



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**April 29, 2019**  
**State Office**

Paul Emhoff called meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**Present:** Paul Emhoff, Ron Gedrich, David Ehlert, Jen Fickett (State Office)  
Paul Holgate, Nic Olechnowicz, Scott MacMillan, Oliver Condell, Sarah Hodgson (Phone/Online)

Meeting was adjourned for The Collective presentation.

**Presentation: The Collective** (*Brad Stinson*) | [See Presentation](#)

Meeting was reconvened.

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

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

The office is resolving some reclassifications in order to provide better meaning for the next budget cycle.

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

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

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

Paul attended the "Celebrating 25 Years with The Cleveland Crunch". Paul said it was a well-organized and publicized event and he would like to further investigate collaborating with growing sport of futsal within in our membership.

**Vice President's Report** (*Reported by Dave Ehlert*)

Dave reported that TOPSoccer in Parma has doubled the number of its participants. There will be other TOPSoccer programs near the Cleveland Heights area this fall.

**Unfinished Business:** (*Reported by Paul Emhoff*)

- **Stack Sports:** There are still concerns with Stack that Jen and Paul are currently working through. Those who are in Stack should stay in Stack. Those who are in Affinity should stay in Affinity.
- **Background Screening:** Discussion regarding who is required to complete a background screening.
- **SafeSport:** Compliance by September 1st, which includes background screening and the new SafeSport training, is required for any person 18 or older who may have the opportunity to have direct and unmonitored access to minors in your organization. The board agrees this would include coaches, team managers, athletic trainers, organization staff/employees, board member and referees.

**New Business:** *(Reported by Paul Emhoff)*

- **Coaching License Requirements:** The Technical Directors recommended the Ohio North coaching education minimum requirement for new Travel coaches be modified to eliminate the need to complete both the Grassroots Coaching Education (GRCE) in-person (4hrs and \$75) and online (2hrs and \$25) licenses to the following:
  - New travel level coaches are required to complete a 4-hr in-person license (7v7, 9v9 or 11v11 to meet this requirement).
  - Coaches who advance to a different game format are only required to take the online license for their game format.
  - Coaches who currently hold the U.S. Soccer “E” License will be able to proceed directly to the U.S. Soccer “D” License course (no development period) after completing the (cost free) Introduction to Grassroots Coaching Module.
  - Coaches currently holding the U.S. Soccer “F” License will have the ability to move to the “D” License course after completing 1) the Introduction to Grassroots Coaching module, along with 2) the 11v11 in-person course, and 3) one additional in-person grassroots course opportunity (4v4, 7v7 or 9v9).
  - The Ohio North 10/12 Course will still be recognized and offered.

Ron Gedrich made a motion to accept the new Travel coach minimum requirements. David Ehlert seconded. Motion passes.

- **Tournament Sanctioning:** Discussion regarding bringing back a tournament sanctioning fee and the benefits associated with sanctioning through Ohio North. The board supported a sanctioning fee TBD.
- **Event Dates:** This year’s AGM is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> along with bringing back a workshop. The awards luncheon and HOF is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Hall of Fame:** Discussion.
- **Gold Cup:** Ohio North is promoting ticket sales for the Concacaf Gold Cup double header featuring the USMNT vs Trinidad and Tobago game on Saturday, June 22 at First Energy Stadium.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm

**Next BOD Meeting:** May 20, 2019