

**Seattle United Board of Directors
February 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes
Seattle United, 650 S. Orcas St. #220, Seattle, WA 98108**

Board Members		
Name	Title/Function	Attendance
David Bowerman	Director-at-Large	Present
Steven Caplow	Vice President	Present
Amy Gaffney	Secretary	Present
Kurt Hanson	Director-at-Large	Present
Alex Johnston	SYSA Representative	<u>Absent</u>
Amy Marsh	Director-at-Large	Present
Paul Merz	West ROC	<u>Absent</u>
Stephen Morrissey	President	Present
Brandon Nottingham	Shoreline ROC	Present (by phone)
Chris Tessin	Treasurer	Present
Theresa Tanoury	NE ROC	Present
Debra Webb	Director, Strategic Initiatives	Present
Ryan Woodland	South ROC	<u>Absent</u>

Other Participants		
Kevin Long	Executive Director	Present
Jimmy McAlister	Director of Coaching	Present
Chuck Porter	Club Accountant	Present (by phone)

I. Call to Order

A quorum of the members of the voting Board being present, the February 2017 meeting of the Seattle United Board of Directors was called to order at 7:35 p.m. The meeting was held at the Seattle United offices at 650 S. Orcas Street #220, Seattle, WA 98108.

II. Regular Business

The First order of business was approval of the January 2017 minutes.

The Second order of business was a report by Steve Morrissey and Kevin Long on fundraising efforts by the Club. The Gala event held on February 4, 2017 was very successful, and the recommendation was to follow a similar plan next year. The Raffle was also very successful, and a brief discussion was held regarding raffle legal compliance considerations and alternatives to the raffle as a fundraiser.

The Third order of business was a report on the budget by Kevin Long and Chuck Porter. Mr. Porter reviewed the January 2017 and year-to-date financial statements and the proposed budget for the 2017-2018 year. There was a general discussion of the budget and planning for future Club needs.

The Fourth order of business was a report on the Reign Academy program by Steve Morrissey. There was a general discussion of the program and potential changes to it.

The Fifth order of business was a report from the Financial Aid Committee. Amy Marsh reported on the Financial Aid Committee's study of the feasibility of expanding the Financial Aid program and providing travel support to teams. A general discussion of financial aid policy goals and objectives followed. The Board approved an increase in the financial aid budget. The Financial Aid Committee will study the issue further and will make recommendations at the March meeting on how to best allocate the increased budget within the financial aid policy to achieve those goals and objectives.

The Sixth order of business was a report by David Bowerman on the Fields Committee efforts. There was a general discussion on potential opportunities for future field development, field usage needs, and what Club resources were available and necessary to pursue such opportunities and meet those needs.

The Seventh order of business was a report from the Executive Director, Kevin Long.

The Eighth order of business was a report from the Director of Coaching. Mr. McAlister reported on the high school age boys tryouts and success of the boys and girls teams overall.

The Ninth order of Business was a vote to approve the budget proposed by Mr. Long and Mr. Porter in the Third Order of Business. By a vote of 7 Yes, 3 No and 1 abstention, the Board approved a modest fee increase to support long term planning needs for the Club and to ensure operating income and agreed that a post-tryout budget adjustment should be reviewed in the summer and appropriate adjustments made at that time.

The Tenth order of Business was to review the proposed amendments to the Bylaws. The Board authorized that the proposed amendments to the Bylaws be submitted to SYSA for their approval and, if approved by SYSA, to publish the proposed amended bylaws for Member review on the Club Website, all as required by the Bylaws.

Adjournment

Adjourn: 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Gaffney
Secretary