

Approved

WI Youth Soccer Association
State Board of Directors minutes
June 5th, 2004
Fond du Lac, WI

In Attendance: Condly Dixon (Ozaukee), Tod Maki (Peninsula), Wytse Molenaar (Peninsula), Henry Shaw (East Central), Keith Mc Hugh (MAYSA), Sandy Cowan (Stateline), Ken Peiper (Northwest), Marshall Murray (ODP), Bill Podewils (President), Stuart Jones (Tournament Sanctioning), Terry Donini (Secretary), Peter Mariahazy (Treasurer), Mike Lekan (Vice President), Dave Flanagan (Director of Leagues), David Christofferson, (Waukesha), Ken Ward (Waukesha), Ken Viogt (Appeals), John McCue (Southwest), Bill Stroud (MAYSA),

Absent: John Janasik (TOPSoccer), Midway District Representative(s), Mike Jaworski(Racine), Peter Saemann (Metro), Ann Girard (East Central), Sue Walters (State Youth Referee Administrator), Ernie England (Kenosha), Paul Beck (Ozaukee), Mary Clarkson (State Registrar), Arlyn Clarkson (State Cup), Fred Weissenburger (Northwest), Floyd DeBow (Soccer Start), John Wallhauser (Waukesha)

Guests: Jack DeSelm (Hartford Soccer Club)

Motion: to approve the March 13 Youth board mini- meeting minutes
Sandy Cownan – State Line
2nd Sturat Jones- Tournament Sanctioning Committee

Motion Passes

Old Business:

Coaching licensure and compliance policy

Reviewed coaching licensure and compliance policy. Chris Brown, WI Youth Soccer director of coaching indicated that there has been a reasonable amount of E and D level licensure courses that have been offer throughout the state since he took on the DOC role in July of 2003. Beginning in the fall of 2004 and going forward, new and continuing coaches will be expected to make reasonable efforts to obtain the proper license for the age group being coached. League administrators will be asked to check applications for league play against the coaching licensure database. Once the season starts referees will be asked to verify on the game day report that the coach has a pass card and that the license is appropriate for the level being coached. Play should continue if the license level does not meet standards set forth by the WI Youth Soccer Association. Throughout the season leagues will be asked to track game reports weekly and monitor for licensure compliance. If a pattern of non-compliance is established leagues are asked to notify the state office indicating the name of the club and coach and the licensing compliance issue. Should a coach be found to lack compliance contact with the club and the coach will take place and a directive will be issues to bring the coach into compliance. If the coach continues to show little effort at taking corrective action the coach and club may face additional sanctions ranging from letters of reprimands, probation or possible suspension. All state and classic leagues are expected to follow the licensure guidelines. All coaching passes should now be issued from the WI Youth Soccer Association state office staff. District registrars can continue to issue team manager's passes good for a 1 year period, the WI Youth Soccer State office staff will continue to present Manager 101 sessions which will enable team managers to obtain a state issued managers pass good for a 2 year period. Club administrators, volunteers, managers, recreational and classic coaches should continue to fill out risk management forms and they should be forwarded to Kelly Ross at the State association's office.

Risk management/coaching licensure cost analysis

Approved

A question was raised at the 2004 AGM as to whether the \$10.00 coaching /risk management registration fee covered the cost of the hardware/software, background checks and other associated expenses. Peter Mariahazy, treasurer, deferred the answer to this question to a later board meeting.

