

WISCONSIN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
Youth State Board Meeting  
June 6, 1999  
Appleton, WI

President Podewils called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

PRESENT: Mike Malesevich (Fond du Lac), Bill Moede (East Central Rep), Mike O'Shea (Paper Valley), Peter Mariahazy (Menasha, East Central), Stuart Jones (East Central Rep), Bonnie Meulemans (Oshkosh, East Central Registrar), Mike Schwalbach (East Central District Referee Administrator), Colin Carter (RASA Rep), Russ Schroeder (RASA Rep, Premier Boys), Robbie Ward (State Office, Boys ODP), Dave Flanagan (WCGSL), Laura Goranson (Girls ODP), Nancy Ziaja (Milwaukee Kickers), Wally Ziaja (FMI), Norah Sanders (Appleton), David Scott (Coaching Education), Michael Surtees (Verona, Southwest District Rep), Nancy Erickson (Portage County Youth Soccer, Midway), Manny Carreiro (Portage County Youth Soccer, Midway), Art Lyons (Eau Claire United, Northwest Rep), Floyd DeBow (Soccer Start), John Janasik (WYSA Secretary, TOPSoccer), Mike Lekan (WYSA Vice President), Mike Wuertz (State Referee Committee, Chair), Arlyn Clarksen (State Cup Committee, SYRA), Mary Clarksen (WYSA State Registrar), Dale & Linda Wood (Fox Valley Unified), Terry Donini (Waukesha Rep, Waukesha Stampede), Gary Winters (Peninsula Rep), Mike Sanders (Appleton), Rick Haugen (Risk Management), Bill Podewils (WYSA President), Kelly Ross (Executive Director)

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the March 13, 1999 meeting were accepted with the following correction:

On a motion (made by Peter Oppenweer – Madison) <not Peter Mariahazy> and seconded by Al Zaremba (Waukesha) to place the Lakeshore and Sheboygan districts in "Not Good Standing" status and no longer recognized by the WYSA. Motion passed.

### **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

#### President's Report:

Mr. Podewils reported on a visit with representatives of the WIAA (Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association) on soccer related topics including, but not limited to: ODP, referee development and coaching education. It was agreed that an annual get together would be beneficial for the good of soccer.

Mr. Podewils Reported that Bob Gansler was appointed the head coach of the Kansas City Wizards of Major League Soccer but remains as the State Director of Coaching for the WYSA until further notice. Bob Gansler and David Scott will work to find a replacement.

Mr. Podewils reported that all coaching courses will be coordinated through the state office.

Mr. Podewils reported that a meeting has been scheduled with Gary Johnson (Constitution & by-laws Committee) to review mandatory constitutional and by-law changes as required by USSF.

Mr. Podewils reported that representatives from Minnesota Youth Soccer, Wisconsin Youth Soccer and Northwest District #9 club reps met to discuss issues affecting registration, league play, tournament play, coaching and referee issues for clubs along the northwestern Minnesota/Wisconsin borders.

## Vice President's Report:

Mr. Lekan reported on the status of the "American Cup" (the recreational state tournament) and that the event will not be hosted at any major expense to the WYSA. Sponsorship dollars are available for a statewide recreational event. Times, dates and locations will need to be discussed by the Board of Directors.

## Secretary's Report:

Mr. Janasik report on the TOPSoccer summit attended in April in Dallas. Mr. Janasik also discussed a possible sponsorship proposal through Pick-N-Saves, "We Care" program that would benefit TOPSoccer Wisconsin.

## Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Stankovsky submitted the WYSA budget to date.

## WYSA Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Ross reported on the new hires to the WYSA staff; Jay Kemp and Robbie Ward.

Mr. Ross noted that nominations for the people of the year awards were distributed at the meeting and that nominations from clubs must be submitted to the district boards. Mr. Ross noted that the list of district boards is still incomplete.

Mr. Ross reported that the coaching registration process will be handled through the state office.

