

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association  
State Board of Director's Minutes  
June 15, 2003  
Appleton, WI

In attendance: Nancy Ziaja, Condy Dixon, Todd Maki, Wytse Molenaar, Peter Saemann, Henry Shaw, Ann Girard, Keith McHugh, Sandy Cowan, Ken Pieper, Marshall Murray, Bill Podewils, John Janasik, Stuart Jones, Terry Donini, Peter Mariahazy, Mike Lekan, Dave Flanagan, Mike O'Shea

Staff in attendance: Robbie Ward, Rob Lestina, Brent Diderrich, Kelly Ross

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Motion to accept the minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002 meeting. Minutes accepted

Old Business:

The following were agenda items previously discussed and placed on the agenda for approval.

#### PROGRAM CHAIR APPOINTMENTS:

Marshall Murray appointed to Director of Boys and Girls Olympic Development Program. Mike Lekan appointed as WI Youth Soccer Association State Tournament Committee Director. Motion to approve by Dave Flanagan. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stuart Jones. Motion passed by acclamation.

#### DIRECTOR OF COACHING HIRING/APPOINTMENT

Chris Brown was appointed as Director of Coaching. Motion to approve by Henry Shaw. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Cowan. Motion passed by acclamation.

Information provided on merger between Spring City SC and Waukesha SC. Merged club to be known as SC Waukesha and assigned to soccer district 8. Motion to grandfather SC Waukesha status as that of a longstanding club and waive new club requirements. Motion to approve by Stuart Jones. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keith McHugh. Motion passed by acclamation.

Zia FC and Chequamegon Bay SC sought admission to the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association beginning in the 2003-04 seasonal soccer year. Motion to accept both clubs for admission to the WI Youth Soccer Association. Motion passed by acclamation.

#### PLAYER CLUB PASSES

Continued discussion of player club passes. Player is registered to the WI Youth Soccer Association; teams within a club then develop roster. With a club pass, a player may play on any team within a club. Age appropriate guidelines are still intact, play may play up but not down. Mobility by means of a club pass would allow for player development. Player club passes would pertain to classic players U13 and up. Discussion and input should be provided to David Flanagan, Marshall Murray and Bill Podewils. Comments would be forwarded to the board for their review of major points of the club pass proposal.

#### COACHING PASS CARD

WI Youth Soccer Association staff is prepared to accept on-line registration for all coaches. Fee will be \$10.00 and cover a two year time period. Registration will take place in two phases. Coaches with odd year birth date should register this year; even year birth dates should register next year. Coaches need to obtain / download and complete a risk management statement, then send either a labeled 1"x1" photo or email a jpeg photo, along with the registration fee to the state office. Passes will be distributed through district registrars. Fees may be paid either by check or credit card. Credit Card numbers will be processed manually. If districts want to participate in mass registration or billing, contact Peter Mariahazy.

## New Business:

- a. Northwest Soccer District (#9) asked the state board to consider a proposal to waive coaching licensure time requirement for coaches in their district. The proposal contained a provision that asked for time extension of 5 years for "E" and 10 years for "D". Motion to grant a 2-year extension in the time limits to the current licensing requirements in order for the Northwest Soccer District to attract coaches, conduct clinics and retain qualified soccer coaches. Sandy Cowan moved to accept. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stuart Jones. Motion approved by acclimation. The Director of Coaching to review at the end of the 2-year extension.
- b. Small Sided Soccer (U11/12): Initial discussion regarding small-sided format for Under 11 and 12 age groups.
- a. U11 & U12's 8v8 (including GK)
- b. U10 & 9's 6v6 (including GK)
- c. U8 & 7's 4v4 (No GK)
- d. U6 & U5's 3v3 (No GK)
- i. Beginning with the implementation of small-sided soccer game format for U11 and U12 players, those age groups would effectively be asked to return to classic or recreational leagues. Under-8's and down would not use a goalkeeper. Under-9's and up would be the start of using goalkeepers. All classic and recreational league teams would be required to follow state mandates regarding small sided game formats.
- ii. Motion to recommend that the State Association move forward in recommending that U11 and U12 teams change to small sided game format of 8v8 (including goalkeeper). Moved by Mike Lekan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stuart Jones. Several friendly amendments were attached:
1. Modification to U10 field numbers (6v6 w/GK) and U11 start up date is August 2004; U12 start up date is August 2005.
  2. Tournament sanctioning committee will have to develop rules and guidelines pertaining to small-sided game play and roster size for both in and out of state teams who enter state sanctioned tournaments.
  3. Consideration should be given to leagues to determine roster size for U10 teams. U11/12's would be limited to 14 players on a roster.
  4. Under-9's and up would be the start of using goalkeepers. U11 and 12's 8v8 (including GK). *The motion with the above friendly amendments passes with two dissenting votes by Nancy Ziaja and Wytse Molenaar.*
- c. State Cup Proposal Changes: Both a format change and an increase in fees were proposed as a result of bringing the Wisconsin portion of the Snickers State Cup tournament in line with the Snickers National Youth Soccer Championships. A round robin play format would be initiated and an increase in state cup fees to \$300 would be necessary to cover expenses. Any team that was involved in a play-in game to get into the round robin that lost would be refunded a proportional share of their money. The fee would be effective beginning in the 2004 seasonal year for play in the 2005 Snickers State Cup Tournament. Motion to accept both the format and the fee changes to the Snickers State Cup Tournament made by Stuart Jones; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keith McHugh. Motion passed by acclimation. The state cup committee should bring to the November board meeting a more detailed implementation plan that includes play dates and other procedures.
- d. East Central District web site presentation: Peter Mariahazy and Henry Shaw previewed the East Central District web site. East Central, along with Beantree has developed programming which incorporates the use of the League Organizer game and referee scheduling modules. Please preview it by going to the East Central District link on the WI Youth Soccer Association web site.

