

WYSA Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, November 18, 2017
Madison

Attendance and Call to Order -- Chris Lacey calls meeting to order at 9:35 am. In attendance: Ted Blazel (MAYSA), Chris Lay (Secretary), Ken Ward (Treasurer), Alvaro Garcia Velez (Vice President), Vance Bickford (Southwest), Tony Klockow (Ozaukee), Doris Schommer (East Central), Linda Englund (Kenosha), John Janasik (Metro), Fred Yastan (Racine), Mike Recklies (Stateline), Chris Yustus (Midway), Rhonda Jankowski (Waukesha), Joe Krzyzaniak (Referees), Chris Lacey (President), Melissa Zielinski (Executive Director), Nancy Ziaja (Kickers)

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (08/16/17) – Ken Ward makes a motion to approve the minutes; Alvaro Garcia Velez seconds, no further discussion. Motion carries.
2. President’s update
 - 2.1. US Youth Soccer – Chris Lacey discussed US Youth Soccer bylaw which results in paid positions at the Regional levels. Region II hire is Chris Duke, previously with Kansas Youth Soccer Association. This position serves the Region but reports directly to US Youth Soccer. US Soccer is changing and updating the coach education programs – curriculum, labeling, requirements, etc. More updates to come on this topic via US Soccer and through WYSA Coaching Directors and Exec Dir. There is a hiatus on course offerings for the time being.
 - 2.2. US Soccer Referees – US Soccer is exploring changes to many aspects of the referee programming with the aim of centralization, state-to-state consistency and quality control. The initiatives are in their infancy with more updates to come.
3. Treasurer’s Report
 - 3.1. Review of 2016/2017 Fiscal Year – Ken Ward addressed some issues of timing in terms of funds-in vs when the specific programming was executed. In particular, programs that collected revenue in the prior FY but expenses paid in the new FY; leading to perceived short falls and/or surpluses in various line items. Motion made by Nancy Ziaja to approve financials; seconded by John Janasik. No further discussion. Motion carries.
 - 3.2. WYSA Credit Card Policy – Ken Ward summarized updates and actions taken with respect to the credit card usage policy, previously discussed at the July meeting. Motion to approve the policy made by Tony Klockow; seconded by Fred Yasatan. No further discussion. Motion carries.
4. Executive Director’s Report
 - 4.1. Player Registration Software – effective 2018/19 program year Demosphere will be implemented. Active Software is presenting resistance and pushback; legal counsel is being retained to help release clubs from Active Software – WYSA is very engaged and active working on behalf of clubs.

A variety of highly accessible training opportunities on Demosphere being offered online and in person beginning December 2017.

Starting with 18/19, all clubs must enter and use Demosphere. WYSA will take initiative with data migration to minimize burden to clubs.

- 4.2. 2018 AGM – March 3, 2018 at Downtown Kitchen in Milwaukee. Meeting format will be revised to include a series of roundtable discussions to engage with club leaders, share ideas,

etc. Demosphere will be at the AGM for training – this will be the only breakout meeting. Hall of Fame Induction on that evening.

5. New Business

5.1. 2018/2018 Tryout Policy – several revisions to the policy which have been informally approved by DOCs. The objective is to balance player/family priorities and club needs; therefore some adjustments to when “early offers” can be initiated and when the offer expires. In addition, starting offer time to noon vs 6 pm. These changes represent feedback from the clubs. Motion to approve the tryout policy for 18/19 made by Doris Schommer; seconded by Mike Recklies. No further discussion. Motion carries.

5.2. Strategic Plan – strategic planning has been in process since Spring 2018 within Exec Cmte. Chris Lacey shared updates. The Board confirmed that the planning process is worthwhile and feedback was generally positive. Ken Ward invited all Board members to share feedback as they continue to review the ongoing strategic planning process.

6. Old Business

6.1. WYSA District Standards – Melissa and Chris Lacey reviewed the updates to the WYSA District Standards. The overall objectives are to offer consistency across districts, be progressive, increase membership and drive efficiencies and invite economies of scale.

6.2. Referee game fee increase – for 2018/19 was reaffirmed by the Board.

7. For the Good of Soccer – the following individuals were selected for WYSA awards and will be put forth as candidates for the same awards at the US Youth Soccer.

Sandy Cowan will be honored with a lifetime achievement award at the Stateline AGM on 02/18/18.

Administrator of the Year – Jeff Hildebrand (Red Cedar Soccer Club)

Volunteer of the Year – Oakleigh Ryan (Rock Soccer Club)

Coach of the Year – Boys Recreation – Mark Knoebl (Magic Soccer Club)

Coach of the Year – Girls Recreation – Troy Hatley (Lodi Area Youth SC)

Coach of the Year – Boys Competitive – Dave Moehn (Fond du Lac SA)

Coach of the Year – Girls Competitive – David Hayhurst (Madison 56ers SC)

Young Referee of the Year – Female – Annika Prickett (North Shore Area)

Young Referee of the Year – Male – Nickolas Willard (Wisconsin Rapids Area)

TOPSoccer Buddy of the Year – Alexa Wolcott (Rush WI West TOPSoccer)

TOPSoccer Coach of the Year – Eric Zimmerman (Rush WI West TOPSoccer)

8. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Chris Yustus; seconded by Fred Yasatan.