

## APPROVED

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association  
State Board Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2008 9:00 AM  
Milwaukee, WI

The meeting was called to order by WYSA President Peter Mariahazy at 9:00 AM.

In Attendance: Peter Mariahazy – President, Terry Donini – Vice-President, Toby Whipple – Secretary, Kurt Sonnentag – Treasurer, Yvonne Bennett – Executive Director, Howard Hoffman – Midway, Peter Saemann – Metro, Chris Lay – MAYSA, Ken Ward – Waukesha, John McCue – Southwest, Sandy Cowan – Stateline, Ernie Englund – Kenosha, Ann Girard – East Central, Drew Dion – Milwaukee Kickers, Beth Bishop Perrigo – ODP, Ken Voigt – WSA Board Representative (arrived at 9:35 AM)

Guests: John Janasik – TOPSoccer, Alvaro Garcia-Velez – Executive Director Milwaukee Kickers, Tom Mesalk – Referee Representative for the SYRA (departed at 11:30 AM)

Absent: Ken Pieper – Northwest, Carl Micke – WSA Board Representative, Nathan Thompkins – Racine, Philip Sherwood – Ozaukee, Sue Walter – SYRA, Arlyn Clarksen – WSA Board Representative

### Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve of the minutes from the June 28, 2008 State Board Meeting with corrections. Moved by Sandy Cowan (Stateline), 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Donini (V.P.). *Motion Passed*

### President's Update – Peter Mariahazy

Peter gave the Board an update regarding the IMPACT concussion test and system. Additional information will be posted on our website soon.

Peter asked the Board to make sure that each District provides Melissa with the requested information pertaining to the development of the League One on-line registration system.

Our relationship with Eastbay is continuing and all Board members need to provide their sizing to Melissa for next year. Peter advised everyone that Eastbay is also starting an on-line store system that individual clubs can use for their club apparel sales through Eastbay.

We are proceeding on bidding on hosting the 2011 Region II Championships in the Fox Cities area. This is a joint venture between Appleton and DePere areas. A decision will be made on where this tournament is going to be hosted within the next week.

### Vice President / Competitions Update – Terry Donini

Terry provided a written report to the board which was included in the board meeting agenda packet distributed in advance of the meeting.

Terry gave a summary of the Southeast Wisconsin tryout procedures and the survey taken regarding the possibility of moving the tryout dates. After some discussion the following motion was made.

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Motion: Amend the WYSA policies (previously read “By-laws” – codified 4/1/09) to change the U15-18 boys and girls tryout date for Southeast Wisconsin to the last Monday in June effective for the 2009-10 registration period. Moved by Terry Donini (V.P.), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Ward (Waukesha). *Motion Passed*

Terry informed the Board that he has asked Jim Launder, WYSA Director of Coaching and Craig Carlson, WYSA Assistant Director of Coaching, to come with a recommendation on Youth Academy guidelines.

Terry and Peter updated the Board on the status of the U23 Men’s League and informed them that the proper registration procedures were followed contrary to some accusations from the WYSA leaders that proper procedures were not followed. Our goal is simply to provide players of this age the opportunity to play in a well organized league.

Yvonne briefly discussed the 2008 Women’s Premier League and the U23 Men’s League End of Season Report prepared by Jenny Anthes, League Administrator, and recommended that the following motion be made.

Motion: To rescind the motion passed at the June 28, 2008 Board meeting regarding teams and players in the Women’s Premier League and the Men’s U23 Leagues having to register through a district or club. Teams and players will continue to be registered directly through the State Office. Moved by Terry Donini (V.P.), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toby Whipple (Secretary). *Motion Passed*

*It was agreed that with the implementation of the League One player registration software, new process and procedures would make the most sense for the 2009-2010 playing season. Staff will work with individuals involved in our WPL and U23 Men’s Leagues to assure that we meet the spirit and intent that adult players are processed through a district or club. It was reported that Carl Micke was consulted regarding this change and supports rescinding the previously approved motion.*

A discussion took place regarding the due date for the spring 2009 state league applications at the WYSA office. It was agreed that the due date would be moved to December 15, 2008. Everyone was advised to pass this information along to their clubs immediately and it will be posted on the WYSA website.

A discussion took place regarding the limits being proposed by Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association limiting the number of players that can play from one high school on the same club team. After a brief discussion everyone was advised to get with Terry if they would like to be on a subcommittee to attempt to address this issue with WIAA.

