting agendas and strategic planning.

Vote: 7/8 in favor; 1 abstention.

Tor Jernudd nominated Dan Barsher to serve as At Large Board Member, with focus on assisting the board and President as Volunteer and Human Resources Coordinator or other duties as assigned.

Joe Picciano 2^{nds}.

Dan indicated that he would be willing to serve.

Discussion: None

Vote: 7/8 in favor; 1 abstention.

2. MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS / SEATTLE UNITED

The board discussed how best to educate its members regarding potential future changes in the soccer landscape and how to implement the motion passed at the Annual General Meeting in regard to Seattle United:

The ECFC Board is encouraged to seek legal counsel and to utilize all other resources to find a means to postpone the proposed Bylaw changes of SYSA, and to improve the Seattle United proposal through collaboration.

Writing assignments that clarify the key components of the Seattle United proposal as well as concerns were given to various individual board members with an initial deadline of Saturday June 27th for drafts to be returned to Joe P. Assignments for the development of survey questions for ECFC general membership and for ECFC coaches were also made.

After readily accessible, credible, and useful information is distributed and posted online, a poll will be sent to the general ECFC membership, a separate poll to the club's coaching staff, and comments invited from our players via FaceBook. The target date for completion of this data collection is July 3rd, 2009.

The board agreed that our new President must lead and coordinate the communications efforts and that he shall serve as lead spokesperson. All questions regarding **ECFC's position** regarding Seattle United should be directed to him. However, it is also very



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important that all member enquiries meet with a polite and prompt response. One suggestion was that responses could take the form of: "Thank you for your interest. I will forward it to our President who will respond as soon as possible."

3. TREASURER REPORT

ECFC Treasurer reported that:

- 1) ECFC is in sound financial condition
- 2) No significant changes have occurred since his report at Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- 3) The audit of the 2008/09 financial statement is progressing
- 4) Now that he has accurate player numbers, the treasurer can refine this year's budget to reflect actual anticipated revenues and expenses
- 5) The Financial Aid Committee will be reviewing this year's applications shortly

4. BUSINESS MANAGER REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Monique reported that the committee has met and that she will be meeting with our Business Manager on Friday, June 26th.

5. Washington State Soccer (WYS) SCHEDULED HEARING JULY 8th, 2009

Dan Barsher reported that he had received a letter from the state in regard to a hearing on July 8th about the ECFC election . . Dan forwarded this information to the board members via email. Board discussion identified the following questions:

- 1) What is the specific complaint and who filed it?
- 2) Who has been asked to attend the hearing? All members of the immediate past board? All members of the current board? Only those members of the past board with specific knowledge?
- 3) What is the hearing process and the associated appeal process?

Dan Barsher and Tor Jernudd were asked to work with ECFC counsel to seek clarification and make recommendations for follow up.

Board members agreed that member inquiries regarding the scheduled hearing should also be referred to President Joe Picciano.



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6. SYSA EMAIL TO ECFC MEMBERSHIP REGARDING SEATTLE UNITED

Board members agreed that a grievance should be explored with legal counsel with regards to the SYSA's decision to distribute pro-Seattle United information to ECFC's membership without consultation with, or authorization from, the ECFC board.

7. STATUS OF GRIEVANCE REGARDING the "ANDERSON REPORT"

Dan Barsher reported that the issue had been sent to District 1 after the SYSA board of commissioners refused to take up the matter. Mea suggested that the information and background documents regarding this issue be shared with all of the new board members. Dan and Tor agreed to do so.

8. UNIFORMS

Business Manager Mea Fischelis alerted the board in regard to some uniform related questions that will need to be addressed in the months to come. Some of the items in our current kit are going to be discontinued by Adidas this fall, and ECFC still has an inventory of some of the items. Mea will work with the Uniform Committee to make some recommendations to the board regarding the available options. Player Rep AJ Fischer expressed an interest in participating.

9. ECFC BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

The next ECFC Board Meeting will be held on Monday July 6th at 7:00pm at the Sand Point Education Center. All subsequent regular ECFC board meetings are scheduled to be held on the 2nd Monday of every month at Sand Point Education Center. Please consult the Emerald City FC website (www.emeraldcityfc.org) for confirmation of meeting times/locations.

ADJOURN

TOR JERNUDD made a motion to adjourn the meeting shortly before 9pm. David Smith 2nd. 9/9 votes in favor.