

**Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association  
State Board Meeting Minutes  
June 28, 2008 9:00 AM  
Madison, WI**

In Attendance: Peter Mariahazy – President, Terry Donini – Vice-President, Toby Whipple – Secretary, Kurt Sonnentag – Treasurer, Yvonne Bennett – Executive Director, Howard Hoffman – Midway, Peter Saemann – Metro, Chris Lay – MAYSA, Ken Ward – Waukesha, John McCue – Southwest, Ken Pieper – Northwest, Ann Girard – East Central, Drew Dion – Milwaukee Kickers, Carl Micke – WSA Board Representative, Beth Bishop Perrigo – ODP, Nathan Thompkins – Racine, Sue Walter – SYRA (arrived at 9:40 AM)

Guests: John Janasik – TOPSoccer

Absent: Sandy Cowan – Stateline, Ernie Englund – Kenosha, Philip Sherwood – Ozuakee, Ken Voigt – WSA Board Representative

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve the Minutes from February 2, 2008 WYSA State Board Meeting with corrections.

Moved by Nathan Thompkins (Racine), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dew Dion (Milwaukee Kickers). *Motion Passed*

Motion: Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2008 WYSA State Board Meeting as presented.

Moved by Ken Ward (Waukesha), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth Bishop Perrigo (ODP). *Motion Passed*

President's Update

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the issues with the Wisconsin Soccer Association operation for a number of years leading to the following motion.

Motion: The motion is to support a three pronged approach to accelerate establishing a unique identity for the WYSA and separate incorporation from the Wisconsin Soccer Association... 1) to file a grievance with the United States Soccer Federation, 2) requesting mediation by USSF, 3) filing a complaint with the State of Wisconsin regarding the operation of the current corporation known as the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc.

Moved by Howard Hoffman (Midway), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Dion (Milwaukee Kickers). *Motion Passed (unanimously)*

Vice President / Competitions Update

Terry Donini gave the Board an update on the Wisconsin teams that participated in the Region 2 Championship Series in Rockford, IL. Terry also reviewed his Competition Report handout with the Board.

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Motion: Effective August 1, 2008 the maximum roster for U16 and older teams is increased to 22 players.

Moved by Ken Ward (Waukesha), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth Bishop Perrigo (ODP). *Motion Passed*

Motion: That the WYSA State Board accepts the policy language on Youth Academies as presented at the June 28, 2008 Board meeting for a period of 3 years with a yearly review of how academy programs are developing. The criteria pertaining to fee guidelines, coaching qualifications, coach to player ratios, etc. needs to be developed. We are working toward implementation for August 1, 2009.

Moved by Terry Donini (Vice President), 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Ward (Waukesha). *Motion Passed*

Treasurer's Report

Kurt Sonnentag gave a brief update regarding the current budget and our accounting procedures. There was also a brief discussion regarding the possibility of investing money in CDs to maximize our income as much as possible. Kurt agreed to pursue these opportunities when appropriate.

Yvonne presented the draft WYSA Financial Policies and Procedures that the Board actually was given back in June 2001 and asked how the Board wanted her to address these policies in lieu of the fact that the Board has apparently never formally approved these policies.

Motion: The Board approved operating under the draft Financial Policies and Procedures as presented until revisions can be approved by the Board.

Moved by Ken Ward (Waukesha), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Pieper (Northwest). *Motion Passed*

Executive Directors Report

The Executive Directors Report document was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting with their other meeting documents. Yvonne asked if there were any questions regarding the report. There were none pertaining to the report.

Yvonne gave a brief update regarding where we are currently at regarding player registration numbers.

Yvonne also distributed a list of currently suspended coaches.

On-Line Registration Task Force Report

Peter Mariahazy reviewed the Registration Task Force Report and summarized work completed regarding reviewing what the various providers have to offer and the recommendations of the Task Force. All WYSA Districts were represented on the Task Force. There was lengthy discussion among the Board regarding the pros and cons of the various provider options.

Motion: To proceed with the Registration Task Force recommendation to enter into an agreement with Active/Hammerhead for player registration, including the scheduling

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package, along with the recommendation for a \$.50 per player increase in the WYSA registration fee for 2009-10 and another increase of \$.50 in 2010-11.

Moved by Ken Ward (Waukesha), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Lay (MAYSA). *Motion Passed*

(Terry Donini and Kurt Sonnentag left the meeting at the lunch break, prior to the vote on the Registration Task Force recommendation.)

State Championship Update

Carl Micke indicated that the State Championship Series went very well. Stevens Point has been awarded the Wisconsin State Championship Series for fall 2008.

Motion: The Appleton Soccer Club and DePere Soccer Club Local Organizing Committee are asking the WYSA State Board affirm them pursuing the Region II Championships for 2011.

Moved by John McCue (Southwest), 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Lay (MAYSA). *Motion Passed*

New Club Applications & Approval Process

Yvonne indicated the Executive Board is asking for input from the District Presidents when reviewing new club applications.

Motion: That all new clubs applying for affiliation with WYSA must obtain Tax Exempt Status.

Moved by Ken Ward (Waukesha), 2<sup>nd</sup> Drew Dion (Milwaukee Kickers). *Motion Passed*

There was a brief discussion initiated by Peter Mariahazy regarding the club assignments in the Kenosha and Racine Districts. No action was taken.

Old Business

Strategic Planning

It was agreed that we should continue to pursue our strategic plan, but maybe we need to reevaluate who the chairs and committee members are and update their priorities.

Unemployment Insurance Litigation Update

Peter Mariahazy indicated that all the briefs have been presented and are currently with the judge. There may be a different judge making the decision due to a judge rotation. After the court rules Peter will come back to the Board to determine the next course of action we may or may not want to take.

(Beth Bishop Perrigo left the room and was not present for the discussion pertaining to this case.)

Western Wisconsin State League

Peter Mariahazy indicated that a meeting will be taking place to determine the feasibility of establishing a Western Wisconsin State League for the select/classic level of play.

Parenting Education Video Update

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Peter Mariahazy and John McCue presented an overview of the Parent Education Video that John has proposed. Board consensus was that John should proceed with the production of this video.

For the Good of the Soccer

Peter Mariahazy advised the Board on behalf of Sandy Cowan (absent), that the Stateline District did not think the District Referee Assignor system was working very well.

Ken Ward requested that we indicate in the meeting minutes the board members that were absent from the meetings.

Motion: That all adult players registered through the WYSA be affiliated with a WYSA member club to play in our women's or men's adult leagues. This will be effective August 1, 2008.

Moved by Carl Micke (WSA Board Representative), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Lay (MAYSA).

Motion to Adjourn. Moved by Drew Dion (Milwaukee Kickers), 2<sup>nd</sup> Carl Micke (WSA Board Representative).

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.