Mr. Ross reported that Varsity Sports Communications has been contracted to secure vendors for Soccer Fest 2000.

Mr. Ross reported that the 1999 Mike Kabanica Scholarship award recipients have been named. 4 boys and 4 girls in the amount of \$400 each.

## **PROGRAM REPORTS:**

### Girls ODP:

Ms. Goranson reported that the 1986 developmental program for the girls is underway and that two clinics will be held in late June and early July to present young girls to the WI Olympic Development Program.

### Boys ODP:

Ms. Ward (on behalf of Steve Banas) reported that the 1986 developmental program for the boys is underway in Milwaukee, Madison, Racine/Kenosha and Fond du Lac areas. 36 under-13 boys will participate in the 1986 Regional Event in Iowa in July.

### Premier Boys League:

Mr. Schroeder reported that applications for the fall season are now available. Applications were mailed to the existing Under-13 and Under-14 teams from the spring season. Mr. Schroeder expressed the League's concern regarding club/team raiding.

## Wisconsin Competitive Girls Soccer League (WCGSL)

Mr. Flanagan reported that team schedules will not be released to coaches or managers until the Risk Management Disclosure statement is on file with the state office. Mr. Flanagan expressed concern for the abuse that referees endure from parents and coaches.

### Risk Management:

Mr. Haugen reported that the WYSA was successful at negotiating its insurance rate with Bollinger/Fowler and that the per player insurance rate for 1999/2000 will be \$1.25.

### Soccer Start:

Mr. DeBow reported that US Youth Soccer's latest program effort seeks to attract non-traditional participants and to provide access to these individuals and to promote the game of soccer. The WYSA has allocated funds to support Wisconsin Soccer Start. Soccer Start seeks to serve children in urban, suburban and rural settings who do not have access to the game of soccer.

Colin Carter (RASA District Rep) was appointed to the Wisconsin Soccer Start Committee.

### Referees:

Mr. Clarksen reported that the WYSA/State Referee Grant Program and the process - available to districts to help support referee training, development and education. Mr. Clarksen also spoke on a proposal to raise fees paid to referees for league games, effective August, 2000.

Mr. Clarksen also spoke on the need to develop a referee-mentoring program.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### State Cup Committee:

Mr. Clarksen (State Cup Committee Chair) spoke on the recommendations and proposals for the 1999/2000 competition.

- Recommendation (1) State Cup Committee pays the referee game fees for all semi finals and finals retroactively effective August 1, 1998. Motion passed.
- Recommendation (3) To move the Under-11 and Under-12 age groups to the fall to coincide with the Under-15 through Under-18 girls. Motion made to discuss. Discussion followed. Motion made to table discussion for further discussion and review. Recommendation was tabled. (\*\*\*\*\* NOTE the Under-11 and Under-12 age groups will not compete this fall for state cup\*\*\*\*\*)
- Recommendation (4) Require Hosting sites to meet minimum standards in order to Host state cup games. Motion passed.
- Recommendation (5) State Cup quarter finals, semi-finals and finals be played the second and third weekends of May for the Under-13 through Under-18 boys and the Under-13 and Under-14 girls. Also, that all preliminary round games (or play-ins) be completed at least 10 (ten) calendar days prior to the quarter finals weekend. Motion passed.

Recommendation (2) To entertain 'seeding' teams for state cup. Several ideas were Were addressed. The Board of Directors accepted the proposal to seed the top two finishers from the previous year's competition in opposite ends of the competition bracket, and to complete the bracket using the double blind draw system. This assures that the previous year's state cup champion and finalist do not meet in the first round of the tournament. Motion passed.

#### Risk Management:

The Risk Management disclosure statements will be distributed to club presidents. Competitive coaches and teams take priority over recreational coaches and teams. Each coach, assistant coach and team manager are required to complete a risk management disclosure statement and register with the state association.