Player Club Pass Policy

At the March 13th board meeting the player club pass committee was asked to develop policy language. The player club pass program allows players to play on more than one team within a club. All players must be registered and listed on an official Wi Youth Soccer Association club/team roster. The club will be permitted to move a player up or laterally in age and competition level. No player will be allowed to play at a level age or competition level that is lower than the age/competition level listed on the player pass. Recreational level players may move upward. Teams may roster a minimum of 12 players or a maximum of 18. No more than 4 club pass players will be allowed per game. Younger players U12-14 can not move up more than 2 age groups unless the player is part of an official team roster. This is an intraclub pass, not a pass that allows for the sharing of player between two different clubs. Concerns were expressed over the timing of the development and distribution of the club pass policy language and about how the various referee units in both league and tournament play will react. It was expressed to the executive committee that it was of paramount to make sure the referee units were updated and understood the scope and detail of the policy. That clubs would need to inform the Secretary of the State Association by August 1st of their clubs intent to participate in the club pass program. The Secretary would collect his information for oversight purposes. The tournament sanctioning committee was asked to define what a guest player is, particularly as it relates to intra club players and external club guest players. Club passes only applies to state or classic level team, no recreational level teams may participate in the use of the player club pass program at this point in time. The changes to the current club pass will be minimal. Registrars will be instructed to utilize the team # area on the pass to serve as the indicator of the level of the league that a team plays in. Designations such as Prem and 1st Div would indicate state leagues and classic A, B,C would designate the level of classic play. All the other identifying information would remain basically the same.

Motion: to approve the club pass policy

Dave Flanagan – Director of Leagues

2nd Stuart Jones – Tournament Sanctioning committee

Motion passes with Sandy Cowan dissenting based on the exclusion of recreational player participation in the club pass program.

The player club pass policy statement and player club pass Q & A sheet was posted on the WI Youth Soccer Association website at wiyouthsoccer.com and can be seen in its entirety.

Conflict of Interest Statements

Policies were developed for both the employees of the Wi Youth Soccer Association and the Wi Youth Soccer Association youth board members, directors, and executive committee members that prohibit actual, perceived or potential conflicts of interest. These policies provide a framework within which the Wi Youth Soccer Association wishes the business to operate. The purpose of the policy was to provide a general guideline so that employees, board members, and directors can seek clarification on issues related to acceptable business standards of the operation of the Wi Youth Soccer Association.

Motion: to approve the conflict of interest statements for both Wi Youth Soccer Association employees and youth board members

Ken Voigt - WSA youth board rep

Keith McHugh - MAYSA

Motion passes

Approved

New Business:

Coaching Education Fee Increase

Chris Brown, Director of Coaching proposed a \$10 fee increase for the D license course to offset the cost of new materials, manuals and textbooks and to provide an increase in pay for instructors to \$35/hr . The new fee of \$150 brings us in line with the surrounding states in Region 2. The fee increase will be effective August 1st , 2004.

Motion: to accept the proposed D license fee increase

Ken Voigt – WSA youth board rep

2nd Stuart Jones – Tournament Sanction committee

Bill Podewils offered a friendly amendment suggesting that anyone who is not a Wi Youth Soccer Association member be required to pay an extra \$100 fee to register for the course.

Terry Donini offered an additional friendly amendment suggesting that anyone who is a member of the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association be allowed to take Wi Youth Soccer Association courses at their regular cost. Chris Brown added a stipulation that WSCA members pay an additional \$10 surcharge to cover the cost of processing applications, etc.

Voigt and Jones accept the friendly amendments.

Motion passes

Wave United/Olympic Development Collaboration

Chris Brown, WI Youth Soccer Director of Coaching and Marshall Murray, Director of the Olympic Development Program recently initiated a discussion with the Milwaukee Wave United. The intent of the discussion was to develop a co-operative relationship with the boys and girls Olympic Development program that would include marketing the ODP program to all soccer players who attend Wave United camps, would provide ODP players an opportunity to train with the Wave United players, and would give ODP player an opportunity to become part of the European academy that the Wave United is affiliated with in England. This opportunity was favorably acknowledged by youth board members though much discussion ensued with regard to the state association endorsing the Wave United European academy. Marshall Murray was asked rework this collaborative agreement and introduce testimonials language rather than endorsements in moving forward with the collaboration. Peter Mariahazy also suggested that there be a sunset clause to these arrangements.

