



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2018
State Office**

Paul Emhoff called meeting to order at 6:08pm.

Present: Paul Emhoff, Ron Gedrich, Dave Ehlert (phone), Paul Holgate (phone), Tom Pickett, Scott MacMillan (phone), Sarah Hodgson (phone), Oliver Condell (phone), Tom Turner and Jen Fickett

Approval of Minutes: The August meeting minutes were approved by all board members present.

Treasurer's Report: *(Reported by Ron Gedrich)* | [See Report](#)

We met with Apple Growth and are looking healthy financially. We have done a good job of controlling expenses and are in the black because of our investments.

Committee Reports:

- **State League:** *(Reported by Tom Pickett)* Tom commented that the season wrapped up this week. Score reporting went very well this year. We are down with numbers in the State League due to CASA and a shift of teams in the ONPL. Numbers have decreased across the state not just in our area. Discussion on how we can better reach out and service current and new members.

Executive Director's Report: *(Reported by Jen Fickett)* | [See Report](#)

DOC Report: *(Reported by Tom Turner)* | [See Report](#)

Vice President's Report *(Reported by Dave Ehlert)* Tikes and Spikes went well over the summer.

Unfinished Business: *(Reported by Paul Emhoff)*

- **Office Lease:** Paul discussed several properties that he is looking into to relocate the office as the current office lease expires at the end of November. Scott MacMillan offered to help in this endeavor.
- **Mentor Heisely Soccer Club (District II) Affiliation:** No motion to approve membership.
- **Futsal:** Otto Orf's contract is through the end of December. Discussion on the vision of Ohio North futsal moving forward.
- **Registration Fees:** US Youth Soccer will be increasing player registration fees by \$0.50 for the 2018/2019 season and another \$0.75 for the 2019/2020 season (for a total \$1.25/player increase). Ohio North has not increased fees since 2002. Preliminary discussions of increasing player registration fees \$2.25/player effective for the 2019/2020 season.
- **Background Checks:** US Youth Soccer has set guidelines for background checks, our current background check does not cover those basic requirements. Jen Fickett communicated that a more comprehensive background check would be approximately \$20 per person and will continue to research options for review. We currently pay around \$5.50/background check.

New Business: *(Reported by Paul Emhoff)*

- **Membership Approvals:**
 - **Unity Soccer Club (District I) Affiliate Membership:** Motion made by Ron Gedrich, seconded by Paul Holdgate to approve Unity Soccer Club's membership as an Associate member. Motion passes.
 - **CSA Impact United (District II) Associate Membership Approval:** Motion made by Ron Gedrich, seconded by Scott MacMillan to approve CSA Impact United's membership as an Associate member. Motion passes.
- **Recreational Grant Approvals:** Only two organizations applied for this year's grant.
 - **Lorain County Soccer League:** \$1,300 grant was approved by all board members present.
 - **Massillon Youth Soccer:** \$1,000 grant was approved by all board members present.
- **Ohio Travel Recruiting:** Preliminary discussion on the need to be more active in maintaining and growing our membership.
- **AGM/HOF:** Tabled for discussion at the next board meeting.
- **Holiday Party:** Discussion on whether to host a party this year based on previous year's attendance as well as uncertainty of the location of the current office.
- **Workshop:** Tabled until after the AGM. More detail to follow.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Next BOD Meeting: TBA