

WI Youth Soccer Association  
Youth Board Meeting  
January 21, 2006  
Fond du Lac, WI

In Attendance: Roger Koessel - Kenosha, Bill Stroud - MAYSA, Ken Ward - Waukesha, David Flanagan - Director of Leagues, Terry Donini - Secretary, Bill Podewils- President, Sandy Cowan - Stateline, Ken Voigt – Appeals Committee/WSA Youth Rep, Peter Mariahazy - Treasurer, Kurt Schodorf - East Central, Ann Girard - East Central, Stuart Jones - Tournament Sanctioning, Keith McHugh - MAYSA, Nate Thompkins - Racine, Mike Kasten - Metro District, Sue Walter – SYRA, John Mc Cue – Southwest District, Toby Whipple- Kickers, Marshall Murray – Boys and Girls ODP, Fred Wissenburger – Northwest, Mike Lekan – Vice President

Absent: Mary Clarkson State Registrar, Arlyn Clarksen - State Cup, Ken Pieper – Northwest, Howard Hoffman - Midway, Kelly Dunn - Northwest, John Janasik - TOPSoccer, Carl Micke - WSA Youth Rep, Peter Saemann, Metro District

Bill Podewils called the meeting to order

**Motion:** to approve the November 12, 2006 youth board meeting minutes  
Ken Voigt – Appeals Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger Koessel – Kenosha Soccer District  
John McCue noted that he was left off of the attendance list. The minutes will be corrected to show John in attendance.

Bill Podewils asked that the board move into executive session

The board discussed a personnel matter.

**Motion:** to move from executive session  
Ken Voigt – Appeals Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Cowan – State Line District

Bill Podewils announced the appointment of Jim Launder as the Wi Youth Soccer Association's Director of Coaching. A question was brought up on the proposed Director of Player Development position that was discussed at the November 11, 2005 board meeting. Bill Podewils indicated that he would defer the development of the position to Jim Launder with the potential that it will be reintroduced at the later date.

**Motion:** to accept the Executive Committees appointment of Jim Launder as the Wi Youth Soccer Association's Director of Coaching effective January 2006.

Sandy Cowan - State Line, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kurt Shodorf - East Central District

Motion passes

Yvonne Bennett continued her work on the 2005-2006 Wi Youth Soccer Associations strategic planning effort. The youth board brought forward its intent to inform the general membership of the progress made toward completing the strategic plan, highlight to the membership the strategic actions need to move forward in implementing the plan.

### **Referee Fee Increase**

As the proposal to increase referees fees across the board was tabled from the November 11, 2005 meeting a motion was presented to take it from the table. The referee committee was asked to consider developing a pay scale based on grade level. Joe Krysanik indicated that a grade level fee scale was discussed by the referee committee but indicated that the committee felt it would be an administrative impossibility to deliver. Keith McHugh indicated that while the increase might serve to help in referee retention he felt that the Association should find other ways to develop referees. Bill Podewils indicated that districts could seek grant money from the association for referee development.

**Motion:** To take from the table the 11-12-2006 referee fee increase proposal in which the committee was asked to consider setting up a fee structure that was on grade level.

Ken Voigt - Appeals Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Cowan, State Line  
Motion Fails

As the above motion failed to come back to the floor for discussion the original proposal to increase referee games fees across the board and across the state effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 was brought back to the floor for discussion.

**Motion:** to increase referee games fees across the board and across the state effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006

Keith Mc Hugh – MAYSA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Ward – Waukesha District

In recognizing the original \$5 increase across the board proposal return to the floor for discussion, the youth board agreed that this increase would apply to all levels, competitions and positions, U-11 and up, in accordance with the guidelines of the Wi Youth Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer Association, with the exception of the following amendments which are attached below.

