

WI Youth Soccer Association  
Youth Board Meeting  
September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
Wisconsin Dells, WI

Roger Koessel - Kenosha, Bill Stroud - Madison, Ken Ward - Waukesha, David Flanagan - Director of Leagues, Terry Donini - Secretary, Howard Hoffman - Midway, Kelly Dunn - Northwest, Kenny Hills - Northwest, John Janasik - TOPSoccer, Mary Clarksen - State Registrar, Arlyn Clarksen - Metro & State Cup, Todd Collins - Racine, Bill Podewils - President, Sandy Cowan - Stateline, