

## **Approved**

WI Youth Soccer Association  
Youth Board Meeting  
June 12, 2005  
Pewaukee, WI

Stuart Jones – Tournament Sanctioning Committee, Ann Girard-East Central District, John McCue-Southwest District, John Wallhauser-Waukesha District, Sue Walter-SYRA, John Janasik- Topssoccer -Metro District, Marshall Murray-ODP Chair, Roger Koessel-Kenosha District, Toby Whipple-Milwaukee Kickers, Nancy Zaija-Milwaukee Kickers, Fred Weissenburger-Northwest District, Arlyn Clarkson-State Cup, Mary Clarkson-State Registrar, Paul Beck-Ozaukee District, Sandy Cowan-Stateline District, Keith McHugh-MAYSA, Bill Stroud-MAYSA, Dave Flanagan-Director of Leagues, Terry Donini - Secretary, Bill Podewils - President, Mike Lekan-Vice President, Peter Mariahazy-Treasurer, Nathan Thompkins – Racine District , Todd Collins – Racine District, Kelly Dunn – Northwest District, Ken Voigt – Chairman Hearings and Appeals, Kurt Schordorf – East Central, Marshall Murray – ODP

Absent - Midway District, Floyd DeBow – SoccerStart, Ken Ward –Waukesha,

Bill Podewils calls the meeting to order, roll call was taken with the above in attendance.

### **Old Business**

**Motion:** to approve the March 15 Youth board mini- meeting minutes  
Sandy Cowan – State Line  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sturat Jones- Tournament Sanctioning Committee

### **Motion Passes**

### **Coaching Passes**

Presently about 5,468 coaching passes have been processed and issued. The state staff has taken on the oversight and monitoring of coaches compliance. At present all of the boys and girls state leagues, the Southeast classic league and the Metro league have been monitored for compliance. The secretary has asked the East Central, Southwest, Northwest, Madison Area Youth Soccer Association and the Central Wisconsin districts to monitor their game reports against the current coach license listing on the youth website for compliance of their league coaches. Coaches without state issued pass cards are sent a suspension letter and asked to obtain a state issued pass card. For coaches who are not in compliance with regard to appropriate age group/license level issues, a letter is issued to the coach and club president indicating that the coach needs to obtain the minimum certification/licensing level for that age group within the seasonal year they will be coaching.

### **Club Pass Update**

Discussion took place on the relaxation of the club pass policy. As it stood prior to this discussion club passes only allowed a player to play up one competition level. The discussion centered on allowing players to now play down a competition level also. This policy change only applies to the classic leagues throughout the state. It does not pertain to the either the state league boys and girls 1<sup>st</sup> and Premier divisions.

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**Motion:** to lessen the restrictions on the use of club passes in classic leagues, allowing classic league players the ability to play down no more than one competition level. Usage to be reported by classic league directors to the director of leagues on a seasonal basis.

Terry Donini – Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Wallhausser, Waukesha District

Arlyn Clarkson asked to amend the motion to allow for a drop of 2 division levels, and later withdrew his motion.

### *Motion Passes*

This change to the club pass policy is to be effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 and to be reviewed annually by the youth board. Bill Podewils indicated that club pass usage is such a new program that a 1 year restriction be place upon the amendment. Terry Donini asked that it be treated as a continuing resolution to be looked at on a regular basis. Discussion took place on the whether the need continued to exist with regard to clubs notifying the state with regard to utilization of the club pass program.

**Motion:** to drop the state notification requirement to the Secretary of the Association with regard to the use of club passes.

Terry Donini – Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Cowan, State Line District

### *Motion passes*

## **New Business**

### **Recruitment Policy**

Discussion took place on the WI Youth Soccer Association recruitment policy which has been in effect since 2000. In an effort to support the elimination of the recruitment policy Terry Donini/Kelly Ross presented data from the transfer policy which they hoped would support the elimination of the recruitment policy. Since its inception there have been 160 requests to transfer many have been worked out between club presidents/coaches, 5 have gone to a hearing panel, 2 have been approved and 3 denied. Many youth board members still continue to be leery of the discontinuation of the recruitment policy.

**Motion:** to eliminate the current recruitment restriction policy in place for the WI Youth Soccer Association.

Terry Donini – Secretary, Stuart Jones – Tournament Sanctioning Committee

*Motion withdrawn.* Bill Podewils to assemble a committee to bring suggestions back to the State Board.

### **Website Updates**

Kelly Ross provided an update on the change in the youth website. Hammerhead Communication was recently selected to provide all website services for the State Association. This included a redesigned webpage with greater program accessibility and easier navigation, and online league registration and standings, coaching registration and risk management, e-travel notification as well as Olympic Development Program registration. Soon to come will be secure online payment options.

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### **Strategic Planning**

Yvonne Bennett has been selected by the Wi Youth Soccer executive committee to begin the process of strategic planning for the association. Bill Podewils asked that all districts have a representative involved. He further asked that all committee chairs, state office staff and league directors be involved in the process. This strategic planning session is to take place at the Black Wolf Run resort on October 1-2 in the Wisconsin Dells.

### **Travel notification**

The United States Youth Soccer Association recently made changes to the team travel requirements beginning in 2005 -06 seasonal year. No longer will teams have to seek permission for travel, they will only have to notify the state association of their intent to travel. Kelly Ross indicated that with the implementation of the new website, teams will soon be able to notify the state association staff their intent to travel online. He indicated there would not be much change to the information currently being asked of teams traveling out of state and indicated that as soon as the association selected a credit card processing company association members would then be able to pay online.

