



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2019
State Office**

Paul Emhoff called meeting to order at 11:00am.

Present: Paul Emhoff, Jen Fickett (State Office), Ron Gedrich, Scott MacMillan, Nic Olechnowicz, Oliver Condell, Paul Holdgate, (Phone/Online)

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

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

The preliminary September financials are the first month of expenses for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. The projected 50K+ deficit does not reflect any income from investments.

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

Technical Director's Report: *(Reported by Tom Turner)*

Ohio North will be hosting the United Soccer Coaches National and Advanced National Diplomas next July. The U.S. Soccer pilot C course will start this Friday with 10 participants. Connecting with facilities/organizations to host GREC for the current seasonal year.

President's Report *(Reported by Paul Emhoff)*

SportsEngine followed up about their registration system. Will review options; however, they are not yet ready for State Associations.

Unfinished Business: *(Reported by Paul Emhoff)*

- **AGM:** Reminder will be held on Saturday, November 2nd at LaCentre Conference & Banquet Facility. An Executive Session to be held immediately following.
- **Workshop:** Reminder will be held on Saturday, November 2nd at LaCentre Conference & Banquet Facility in Westlake. See website for sessions details.
- **HOF:** This years Hall of Fame Inductees are Lee Aliakbar, Denzil Antonio and Ron Stuver.
- **SafeSport Updates: 18s+ on Youth Teams | Monitoring Compliance:** The SafeSport Act states that we need to "offer and provide consistent training to adult members in regular contact with minor amateur athletes..." and, anyone over 18 is an adult, even if he/she is training or playing on a youth team with minor athletes. Discussion. Nic Olechnowicz made a motion, seconded by Ron Gedrich, to require all recreational and competitive players 18 years old or turning 18 years old by July 31st to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport core 90-minute SafeSport training effective for the Spring 2020 season. **Motion passes** Jen Fickett to implement with the registration system(s) as well as draft a member survey to gauge compliance by Ohio North member organizations with our Athlete and Participant Safety Program. The goal is to encourage and ensure compliance.

- **Sports Force Parks Update:** Will Spence would like Ohio North to continue coming back with State Cup and ONPL. He will come up with a pricing agreement inclusive of the gate fees for review. We need to assess our involvement with the annual Showcase and Charity Cup or look to run our own events.
- **4 Under 40:** Tabled as Sarah Hodgson was unable to attend. Board to still review and provide feedback regarding a program that will mimic the United Soccer Coaches' 30 Under 30 Program. The U.S. Soccer Innovate to Grow Grant was a more involve process than anticipated. Ohio North to apply next year.

New Business: *(Reported by Paul Emhoff)*

- **U.S. Soccer/USOPC:** U.S. Soccer is piloting USPOPC Standards with referee background screenings. Ohio North is currently following the US Youth Soccer recommendations of the NCYS.
- **Player Registration Fees:** Discussion. Motion made by Nic Olechnowicz to offer teams not currently playing in an Ohio North sanctioned league to come back and play at the Rec Plus rate for one year. Seconded by Scott MacMillan. **Motion fails**

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 12:50pm

Next BOD Meeting: Executive Session November 2, 2019