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WYSA State Board of Directors Meeting
February 11, 2020
Conference Call

Attendance: Melissa Zielinski (WYSA Executive Director), Chris McCormick (Milwaukee Kickers), Chris Lay (WYSA Secretary), Mike Recklies (Stateline), Francisco de la Rosa (Southwest), Chris Yustus, Rhonda Jankowski (Waukesha), Kurt Femrite (MAYSA), Ken Ward (WYSA Treasurer), Jay DeBruin (East Central), Chris Lacey (WYSA President), Tony Klockow (Ozaukee), Fred Yasatan (Racine)

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Chris Lacey

Chris Lacey thanked all of the committee chairs for their efforts and progress thus far.

Recognition:

- Much gratitude to the State Association Coaching staff and Julie for the quality of their work and leadership and initiative (e.g., Special Topics sessions). US Soccer, in particular, has observed their efforts as compared to other states.
- In addition, the WWSAC is being reviewed as a model to be replicated nationwide.

Executive Director report:

Melissa reminded the Board about the upcoming AGM (March 14 in Milwaukee) and among the special sessions includes a presentation by Dewitt LLP pertaining to independent contractor vs employees.

The key points from the Executive Director's report included below:

Coaching Education

- WYSA was awarded with a multi-year grant through US Soccer's Innovate to Grow Program; the grant
- enables WYSA to offer Female Only Coaching Education courses at no cost to participants (this will
- include Grassroots Courses in years 1 and 2 and a 'D' license in year 3)
- We are seeking additional applications for the WYSA 'C' License Scholarship for one male and one
- female to attend the WI hosted National 'C' License Course
- Mentoring sessions for Club Directors of Coaching were held in Milwaukee, Madison and Appleton;
- objective is for DOCs to apply concepts in their own clubs
- Registration is open for the Coaching Symposium being held in Milwaukee on March 15

Competitions

- League Schedules for Youth Academy, SECL, State League and WDA will be distributed to club field
- schedulers by February 7 and are due back to WYSA on March 2
- SWCL applications are open
- Applications for 3 Soccer Fest events also available:
 - La Crosse – 4/26
 - Eau Claire – 5/16
 - Stevens Point – 6/6
- State Championship applications due February 14
- Presidents Cup applications due March 2
- A Director of Coaching meeting will be held at the WYSA AGM; this information was included in the
- AGM communication already sent to "Club Officials"; meeting is not restricted to DOCs, other club officials including administrators are welcome to attend

Olympic Development Program

- State Pool training has been expanded to include additional locations around Wisconsin, plus Rockford, Illinois to better serve participants (Oshkosh, Appleton, Madison, Milwaukee, Rockford)
- A Coach in Training Program is being implemented to train and mentor new coaches to serve as ODP staff

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Upcoming Events:

February 9 – TOPSoccer Event with Milwaukee Wave

February 22 – TOPSoccer Winterfest

February 29 – Women in Soccer Symposium

March 14 – WYSA AGM & Wisconsin Soccer Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

March 15 – Coaching Symposium

April 26 – Soccerfest: La Crosse

May 16 – Soccerfest: Eau Claire

June 6 – Soccerfest Stevens Point

Other Important Dates:

WYSA Board of Directors Meeting – February 22 (WYSA State Office)

District Assistance to WYSA:

- Demosphere is the primary database used for Club Contacts and communication from the State Office; please
- remind Clubs to update Demosphere with changes to their Board of Directors and/or Administrators and Directors of Coaching
- A reminder that an individual may vote at any meeting of WYSA in only one capacity. State Board members should attend the WYSA AGM as a representative of the State Board and designate a proxy for if they hold another voting position in the State Council (i.e. Club President)
- Continue to encourage attendance at the 2020 WYSA AGM and remind clubs to complete the online registration for the event
- Efforts to schedule Coaching Education courses around the State are ongoing. Local assistance is especially needed in securing facilities for Grassroots and Y1 courses
- Promote the Female Only Grassroots Courses scheduled for March 1 in Milwaukee (7v7 and 11v11)
- Remind Clubs to refer to the “Club Corner” section of the WYSA newsletter for pertinent and time sensitive information

Conversation also included some concern about the number of referee courses and whether or not they could ultimately provide the necessary quantity of officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm