

# **MINUTES OF THE NTSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**February 4, 2025**

Janet Campbell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Janet Campbell, David Osborne, Elena Williams, Dick Metivier, Jerry Deaton, Jim Mills, Rach Badii, Trent McColly, and David Messersmith

## **NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

David Tucker and Erin Pfarner

## **STAFF PRESENT**

Lisa Skiles and Warren Cottle

## **GUESTS PRESENT**

None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The following minutes of the NTSSA Board of Directors Meeting were approved as submitted:

- January 7, 2025

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

Janet Campbell reviewed the following with the Board:

- USSF AGM in Atlanta, GA - February 27 - March 1 – Attending: Janet Campbell, Jerry Deaton, Rach Badii, Jim Mills and David Messersmith. Janet discussed the Bylaws being presented at the meeting.

## **STAFF DISCUSSION**

Lisa Skiles reported that all items for the 2025 AGM had been posted to the website and emailed to our Member Associations.

Warren Cottle noted that in the past two (2) years, we have licensed 733 coaches through the Grassroots to the B License clinics. Warren stated he is still trying to work with the Member Associations to get more on board with holding the Grassroots licenses clinics. Warren also noted they have started an ODP player spotlight on social media and have been receiving great feedback.

David Messersmith stated he didn't have anything to add to his written report. Just reminded everyone the annual audit is now complete, and to email him if you would like a copy of the final report. David noted that due to payment from USSF for International game fees and strategic investing, North Texas had a good year. The board then discussed different options to give back to our Member Associations. David reminded the board to keep in mind how quickly finances can change from year to year. The board agreed to discuss this more to come up with a favorable option.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Appeals and Disciplinary Committee

- **Audit Committee**
- **Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations Committee**
- **Coaches Training and State Select Team Committee**
- **Competitive Soccer Committee.**
- **Cup & Games**
- **Finance Committee**
- **ODP Committee**
- **Recreational Soccer Committee**
- **Referee Committee**
- **Risk Management Committee**
- **Risk Management Policy Committee**
- ***The Pitch*<sup>TM</sup> / Committee**

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Elena Williams** – Nothing to add to the written report

**Dick Metivier** – Nothing to report

**Erin Pfarner** – Absent; submitted written report

**Jim Mills** – Nothing to report

**David Tucker** – Absent

**Jerry Deaton** – Nothing to report

**David Osborne** – Nothing to add to the written report

**Rach Badii** – Nothing to report

**Trent McColly** – Trent reported referee registration is going well. He also noted he and Brett Harper will be attending the USSF AGM courtesy of U.S. Soccer. Trent also wished to congratulate Referee Lorenzo Hernandez who was just hired by the MLS to referee pro games full time.

### **CONSENT AGENDA - Approved**

Colleyville play down request from 8U to 7U – Approved via email

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jim Mills reported for Erin Pfarner that the City of Forney will operate under Forney Soccer Association for the Spring season.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trent McColly discussed the new U.S. Soccer policy on abuse towards a referee, noting the biggest change from what was presented in the summer is the sanctions.

David Messersmith presented the Licensed or Certified Child Care Operation: Criminal History Requirements to the board and stated Lisa Skiles will be using this as a guideline when reviewing background check reports. The board felt this was a good direction and they always have the right to appeal the decision if they are denied.

David Messersmith, in Erin's absence, presented the Farmersville Youth Soccer Association for provisional membership. A motion was made and seconded to grant provisional approval for membership to Farmersville Youth Soccer Association. After some discussion, the motion was approved.

David Osborne noted he would like to have an ODP Coach of the Year Award given out at the AGM business meeting, along with the Male and Female players of the Year that we currently have. After some discussion, the board agreed on adding this award.

Janet Campbell stated Jim Sadowski would like to have a Zoom meeting with those attending the U.S. Soccer AGM in Atlanta. Janet stated she would get with everyone on the date and time.

Elena Williams reported she is working with the USYSA Safeguard Committee.

### **GOOD OF THE GAME**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

**David Messersmith  
Executive Director  
February 4, 2025**

**Meetings held/attended since last board report**

1. City of Forney membership guidance
2. Forney Soccer Assn guidance
3. Finalized annual audit
4. USASA Registrations and Payments
5. Several Safe Sport inquiries
6. USYSA Board meeting – office space
7. USYSA update meetings
8. Board members on various issues

**David M Osborne**  
**Temporary, Chairman Coaching Education**  
**February 4, 2025**

**Coaching Education Update**

Attended a Coaching Meeting via zoom on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Discussed Filming ODP Practices to help Recreational Leagues and their coaches that struggle to put a session/s together. The filming is also to provide quality content for Academy & Competitive coaches within North Texas.

**International Coaching Symposium**

Budget Goal of \$12,000.00 – keep it in-house this time around to make it feasible for recreational coaches to attend as well. The two previous symposiums kept the rec coaches away due to the cost factor. Target of \$100.00 to \$150.00 maximum cost to attend. The symposium will be held at the AGM along with the NTSSA AGM.

Those on the call were all in favour of the symposium being in-house and keeping the cost down as several Competitive Coaches struggled with the cost over the past two years.

Discussion regarding Parenting – Coaching relationships. Talked about having a video library for parents to watch various videos like Offsides – Yellow & Red Cards etc. Warren brainstormed about how we can educate the parents and coaches better so the NTX Executive Board can avoid all the A&D Hearings that are taking place from season to season.