**Motion:** to maintain current fee structure for e-travel travel notification

Arlyn Clarkson – State Cup Chair, Stuart Jones- Tournament Sanctioning Committee

*Motion passes*

**Motion:** to accept e-travel notification system as defined by the USYSA

Bill Podewils – President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Arlyn Clarkson – State Cup Chair

*Motion Passes*

### **Development of Amateur Soccer programs**

Peter Mariahazy spoke on the need for the development of adult recreational soccer programs in the East Central District. He suggested to the youth board that with the recent change in the constitution some consideration should be given to developing programs in these geographical and age group areas. No action taken.

### **Tournament Only Teams**

In November 2000 a proposal by the Eau Claire SC, part of the Northwest District placed before the board a proposal asking permission to roster a tournament only team for the purpose of participating in showcase tournament events. This proposal was approved for a 2 year period. Two other motions were attached allowing the Southwest and Midway district and the remainder of the Northwest district permission to utilize this policy for teams in their district. An additional attachment gave permission for the rest of the state to utilize this policy with permission of the Vice President of the Association.

**Motion:** to accept tournament teams and tournament only teams as defined in the November 2000 policy, with the removal of the sun setting clause and the geographical restrictions contained in the initial proposal.

Arlyn Clarkson – State cup Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly Dunn – Northwest District

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An additional amendment attached the following to the amendment. Tournament teams and tournament only teams must register with a club. The team must be comprised players exclusively rostered to a team within the club.

Peter Mariahazy – Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Arlyn Clarkson – State Cup Chair

*Motion passes*

**Motion:** To permit the use of tournament only teams throughout the Wi Youth Soccer Association.

Stuart Jones – Tournament Sanctioning, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Cowan, State Line District

*Motion passes*

## **United States Youth Soccer Association 22 player roster proposal**

The WI Youth Soccer Association executive committee brought forward a proposal to change roster size limits on team and game day rosters for U17 and older age group teams. This proposal served to bring the association in line with the United States Youth Soccer Association's February 2005 change in rosters sizes for U17 and older teams. The USYSA's proposal allowed to U17 and older teams to carry a minimum of 7 players and no more that 22 players. These players may be on the roster at any given time during the seasonal year. The game day roster shall be prepared by the team and submitted to the competition authority at a time designated by the competition authority. The game day roster shall have a maximum of 18 players and a minimum of 7 players on the roster at all time. The proposal brought forth by the Executive Committee mirrored the national roster policy with the modification that allowed the continued use of club pass for all age groups in classic and state league play

**Motion:** that the WI Youth Soccer Association opts out of USYSA Policy 205, section 205, paragraph 2 under game roster.

Toby Whipple – Milwaukee Kickers District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Arlyn Clarkson – State Cup Chair

*Motion passes*

## **For the Good of Soccer**

Sandy Cowan reported on the use of club passes for recreational programs in the State Line District. Utilization took place in the U14 and lower divisions with only minor problems in the U14 age group. This experiment took place in the first half season of a two year cycle.

Kelly Dunn (Northwest District) found some spare time in his daily routine to help organize the policies of the Wi Youth Soccer Association into a policy manual. He asked that Terry Donini (Secretary) and Kelly Ross (Executive Director) to preview it and consider implementing it in the upcoming soccer season.

Kelly Dunn asked the youth board to revisit the 2 year exemption provided to the Northwest Soccer District regarding coaching licensure requirements. He indicated that

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he would like to see the exemption continue for another year for both the E and D license requirements

**Motion:** to extend the exemption for the licensure requirements for D and E level coaches for a one year period.

Kelly Dunn – Northwest Soccer District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Podewils, President

Terry Donini has recently been recently been appointed to Vice President and Chris Martinelli, Madison Edgewood HS has been appointed to the Secretary positions with the of the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association,

Peter Mariahazy provided information to the board that Player DS of Appleton will be hosting a soccer coach's conference in August.

Bill Podewils announced that Chris Brown was resigning from the WI Youth Soccer Association as the Director of Coaching. He has accepted a position as the head coach for the men's program at Kenyon College. Associate Director of Coaching Craig Carlson will serve as an interim Director of Coaching until a replacement is named.

The Wisconsin Soccer Association will be hosting its Annual General Meeting on September 17 at the Bavarian Inn.

Dave Flanagan indicated that the Midwest Regional League places more importance on the State Cup Champ rather than the State League Competition when making selections for the Midwest Regional League. He further indicated that clubs should realize that placements in the state league belong to the club and not the team. Should teams attempt to change clubs they are re-entered at the lowest competition level if the team changes clubs.

Strategic Planning is taking place at the Black Wolf Run resort on October 1-2 in the Wisconsin Dells. Districts should plan to have one representative, all program directors, state staff and executive committee members should plan to attend. Yvonne Bennett has been chosen to facilitate the strategic planning efforts.

The WI Youth Soccer Association will be hosting the USYSA Region 2 fall meeting in the Fox Cities on October 28-30. It is the bi-annual meeting of the Midwestern state association Presidents, Executive Directors, and Directors of Coaching. Also in attendance will be the program chairs for ODP, Recreation, Soccer Start, the Referee Committee, and the Coaching committee.

Terry Donini  
Secretary  
WI Youth Soccer Association