WYSA State Board Meeting Minutes June 16, 2012 Milwaukee, WI

In attendance: Alvaro Garcia-Velez and Steve Harris (Kickers), Chris Lay (MAYSA), Ken Ward (ODP), Sandy Cowan (Stateline), Linda Englund (KASL), Nathan Thompkins (Racine), Mary Jo Parkins (WYSA Treasurer), Terry Donini (WYSA Vice President), Peter Mariahazy (WYSA President), Melissa Vukovic (WYSA Executive Director)

Peter Mariahazy called the meeting to order at 9:00am

Review and approval of meeting minutes from January 2012

WDA discussion. Ken Ward summarized the series of events related to the formation of the WDA, the suspension of the additional conference and the newly created Wisconsin Soccer Leagues being sanctioned by US Club Soccer. WYSA needs to take some actions to salvage our membership going forward. (The merger of Kettle Moraine United, Lake Country United and Oconomowoc Soccer Association will be participating in the US Club Soccer League. Ken Ward sits on that club board.)

Peter/Terry/Melissa provided clarification on Ken's report that WDA clubs have preferential treatment for state championship seeding, MRL acceptance and player identification.

The board discusses action needed to keep WYSA membership.

- 1. Call clubs in (WSL and other discontent members); meeting of clubs with WYSA board and try to figure out as many ways as possible to go forward with best practices. Possibly need to schedule a pre-meeting.
- 2. Why were the 9 picked? Provide explanation of the decision.

Ken Ward left the meeting at this time (10:15am).

- 3. Selectively invite clubs from outside of the 9 into the college showcase event.
- 4. Offer a single play date facilitated by WYSA against members of the WDA.

Peter is working on WDA FAQ which will be edited by board and sent out to full WYSA membership on Monday.

USSF Application. Wisconsin Soccer Leagues have been named the Adult State Association for Wisconsin. Peter is working on the cease and desist for use of name WSL by US Club group.

Carl Micke has resigned his position on the WYSA board. Need to modify WYSA bylaws to have 1 adult rep on the board versus that the 4 that exist at this time. Would like this to be an elected position. This will go to the membership at the next AGM. WYSA staff will provide administrative services to WSL. WASA's affiliation with USASA is terminated effective August 31.

US Youth Soccer. USYS has partnered with MLS Clubs through the National League. USYS also working on increased collaboration with USSF on Coaching Education, Referee Education. We have an opening (possibly 2) for US Youth Soccer AGM in North Carolina this July. Ken Ward and Howard Hoffman are next on the list. If you are a board member and interested, let Peter know so you can be added for attendance at a USYS of USSF event. WYSA would like to begin planning for attendance at the USYS Convention which is being held together with the NSCAA event.

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Terry Donini summarizes the written competitions report. It's important that clubs and districts help educate teams about the State Championships and President's Cup and their commitment to travel to Regional's.

Treasurer's Report. As of end of April \$871,000 in checking account. \$71,000 profit for year. Looking good for budget versus actual. Registration fees expense and program fees expense show a big variance due to classification of funds and how we budgeted the prior year. There no questions from the group. Motion from Sandy to approve. Second by Terry.

Executive Director's Report. Written report included in the packet. Melissa also touches on the Awards Program. (Sandy recommended communicating directly with the membership.) Also a reminder that recreational players are NOT required to have player passes.

Concussions. It is important that we are clear that a player by law cannot return to work unless cleared by a medical professional trained in brain injuries. Melissa should continue to work with the CDC to get information on the website and find ways to integrate this with the Risk Management program. We need to do as much as possible to educate the membership, but should not get involved in the administration because of the liability.

Old Business. Members of the board working on affiliate member and coach compliance were not present.

For the Good of Soccer.

Peter adjourned the meeting at 11:10. Moved by Mary Jo. Second by Chris Lay.