

WYSA State Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 16, 2017
Conference Call

1. Call to Order by Chris Lacey at 7:04 pm.
2. Chris Lay took attendance:
In attendance: Chris Lacey (WYSA President), Alvaro Garcia-Velez (WYSA Vice President), Chris Lay (WYSA Secretary), Ken Ward (WYSA Treasurer),

Ernie Englund (WSL Board Representative & Kenosha District), Sal Garcia (State Youth Referee Administrator), Joe Krzyzaniak (WisRef), John Janasik (Metro District), Ted Blazel (MAYSA District), Vance Bickford (Southwest District), Tony Klockow (Ozaukee District), Chris Yustus (Midway District), Jim Launder (WYSA Director of Coaching), Melissa Zielinski (WYSA Executive Director)
Absent: Milwaukee Kickers District, Waukesha District, East Central District, Racine District, Northwest District)
3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (03/11/17)
Motion to approve minutes from March 11, 2017 made by John Janasik; seconded by Ken Ward. No further discussion: motion carries.
4. President's update provided by Chris Lacey
 - 4.1. US Youth Soccer – bylaw changes at US Youth Soccer AGM result in new structure. No long Chair or Vice Chair for Regions; replaced with General Managers (paid position) which will be selected by Chris Moore, CEO of US Youth Soccer. Goal is to achieve efficiencies, more consistency and an accountability structure. Geographic boundaries of Regions remain intact. One year transition plan with Regional GMs expected to be in place by end of Fall.

Tom Frisbie has been hired to run the Midwest Regional League. Tom is formerly with Ohio South Youth Soccer Association.
 - 4.2. Strategic Planning – Executive Committee has been engaged in strategic planning sessions. The aim is to offer expanded programming, address demographic changes in participation, integrate new technologies and engage current & future stakeholders.
 - 4.3. Wisconsin Soccer Leagues – WYSA has been collaborating with and providing administrative support to WSL over the past 5-6 years on a contract basis. WSL leadership is now transitioning to a fully autonomous group/league. WYSA views this a positive move of mutual benefit. Melissa reminded districts previously engaged in WSL support to reach out to their new administrator, Mark Harris, to ensure continuity.
5. Treasurer's Report 4 – Ken Ward presented the report. In general, there are a few areas of higher revenue and lower expenses through end of July (July 31 is end of FY). However, some July expenses are still not fully recognized on the budget; but WYSA should still be within the 2016/17 budget.
 - 5.1. Ken shared that a new credit card policy approved by the Executive Committee to go into effect September 1, 2017. The objective is assuring there is sound expense monitoring. Once Ken is able to go through the policy with affected staff it will be shared with the full board.

6. Executive Director's Report – Melissa Zielinski shared update on selection of new player registration software for the 2018/19 season in collaboration with a State-wide task force. Melissa is confident that efficiencies and financial savings will be achieved. Approximately February 2018 the training process will begin State wide.

6. New Business

6.1. WYSA District Standards – Chris Lay presented a review of a guiding document wherein some general standards are expressed. It conveys expectations for districts to help achieve efficiencies State wide.

6.2 SYRA – Sal Garcia discussed some revisions to FIFA Laws of the Game. In particular, revised interpretation of sending-off/red card for denying obvious goal scoring opportunity being tempered within Law 12. Administrators, coaches and players should refer to the revised Laws but, in short, a player making an earnest attempt to play the ball, but who still commits a foul, may not be sent off.

FIFA is considering the concept of a “temporary sending off” (e.g., a “sin bin”) whereby a player issued a yellow card may have to leave the field for a determined period of time. This will not be in place for the 2017/18 season, it is merely being discussed.

7. For the Good of the Game

Sal Garcia requested an initiative to improve on-field and sideline behavior aimed at better referee retention. Chris Lacey will follow up with Sal and explore options.

Melissa Zielinski shared that the next Board meeting will be Saturday, November 18 in Madison. 9:30 am start time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.