Risk Management Director position announcement

The Executive Committee has been informed of Rick Haugen's interest in stepping down from the youth board as the risk management director. Interested parties should contact Bill Podewils,

Southeast Competitive Soccer League director announcement

Dave Flanagan, Director of Leagues, announced that Robert Nieman, formerly President of the Hartford United Soccer Club has accepted the league director's responsibilities for the Southeast Competitive Soccer league. The SECL is seeking membership on the board. Activities include several yearly meeting, review of team placements in both the spring and the fall, league policy development and any other issue that might arise

Wisconsin Soccer Association Youth rep announcement

The Executive Committee was recently informed that Mike O'Shea, WSA youth representative would be resigning his position. Carl Micke, East Central Soccer District has been appointed to fill the remainder of the term.

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Website additions

WI Youth Soccer Association youth board and annual general meeting minutes have been posted on the website. Please go to www.wiyouthsoccer.net click on admin, and then click on state business.

Update on fundraising, grant writing and sponsorship

A survey was recently emailed to assorted youth soccer association board representatives, committee members, directors and executive committee members. Please take the time to complete the survey.

USYSA fee increase

In March 2004, the United States Youth Soccer Association approved a 50 cent fee increase to be passed on to state association. Twenty five cents of the increase will be effective August 1st, 2004; with the other twenty five cents becoming effective August 1st, 2005. The executive committee has indicated that the state association will pick up the payment of the first 25 cents due in August 2004. WI Youth Soccer Association clubs should anticipate a 50 cent increase in the August 2005-06 season. This is a pass through increase going directly to the United States Youth Soccer Association.

Small sided games league and tournament guidelines

Reviewed roster sizes for teams currently involved in small sided soccer games (See www.wiyouthsoccer.net for current recommendations for rosters sizes, field sizes and goals sizes. Click on fall small sided soccer). Goals: Recommended (6' x 18' min or 7' x 21' max) Guidelines affecting the U11 small sided format will be in effect for both league and tournament play. There will be no state league opportunities for the U11 age group. Beginning in fall 2005 at the U12 age group level will mark the first opportunity for small sided (8v8) state league play in 1st Division and Premier leagues.

The youth board strongly recommends both recreational and classic game opportunities for U-11 players. Classic teams may use a selection or tryout process in creating their teams. Recreational level rules pertaining to roster size and the 50% turnover from season to season are still applicable. Dave Flanagan, Director of Leagues recommended a full year of U11 small sided game play with a culminating event such as a U 11 small sided soccer festival in mid to late June to help determine placement for the U12 fall season.

East Central/Peninsula District realignment

East Central and Peninsula soccer districts began discussions this spring to consider merging the two soccer districts. Rationale for the merger included a greater infrastructure, consolidation of efforts and services and a sharing of resources.

Motion: to accept the merger of the Peninsula Soccer district into the East Central Soccer District effective August 1, 2004

Marshall Murray Director Olympic Development Program
2nd Ken Ward Waukesha Soccer District

Motion Passes

For the Good of Soccer

Given State Cup tournament play, unpredictable weather conditions and other unforeseeable variable it has been recommended by Youth board members to suggest to all leagues to extend the spring play period thru mid June wherever possible.

Approved

For the 2004-2005 playing it is the recommendation from the WI Youth Soccer State Cup committee and the Wi Youth Soccer Association Executive Committee that the Memorial day weekend and the 1st weekend of June be reserved for the Wi State Cup tournament and recreational only tournaments. The tournament sanctioning committee is asked to take this under consideration when approving tournaments.

WI Soccer Coaches Association update

The Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association is arranging for match analysis opportunities in various regions of the state. Youth and high school coaches who are members of the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association may take advantage of these opportunities.

Wisconsin Soccer Association board meeting will be held on June 14th, 2004.

A request was made to schedule all state board meeting at least one year in advance. A suggestion was made to review all Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association programs prior to the youth Annual general meeting in March.

Terry Donini
Secretary – WI Youth Soccer Association