

APPROVED

**Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association
Youth State board Meeting
June 3, 2000
Ramada Plaza Hotel-Fond du Lac**

President Bill Podewils called the meeting to order.

Attendees: Bill Podewils (President), Mike Lekan (Vice President), John Janasik (Secretary), Stuart Jones (East Central), Rick Gospodarek (East Central), Mike Lund (Kickers), Mike Kasten (Metro), Jack Driscoll (Peninsula), Russ Schroeder (Racine), Sandy Cowan (Stateline), Terry Donini (Waukesha), Marshall Murray (Boys ODP), Ron Schulze (Sheboygan Area Youth Soccer Organization SAYSO), Will Peters (Referees), Peter Mariahazy (Tournaments), Dave Flanagan (WCGSL), Mike O'Shea (Paper Valley YSC), Jim Launder (Coaching), Robbie Ward (WYSA Programs Admin)

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of the January 15, 2000 meeting held in Appleton, Wisconsin were accepted with no additions or corrections.

Old Business:

Wisconsin Soccer Association – Annual General Meeting - President Bill Podewils reported on the Wisconsin Soccer Association Annual Meeting. The WSA President declared that there was not a quorum when it came time to vote so the meeting was adjourned. There was not any business transacted.

Tide American Cup – This event will be held in the fall of 2000 or in June 2001. Mr. Russ Schroeder asked that it not be held in the spring because there is no time. It would be better to hold the tournament in October.

State Championships for U11 & U12 Boys & Girls - State Championships for these age groups shouldn't be held because there is no demand for this event. Other ages move on to the Regionals. A discussion was had regarding the need for this event. It was decided that the Director of Leagues would put together a separate fall event for the current year U12 & U13 age groups. The initial event would be held in fall 2001.

Percentage of referees to club\player registration ratio – A plan is needed to resolve the shortage of referees throughout the State. A discussion on the referee shortage took place with different ideas and suggestions given to help alleviate the problem. The referee abuse must be stopped if we are to prevent the many referees from quitting every year. More people must be encouraged to become referees. The insurance policy needs to be reviewed to determine the exact requirements for certified referees necessary for coverage. It was stated again that all complaints regarding referees for classic leagues should be directed to the district president and to the WYSA president for all state leagues.

Tournament Team / Tournament Only Team – The attached proposed definitions and rules for a Tournament Team and a Tournament Only Team prepared by Art Lyons (District 9) were discussed. Certain changes were made however no final definition was agreed upon. A motion was made to table this item by Sandy Cowan (Stateline) and was seconded by Terry Donini (Waukesha). The motion passed. Sandy Cowan proposed that permission be granted to Art Lyons to put together a Tournament-Only team. Sandy withdrew his motion and Peter Mariahazy amended it to grant an exception to Art Lyons in the Northwest District to form a Tournament-Only Team.

Quorum Requirements – The requirements for a quorum at this meeting were not met. There were only 14 attendees present out of a possible 33. President Bill Podewils stated we have a 33 total vote board and we must have 17 present to have an official meeting. Mike Kasten (Metro) said he is upset because we take time to attend this meeting and we don't have enough attendees present. Mr. Kasten said we should make a decision on important matters and send the results to the people who are not present.

Coaching Education Guidelines – Jim Launder presented the proposed coaching education guidelines introduced at the 1/15/00 meeting. Attending a coaching class helps coaches learn the game and enjoy the game more.

The following Coaching Education licensing requirements were approved unanimously:

Effective August 2003, Coaches of Competitive Teams U12 through U14 age groups - "E" license or above

Effective August 2003, Coaches of Competitive Teams U15 through U19 age groups - "D" license or above

A discussion was also held to introduce modified small-sided guidelines at the U6 - U8 age levels. In order to be accomplished, this goal should be communicated to all clubs and phased in between now and the effective date. The following proposal to require small-sided play was unanimously approved:

Effective August 2003, for U6 and younger – 3v3, no goalkeepers

Effective August 2003, for U8 and younger – 4v4, no goalkeepers

Effective August 2003, for U6 and younger – 8v8, including goalkeepers

New Business:

Approval of Board Appointment – Mike Lund moved and Terry Donini seconded a motion to appoint David Flanagan as the Director of Leagues. This motion was approved unanimously.

Under 10 Travel Policy – The WYSA policy is that any team can travel as long as the event in which they are participating follows the small-sided game rules, which provide for participation and not placement awards.

Fair Play & Sportsmanship – Dave Flanagan presented the attached guidelines for WYSA Fair Play & Sportsmanship that were implemented by the WCGSL for the spring 2000 season.

Affiliate Membership - Ron Schulze of the Sheboygan Soccer Association defined and presented reasons for offering Affiliate Membership status. After a discussion it was determined that a club must follow all the rules of the Wisconsin Soccer Association with no exceptions. We need guidelines if we are going to offer a limited membership. A Committee consisting of Sandy Cowan, Colin Carter, Terry Donini was formed to look into the Affiliate Membership issue.

Headgear Issue - There was a discussion on whether to allow players to wear headgear. It was decided to recommend no specific headgear. We should check with our insurance company and talk to USSF/USYSA to get a definitive ruling. In the interim, the referee should use his discretion.

Coach Registration Guidelines – The revisions were discussed at the last meeting and are in the minutes. Kelly Ross will get the information to all district registrars. This includes the use of the new disclosure statement and registration form that includes a photo.

Online registration – Kelly Ross and the Technology Committee are in the process of meeting with several companies. A report will be given at the next WYSA State Board meeting.

Recreation Team formation & promotion issue – The timing of recreation team formation and club promotion was brought up by Mike Lund (Milwaukee Kickers). We need to establish written rules to define a recreation team and recruiting rules for the recreation team. Mike Kasten is in charge of recruiting and tryouts for the classic and recreation teams.

Investment Policy – The proposed policy has not been completed and therefore this item could not be discussed.

Tryout policy for the SE Wisconsin Districts – After discussion of the various tryout and recruiting policies in effect in other states along with the need to modify the existing WYSA policy, the following proposal presented by Mike Kasten was recommended:

Tryouts for U11, U12, U13 & U14 Boys Teams would be held no earlier than the first Monday in June.

Tryouts for U15, U16, U17, U18 & U19 Boys Teams would be held no earlier than the second Monday in July to allow for the completion of the 1st Division and Premier Leagues and following all Regional Cup Play. The policy will apply to all **Classic** teams.

A motion to adopt the above Tryout Policy was made by Peter Mariahazy and seconded by Sandy Cowan. The motion passed.

Coaches Division – State Organization - President Bill Podewils stated we have ten thousand coaches in Wisconsin and the WYSA would like to form an organization for this group. A discussion on this subject was held with the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association.

Other Business:

President Bill Podewils distributed the Auditor's Report from the most recent audit of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association performed by Clifton Gunderson.

Peter Mariahazy made a motion to recommend that the Executive Committee implement as many of the above recommendations as soon as possible, addressing the issues in the order of their importance. Mike Lund seconded this motion. Discussion followed. Peter was making this motion because of a lack of a quorum so that the Executive Committee could start to implement these recommendations. The motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Janasik
WYSA Secretary