- e. Tournament Sanctioning Policy and Procedure Review: Stuart Jones brought forth recommendations from the Tournament Sanctioning Committee to include an increase in membership, one from each district, and the State Youth Referee Administrator. Other changes included a change in definitions of tournaments to traditional, moved and new. Other areas that received revisions included communication about approvals and denials and new tournament communication. Motion to tentatively approve the changes made in the policy and procedures for approving tournaments. Motion to approve by Sandy Cowan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter Saemann. Motion approved by acclamation. *Stuart was asked to post the changes, receive feedback and bring final changes back to the board at the November meeting for final approval.*
- f. Club Tax Exempt 501(c)3 Incorporation: Kelly Ross presented his plan to develop 501(c)3 Tax Exempt Corporation sessions to be presented in the Madison, Milwaukee, Fox Valley and Eau Claire areas. Space will be limited to 30 participants; sessions will be 90 minutes in length. Kelly will email club presidents about locations and times.
- g. Manager 101: Brent Diderrich has developed a session for team managers who are involved in the state leagues. It will help prepare a manager to take a team from initial application, player and coach registration, collection of fees and the basics of sideline behavior. Attendance at the session will result in a state issued 3-year managerial pass. This pass will permit a manager to start or finish a game due to unforeseen coaching circumstances. Requests were made to expand the presentation to classic leagues in the future. Managers who elect not to go through the course will obtain their manager's pass from their district registrar.

**For the good of soccer:**

Announced John Janasik as the President of the Wisconsin Soccer Association. Bill Podewils invited comments as to the direction we would like the Wisconsin Soccer Association take in the future. Comments to Bill Podewils, Mike Lekan or Mike O'Shea.

Concerns were expressed over clinics that were canceled (due to low numbers), clinics that had large numbers and were perceived to not have enough clinicians. Will direct the Director of Coaching to look into these types of issues for future considerations.

Rosters allow for 4 people to be coaching on the sideline. Included could be the head coach, assistant coaches and manager. Only people listed on the official district should be on the sideline

Beginning in the 2004 seasonal year, in addition to the regular tournament fee, an \$8 per team fee will also be assessed. This applies to clubs who are seeking to host tournaments in 2004 forward. Peter Mariahazy informed board members that with a decrease in overall number of soccer players registered statewide, revenue had decreased. An additional tournament fee became a revenue source. Tournaments for the 2003-04 seasonal year will not be assessed an additional fee.

Wisconsin Youth Soccer, the East Central Soccer District and the Fox Valley area are seeking to bid for the 2006 US Youth Regional Soccer Tournament.

Wisconsin Youth Soccer and the Milwaukee Kickers Soccer District are seeking to bid for the 2006/07 US Youth Soccer National Soccer Tournaments.

US Youth Soccer is proposing a dues increase of .50 cents. No information was provided as to the need for an increase in dues. Bill Podewils would like board members to email him their issues and concerns. The dues increase would be effective in the 2004-05 seasonal year.

US Adult National Championships are being played in Milwaukee.

The November board meeting will focus on the budget and will be held in Milwaukee.

Sandy Cowan moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keith McHugh.

Submitted by

Terry Donini; Secretary  
WI Youth Soccer Association

APPROVED