**Updated Coaches Licenses**

Next D Course – 3<sup>rd</sup> February through 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Next C Course – 17<sup>th</sup> March through 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Next B Course – April 2025

**Grassroots Clinics**

**4 v 4**

Frisco – 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Lake Highlands – 19<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

Midland – 19<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

Hots – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**7 V 7**

Frisco – 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Lake Highlands – 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 b

GRSA – 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**9 v 9**

GRSA – 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Midland – 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

Hots – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**11 v 11**

GRSA – 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**David M Osborne  
Chairman, ODP  
February 4, 2025**

Since the report was sent prior to the Far West ODP Championships Finals taking place in Mesa, Arizona. Here is the result from the only NTX ODP Team that made it to the Finals.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

2012 Tier 2 Girls Final

NTX 2012G – 3 vs Wyoming 2012G ODP 0

Congrats to Head Coach Johanna Sanchez and her team of 20 2012 Girls for winning the Far West Title

I attended the United Coaches Convention in Chicago, Illinois from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> through Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025 with Janet, Warren, Jim & Elena.

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 I managed to attend the US Youth Award presentations. During this time Alexi Schneider from HUSA (Hurst United) received the National Award for Young Female Referee of the Year. Photo below. Later that day I attended a session put on by Ella Mason called "The Lost Art of Defending" – this turned out to be a very fast-paced session and well received.



On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025, I attended a session with Anson Dorrance (NC most successful Head Coach) his session was affectionally called "How to Kick Ass Forever" Then attended a session put on by Gregg Berhalter (former US National Coach), "Developing a Style of Play" and then moved onto a session with Andy McDermott called "Coaches Survival Plan".

On Saturday morning before leaving for DFW, I was lucky enough to get a seat to listen to the new USA National Women's Coach – Emma Hayes for one ½ hours in a room that could hold 1,000 people. They turned several away. She spoke about her 74 Days of hell as she called it. This was the time she quit the Chelsea Women's Football Team and became the US National Coach to win the Gold Medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics. She is one of the most successful women's Football coaches of all time.



Attended an ODP Committee Meeting via zoom on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Highlights from the Committee Meeting --- Spoke about multiple ODP Coaches receiving B & C Licenses. Have one Coach on the A License Course as we speak. Will be updating the ODP Site with resumes & photos of all Head Coaches. Also plan to add the highest license attained by each coach on the Coaches Contact List.

General Discussion – Overseas ODP trips. We are fielding numerous inquiries from Parents & Players. Parent Survey from the Far West ODP Championship. Overall, the parents were thrilled we took in the event and cannot wait until next year. Question of whether all teams & coaches can be housed together or close together in a hotel/s next time around and also can we set up a practice in Mesa before the event. The committee wants me to ask the Executive Board if we can add the ODP Coach of the Year Award with the Boys & Girls Awards currently handed out at the AGM.

I attended ODP practice at Boswell High School from 9am through Noon on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025. Took in the 2008 – 2009 – 2010 & 2011 Boys teams. Spoke to several coaches prior to and after their respective training sessions. Also got to speak to Warren as he was there filming Coaches.

Attended the Executive Board Meeting via zoom on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

Will attend a meeting via zoom on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 with Warren, Elena & Jim to discuss Coaches input into Coaching Education.

### **2025 ODP Practice Schedule:**

#### **FIELD ADDRESSES:**

- **Boswell High School:** 5805 W Bailey Boswell Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76179
- **The Oakridge School:** 5900 W Pioneer Pkwy, Arlington, TX 76013

**BOYS & Girls:**

Boswell High School – 2/2/2025 for all 2008 through 2014 teams

The Oakridge School – 3/2/2025 for all 2008 through 2014 teams

**Upcoming ODP Event Schedule 2025**

**Scott Dymond College ID Showcase**

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Location – Toyota Soccer Centre

2008 & 2009 Boys only. We did not get enough Girls to form a 2008/2009 combined team.

**South Region Sub-Regional Event**

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Location – MoneyGram Soccer Park

2008 – 2014 Boys & Girls

**Region III I.D. Camp**

July 2025

Location – Charlotte, North Carolina

2008 – 2013 Boys & Girls



Elena Williams  
Vice President  
February 4, 2025

During the month of January the following hearings were conducted:

	<u>January</u>	<u>2024/2025</u> <u>YTD</u>
Appeals - A&D Committee Chairman - Vice President	0	0
Appeals - Executive Committee Chairman, President	0	0
Appeals - Risk Management Chairman, President	0	0
Competitive Committee Hearings Chairman, Youth Commissioner	0	1
Cup & Games Committee Hearings Chairman, Cup and Games Chairman	0	0
Indoor Chairman - Vice President	0	0
Outdoor Chairman - Vice President	0	3
Referee Assault / Abuse Chairman, President	0	13
Referee Misconduct Chairman, Vice President	0	1
Youth Commissioner Hearings Chairman, Youth Commissioner	0	1
<b>Total Hearings:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>

**Activities:**

**Erin Pfarner  
Vice President Development  
February 4, 2025**

I have been supporting a request for membership and they have provided a membership application, bylaws, and application fee. Comments on their submission are pending feedback from board members.

Forney Soccer and Forney Recreational Sports will be providing soccer to the area membership in a coordinated effort this spring. Thank you to the NTX board members as well as Forney city staff and Forney soccer board members for their coordination and efforts to facilitate soccer to the membership.

Elena and I received word from multiple associations regarding their organizational changes and board changes between fall and spring.

Looking forward to the start of the spring season and seeing soccer back on the pitch.