The Risk Management committee will draft guidelines regarding the random background checks on the disclosure statements and will have these available at the next state board meeting.

Disclosure statements are valid for two years.

#### Coaching Registration:

Coaches will be issued coaches passes through the state office. Coaches must register directly with the state. Coaches registrations are valid for one year. Registration fee is \$2.00. Coaches will be issued a pass for a club. Each adult listed on a team's roster is required to register. Coaches are issued passes as proof of completing the risk management disclosure statement and registering with the state association.

#### Players' Passes:

All players (competitive and recreational) will be issued a player pass as proof of membership in the WYSA and US Youth Soccer. Competitive player passes must be stamped and laminated with a current photograph and signature. Recreational passes will not be required to have photographs and signatures.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kasten distributed proposals for developing recruiting policies for competitive teams competing in leagues in southeast Wisconsin or any of the State leagues. Mr. Kasten explained historical problems with June try out dates. Mr. Kasten presented a number of proposals for consideration. Additional discussion will follow at the next state board meeting.

#### District Referee Administrator:

Mr. Podewils directed that each district must appoint a District Referee Administrator to sit on the District Board. Districts must notify the state office once the appointment is confirmed.

#### Affiliate Member Status:

This topic will be addressed at the next state board meeting.

## Nominations for People of the Year:

Clubs can nominate their selections for people of the year (boys & girls coach, young referee of the year – boys & girls; and Chevrolet Parent of the Year) to the district boards. Districts will make selections and submit nominations to the executive board. The WYSA executive board will select award recipients. Nominations will not be accepted from clubs directly.

## Constitution & by laws:

The required changes to the WYSA constitution and by laws were reviewed. National State Associations failing to adopt the required changes by September 1, 1999 will lose NSA charter and no longer recognized by US Youth Soccer and the USSF.

Proposed changes must be made in writing to the WYSA secretary 60 days prior to the AGM. The secretary must submit proposed changes to the general membership 30 days prior to the AGM. Since the next scheduled Annual General Meeting is scheduled for March, 2000; a special meeting of the General Membership must be called to meet the Sept. 1 deadline.

Voting procedures must be waived and what will be voted on will be restricted and that proxy voting will be permitted. A ballot will be sent to club presidents.

Changes must be adopted as written by the USSF general counsel.

Mr. Podewils requested that the Board of Directors allow the special meeting to be called, to vote on the amendments and that proxy voting be permitted. The Board approved the request.

## Coaching Clinics & Coaching Education:

Mr. Scott will coordinate coaching clinics in the interim until the next director of coaching is on board. A proposal was distributed at the March state board meeting. Some may become mandatory in the near future. Mr. Scott further explained these proposals. Mr. Podewils requested that the Board accept these proposals. The Board approved the request. Discussion followed. Discussion tabled until the next state board meeting.

## Referee Assignors:

US Youth Soccer mandates that leagues and tournaments use USSF registered Assignors. This is a requirement. The Wisconsin State Referee Committee will schedule two Referee Assignor courses over the next eight (8) months – a course will be held during Soccer Fest 2000.

## For the Good of Soccer:

Ms. Ziaja (Kickers) requested that the State Cup Committee entertain the idea that teams attending the youth regional tournament and representing Wisconsin, be issued official State Cup Champ apparel. Mr. Podewils requested that Ms. Ziaja put the request in writing and submit this to the State Cup Committee.

Mr. Podewils noted that a group of individuals have proposed an indoor training center for the ODP. The WYSA is not providing funds for this project. John Mitby (Madison Rumba Soccer Club) is organizing this project.

Incorporation:

Mr. Podewils was not able to get a resolution to the WSA Board of Directors to transfer the WYSA Division assets to the WYSA. All clubs, youth and amateur have to vote on the measure of the WYSA incorporating.

### **Next State Board Meeting**

Board of Directors representatives will be notified at least 60 days in advance of when the next state board meeting will be scheduled.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Janasik  
WYSA Secretary