



Meeting Minutes: July 2020

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC ALLIANCE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2020 – 7:00 PM – Virtual Meeting

Present via Zoom (12 of 14): Alex Eagleton, Ben Slager, Cameron Collins, Carmen Hall, Daniel Roe, Darla Langdon, Duane Nakamura, Jeff Williams, Kelsey Gallo, Lisa Angeles, Nicholas Biela, Stephanie Steiner

Via telephone (0):

Absent (2): Jerry Neil, Richard Oliver

I. Call to order – Cameron Collins

II. Roll call – Nicholas Biela: 12 of 14 present

III. Adoption of June Meeting Minutes

IV. Maya Mendoza-Exstrom – Sounders General Counsel

The Alliance Council met with Sounders General Counsel, Maya Mendoza-Exstrom. Our conversation focused on the Seattle Sounders FC Relief Fund, aimed primarily at supporting individuals, non-profits and small businesses in the neighborhoods surrounding CenturyLink Field that have been adversely impacted by the postponement of the 2020 MLS season due to the current public health crisis. The most recent round of funding has been balancing grants towards businesses/individuals as well as communities of color/individuals that don't have school in session.

The Sounders' rep for the recently formed Black Players For Change coalition is Jordy Delem. While Harry Shipp has officially retired, he is still assisting with the internal rollout to players as the most recent MLSPA representative for the team.

Looking toward how the Sounders handle their sponsors, Maya indicated that the Sounders properly vet sponsors to ensure they are upholding the Club's values.

V. Zoom Watch Party – Carmen Hall and Ben Slager

The Alliance Council will be throwing a Zoom watch party with the Sounders for the upcoming MLS is Back Tournament. This virtual party will have special guests to be determined, and will be a gathering place for fans to socialize together while watching the tournament games.

VI. Open Discussion

2021 Alliance Council reelection vote totals have been updated. Stephanie Steiner and Cameron Collins have been reelected. Tim Hamilton is at 19 votes and is close to being elected. Jeff Williams, Nicholaus Biela, Darla Langdon, and Duane Nakamura have also received votes, and are on the path towards reelection.

There is a call for volunteers to assist with getting our website and history archived as we migrate to a new webpage.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Council votes unanimously to adjourn. The meeting closed at 8:28pm.