Motion: To proceed with exploring the development of a WYSA Futsal program for possible implementation for the 2009-10 registration period. Moved by Beth Bishop Perrigo (ODP), 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Lay (MAYSA). *Motion Passed*

Terry distributed to the Board a report regarding what WYSA does to promote recreational soccer. This was distributed for information only.

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A lengthy discussion took place between Board members and Tom Mesalk regarding referee assigning, specifically the district referee assignor program. It was pointed out that having a sub-assignor (local person) assisting the district assignor is critical to how well this program works.

### Treasurer's Report – Kurt Sonnentag

Kurt reviewed the highlights of the 2007-08 final financial reports. Fiscal year 2007-08 ended with a negative net operation primarily due to legal fees related to the WI Department of Labor case and grants given to the referees.

Kurt distributed at the meeting a WYSA Comparison Projection between the 2007-08 Actual, 2008-09 Approved Budget and 2008-09 Projection (with adjustments). An error was discovered in the 2008-09 Approved Budget that would will create a shortfall of approximately \$80,000. Upon making the adjustments it appears that we will have a shortfall of approximately \$40,000 for fiscal year 2008-09. Kurt recommended that we examine our fees for all programs in future years in effort to achieve a balanced budget. A discussion took place regarding how to balance the budget by increasing revenue and reducing costs.

(Drew Dion departed the meeting at 12:00 PM and Peter Mariahazy accepted Alvaro Garcia-Velez as his proxy.)

### Executive Director's Report – Yvonne Bennett

Yvonne provided a written report to the board which was included in the board meeting agenda packet distributed in advance of the meeting.

Yvonne discussed the 2009-10 budget timeline as distributed in everyone's packet.

Yvonne discussed the Financial Policies and Procedures that were distributed in everyone's packet.

Motion: To approve the proposed WYSA Financial Policies and Procedures. Moved by Terry Donini (V.P.), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Cowan (Stateline). Motion Passed

Yvonne discussed the WYSA Board Policies that were distributed in everyone's packet. Motion: To approve the WYSA Board Policies. Moved by Sandy Cowan (Stateline), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Donini (V.P.). *Motion Passed*

Motion: To reaffirm the membership of MC United as a new club of WYSA in the Midway district. Moved by Peter Saemann (Metro), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Ward (Waukesha). *Motion Passed*

### 2008 WYSA Award Winners

The following winners were selected by the Executive Committee from the names submitted.

- Boys Classic Coach of the Year - Don Arnold
- Girls Classic Coach of the Year - Sinisa Angelovski
- Boys Recreational Coach of the Year - Lucas Seielstad
- Girls Recreational Coach of the Year - Jan Peebles

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Volunteer of the Year - Wayne Stoflet  
Administrator of the Year - Howard Hoffman

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Western Wisconsin State League Update

Peter indicated that the league will only be available for U12-14 boys and U12-15 girls. Ken Pieper has submitted to Peter a list of potential clubs from Northwest district. We will utilize existing state league rules. There will be a league commissioner appointed by Peter and he is also looking for members for a board.

Parenting Education Video Update

A preliminary edit of the video has been completed and Peter has a copy for anyone interested to view after the meeting.

Strategic Planning Update

A discussion took place regarding how to proceed with the various initiatives of the Strategic Plan. Marketing development, recreational soccer and communications will be the primary areas of Board focus. Chris Lay indicated that he would be willing to serve on the recreational committee. Yvonne will prepare revised plan documents to reflect the current direction and consolidation of priority issues and distribute to the board. Funding for the strategic initiatives should be considered as part of the 09-10 budgeting process.

WSA / WASA Update

Application as a member of USSF is in process by Peter Mariahazy. Peter is also in the process of looking into attorneys for action with the State of Wisconsin. Terry Donini requested John Janasik to facilitate scheduling a meeting between the WYSA and WSA.

Unemployment Insurance Update

Peter advised the Board that the court case was won by WYSA against the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. There is legislation being pursued to designate all youth sport officials as independent contractors.

Wisconsin Sales Tax

There is legislation in the State Legislature being proposed to make youth sports registration fees sales tax exempt.

Midway District Report – Howard Hoffman

Howard indicated that the roster size exemption granted three years ago for Midway district be allowed to expire. Without any action there will be no future roster exemptions for the Midway district teams.

For the Good of Soccer

Peter advised the Board that Yvonne has been appointed as the Dean of US Youth Soccer's Soccer Learning University, their State Association development initiative, which includes sessions conducted in conjunction with the US Youth Soccer Annual Workshop.

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Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Toby Whipple (Secretary), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kurt Sonnentag (Treasurer). *Motion Passed*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.