

APPROVED

WYSA State Board of Directors Meeting  
May 28, 2020  
Conference Call

Attendance: Chris Lacey (President), Alvaro Garcia-Velez (Vice President), Chris Lay (WYSA Secretary), Ken Ward (WYSA Treasurer), Chris McCormick (Kickers), Fred Yasatan (Racine), John Janasik (Metro), Jay DeBruin (East Central), Kurt Femrite (MAYSA), Mike Recklies (Stateline), Rhonda Jankowski (Waukesha), Francisco de la Rosa (Southwest), Chris Yustus (Midway), Tony Klockow (Ozaukee), Kevin Wasco (Member at Large)

Chris Lacey called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

The general purpose of this meeting is to review US Soccer's "Play on" Return to Play plan and protocols. This plan introduces a pathway for soccer during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Overall, it adheres to guidance and recommendations being shared with WYSA by doctors throughout the State. However, Melissa pointed out, technically (as of May 29) the State of Wisconsin prohibits "team sports" for the time being – thus, WYSA cannot yet approve play under US Soccer's "Phase I" options. Therefore, insurance coverage is not yet activated. Therefore, WYSA RTP remains in a holding pattern until, at least, the language is amended and restrictions lifted by the State of Wisconsin. If/when this occurs the WYSA Board generally believes that the US Soccer "Play On" play is preferable as opposed to WYSA creating its own plan.

A point of emphasis that should be made throughout Phase I (at least) is that each training group should remain as consistent as possible to minimize points-of-contact and, if necessary, best facilitate contact tracing.

Tony Klockow motioned to accept the US Soccer "Play On" document/advisory (by posting the web hyperlink) as WYSA's RTP Guidelines with all/expected updates, additions and/or amendments as it is considered a "living document". Ernie Englund seconds this motion. All are in favor. Motion passes.

The Board generally agreed that a communication and implementation plan is prudent over the next week or two. Melissa anticipates messaging to club leaders on Monday, June 1; series of webinars to follow. On (approx.) June 8 an email to all WYSA families/homes.

Melissa also shared updates in two other areas:

1. Tryouts – we continue to emphasize player retention and participation rather than tryouts. There does not yet appear a clear pathway for facilitating in person tryouts, even for mid-July. It would require that the State be in Phase 2 of RTP and, as yet, we are not even into Phase 1.
2. Tournaments – all tournaments through June & July are now cancelled/not sanctioned. Tournaments later in the year, their status is still to be determined. Some teams/clubs/players have inquired about tournaments outside of the State but WYSA will not be providing the insurance coverage for their participation.

The Board discussed ideas for retaining referees. In particular, those referees who certified and were unable to officiate any games (and get paid) in Spring/Summer 2020. Melissa proposed that Districts and Assignors make a request to utilize money designated within the WYSA. This request should be made fairly soon so as to fit within this FY.

Meeting concludes at 7:20 pm.