A series of amendments were accepted and attached to the above motion

- to add a pay level for U 6/7/8 - \$10 a center referee only, no assistant referees  
Ken Ward - Waukesha District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stuart Jones, Tournament Sanctioning Chair
- to reduce game fees for U 9/10 from 15 – centers /10 – AR's  
to \$12- centers/ \$8 – AR's  
Ken Ward - Waukesha District, Stuart Jones - Tournament Sanctioning Chair

- to allow those upper age group level recreational leagues, age groups U15 and above, who play 11 v 11 games, the ability to set fees one step lower than the posted fees  
Peter Mariahazy –Treasurer, Ken Ward - Waukesha District
- to drop the \$5 across the board increase and recognize that the above amended mandated minimum standard fees apply to all levels, recognized competitions and positions in accordance with the guidelines of the Wi Youth Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer Association, with the exception of tournaments  
Stuart Jones - Tournament Sanctioning Chair, Mike Kasten - Metro District

Motion passes  
11 years to 6 nays

### **Budget**

As the proposed 2006-2007 Wi Youth Soccer Association was tabled from the November 12, 2005 meeting, opportunities were made available for questions to be answered directly by Peter Mariahazy via email and in person at this board meeting. There were no questions either from via email or from the floor.

**Motion:** To take from the table the 11-12-2005 the proposed 2006-2007 seasonal year budget  
Peter Mariahazy – Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stuart Jones – Tournament Sanctioning Chair

**Motion:** to present the proposed 2006-2007 budget to the general membership at the March 2006 Annual General Meeting  
Peter Mariahazy – Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stuart Jones – Tournament Sanctioning Chair

Motion passes

### **2006 Annual General Meeting Bylaw Change Recommendations**

As the youth representatives to the Wisconsin Soccer Association are not currently members of the youth board it was felt by the Executive Committee of WI Youth Soccer Association and supported by the youth board that they be added as voting members to the youth board.

The Executive Committee is recommending a bylaw change under

#### **RULE 6003 ELECTED OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES**

The change has been bolded. It will be added to this section.

Section 6003.f.

Four (4) representatives of the WI Youth Soccer Association shall be elected to serve on the Wisconsin Soccer Association Executive Board. Each representative shall serve a two (2) year term, with two (2) Representatives being elected at the AGM in even

numbered years and two (2) representatives elected at the AGM in odd numbered years. **These persons will not be voting members of the Executive Committee, but will be voting members of the Board of Directors.**

### **Tournament Sanctioning Committee Guideline Changes**

Stuart Jones brought before the youth board the following changes to the current tournament sanctioning guidelines. These guidelines are being recommended to cover those situations that occur between the end of one tournament sanctioning year and the beginning of another. The two proposed recommendations are as follows:

Tournament sanctioning will be pulled if the following occurs:

- The host club is placed in “not good standing” by the state association.
- The tournament referee assignor is not registered with the WI Program for Referee Development

**Motion:** to accept the recommended additional requirements to the Tournament Sanctioning guidelines effective immediately

Stuart Jones - Tournament Sanctioning Chair, Mike Kasten – Metro District  
Motion passes

### **Referee Assigning**

Joe Krysanik presented information that the WI Program for Referee Development will be moving to online registration for its members. He further informed the youth board that the WI Program for Referee Development will also be moving to online web-based referee assigning for league games. Online league assigning will be offered voluntarily for the 2006- 2007 soccer season and mandated for use to all associations for the 2007 – 2008 soccer season. With online registration it will be easier to verify that referees are appropriately registered and to insure they are covered for liability issues. With a centrally based web-based registration program it will give the referee program a more accurate database on its active referees

Joe recognizes that the highest need to fill referee assignments is at the youth club level and is very hopeful that this web-based assigning program will address this need. Joe feels that the use of the referee assigning program will provide better assigning strategies, that referee availability will be more accurately gauged and that game assignments will be more complete. Joe hopes to use the referee assigning utility for the youth state cup and other adult cup competitions throughout the state. He further indicated that recreational level leagues are not required to have a certified assignor.

