WISCONSIN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION August 9, 1998 Stevens Point WYSA State Board

Present: J. Janasik, M. Lekan, P. Mariahazy, R. Whipple, S. Wheeler, N. Erickson, L. Arnold, V. Schroth, W. Peters, G. Winters, B. Podewils, S. Schmecker, C. Stankovsky

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
June 7, 1998 - Accepted with no additions or corrections

REPORTS

<u>President</u> - President Podewils stated that the WYSA is close to hiring a Director of Coaching. The WYSA hired an assistant to Mr. Ross. His name is Scott Creighton and will be administrative assistant. Mr. Creighton is currently working for the Milwaukee Rampage part time. President Podewils said we will try to stick to the current WYSA calendar.

<u>Treasurer</u> - Mr. Stankovsky reported that the WYSA is in good financial standing. The following are the 1998-99 fees: Recreation - \$5.50 plus \$1.36 insurance Competitive - \$7.20 plus \$1.36 insurance

<u>Vice-President</u> - Mr. Lekan reported that he attended a constitutional meeting in Washington. The USYSA is still in discussion to resolve any changes between the USYSA and the United States Olympic Committee. The change should be resolved prior to the AGM in August 1998.

<u>Executive Director</u> - Mr. Ross reported that the Wisconsin Soccer Post will be sent out in September. The goal is to increase the amount of advertisements and move to a minimum 24 page paper. There will be an increase in referee fees for State Cup in 1998-99.

American Cup - Mr. Lekan stated that he will try to get the American Cup going again in Wisconsin for recreational players. The Recreation Committee will meet before November.

 $\underline{\text{Referees}}$ - Mr. Peters submitted a report for the referees and spoke on the high drop out of referees due to verbal abuse. We must bring back sportsmanship.

<u>Risk Management</u> - Mr. Ross reiterated the importance of safety regarding the secure anchoring of goals. Make sure that all soccer goals are securely anchored. The disclosure statement is being reviewed by an attorney to insure proper wording of questions and information being requested.

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TOP Soccer - Mr. Janasik reported that the TOP Soccer program for children with special needs is in its eighth year and offers an outdoor and indoor program. TOP Soccer programs are offered in Racine, Madison, Milwaukee, and Hartford. Contact John Janasik for more information.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ross stated that there will be no Soccer Fest next year because of the National Youth Workshop being held in Chicago. He further stated that at our next Board meeting he would have a plan and budget for the Board to vote on whether we will have the Soccer Fest in the year 2000 or not.

President Podewils stated that we are looking into incorporation not because we want to leave the WSA but to protect ourselves.

NEW BUSINESS

We have one year left on our current lease and we are reviewing our options.

GOOD OF SOCCER

We must do more to retain our referees. It takes 17 hours to become a referee. That is too long. We must be pro-active to become a referee. We need to teach young referees how to deal with coaches, players, and parents. They need people management skills.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be in Appleton on Saturday, November 7, 1998.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John Janasik WYSA Secretary