

APPROVED

WYSA State Board of Directors Meeting
May 12, 2020
Conference Call

Attendance: Chris Lacey (President), Alvaro Velez-Garcia (Vice President), Chris Lay, (Secretary), Ken Ward (Treasurer), Fred Yasatan (Racine), Jon Janasik (Milwaukee Metro), Jay DeBruin (East Central), Chris Yustus (Midway), Mike Recklies (Stateline), Ernie Englund (Kenosha), Tony Kluckow (Ozaukee), Francisco de la Rosa (SouthWest), Dr. Kevin Wasco (WYSA Board Member at Large), Kurt Femrite (MAYSA), Melissa Zielinski (WYSA Executive Director), Craig Carlson (WYSA Associate Director of Coaching)

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Chris Lacey.

Chris Lacey thanked the Board for quick turnaround on recent electronic vote for recent policy updates. Also, to District leaders for hosting numerous meetings and information sharing.

Melissa shared that the WYSA staff is meeting, as a group, on a weekly basis. All staff interacting with almost daily interaction on a one-on-one level with various programs and initiatives.

Chris Lacey encouraged all Board members to sign on to the Unite2Play legislation. This grassroots initiative will, hopefully, drive policy and funding at the federal level.

Return to Play (RTP) protocols and timelines remain under review. They will be guided by information provided by US Youth Soccer, State Government and Health Associations. Opinions throughout the United States vary, however, based on conversations and input from medical experts we should be considering the following (at least):

- 1) If Public Schools are closed, what will sports associations do?
- 2) If there are defined hotspots within the State would we shut down play just in and around those hotspots?
- 3) If we are not allowing full-sided games or scrimmages, would we allow adapted, small-sided games?

A possible RTP date is dependent on multiple variables. In anticipation of such date, other decisions that WYSA will likely have to make:

- Is RTP in-full (i.e., full games/leagues), modified/small sided or none at all?
- Will WYSA sanction teams/players to play in other/neighborhood states? Will the decision differ for tournaments vs leagues?

Chris Lacey reminded everyone that if WYSA staff or Executive Committee members can be helpful within any District efforts please extend that invitation.

Melissa shared some general insights into the refunds-to-clubs process. Numerous clubs have outstanding balances at this date. Overall, the process is arduous.

An FAQ and Best Practices document is forthcoming within the next several days. It will be shared statewide.

Meeting concludes at 7:45 pm.