The WI Program for Referee Development will assume initial investment (costs), and will then be looking to the associations, districts and clubs it provides services to for additional financial support. The fee is based on the number of referee licenses. Once this web-based referee registration and assigning program is purchased, it

will then become the program of choice for the Wi Program for Referee Development. He further indicated that once integrated access to the referee registrations will only be through this registration program. A sample may be viewed at **thearbiter.net**. The access to the main referee webpage is wisref.org

This web-based referee assigning program has been used in classic leagues in MAYSA and with the adult level leagues in the amateur association in Wisconsin. Keith McHugh, MAYSA youth rep and administrator has utilized the software for the last year in scheduling referee for recreational and classic leagues and tournaments. The web-based program can be configured to address the needs of the event and the user. It has a communication utility that will inform the referee and teams on schedule changes, provide maps to fields, provide assignment reminders, and whether games are covered or not. Member assignors will then be able to see who already has assignments manage resources more accurately. Bill Ritchie, Keith McHugh, Sue Walters and Joe Krysiak will all be available to provide support

The board asked that Joe come back to the June 2006 youth board meeting and provide a synopsis of the program specs and more detail as to the costs and how they might be passed along to the various associations.

### **Wisconsin Soccer Association Update**

Ken Voigt presented an update on the ongoing Wisconsin Soccer Association issues.

- The Wisconsin Soccer Association indicated to Milwaukee County that it was willing to accept the arbitrator's settlement decision with regard to the soccer complex on Ryan Road. Representatives from Milwaukee County indicated that they might appeal the decision based on the amount of time the arbiter took to settle the issues. They further indicated that if the county would pursue further litigation they would then include interest and legal fees with their claim.
- In September 2005 the executive board of the Wisconsin Soccer Association asked for an audit of its programs and divisions. Ken Voigt, youth Rep to the Wisconsin Soccer Association board and its Treasurer is the only youth representative board member in receipt of a copy of the audit.
- There has not been a Wisconsin Soccer Association board meeting scheduled since the September 17, 2005 Annual General Meeting. It is unclear at this time as to whether the Wisconsin Soccer Association's Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Youth Soccer Association's Annual General Meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

### **Major League Soccer proposal**

The Wi Youth Soccer Association youth board presented the proposal that was collaboratively developed between the youth association's executive board and the Milwaukee Professional Soccer. See the attached WYSA\_MPS Summary for details of the agreement.

**Motion:** the WI Youth Soccer Associations youth board has approved committing to the Milwaukee Professional Soccer-WI Youth Soccer Association partnership agreement, contingent with the final approval based on concurrent approval by the General Membership at the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Annual General Meeting.

Sandy Cowan – Stateline District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Ward – Waukesha District

**For the good of soccer**

Toby Whipple, Milwaukee Kickers introduced John Sweeney as the new Executive Director of the Milwaukee Kickers.

Kicks for Cancer wishes to present their proposal to all club Presidents at our March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Annual General Meeting.

The WI Program for Referee Development will be sponsoring the opening night dinner for referees coming from throughout the Midwest Region Championship series in Appleton Wisconsin June 23 thru the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Ken Voigt indicated that as the current lease to the office located on Hayes Ave in West Allis is set to expire, he has begun looking at properties in the greater Milwaukee metro area, for possible relocation. Bill indicated there is a desire to be out of the office by April 1<sup>st</sup>, and we are looking for a 2 year lease.

**Motion:** to give Ken Voigt and Dave Flanagan the ability to check out available properties, present choices to the Executive Committee, then allow the Executive Committee the ability to make the decision on office relocation, with a caveat not to exceed \$50, 000 in first year and thereafter annual lease expenses.

Ken Ward - Waukesha District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Cowan – Stateline District  
Motion passes

Mike Lekan bid his farewell to the youth board; Bill Podewils and the rest of the youth board thanked him for his 22 years of dedication to the sport of soccer.

Motion to Adjourn

Sandy Cowan – Stateline District, Stuart Jones – Tournament Sanctioning Chair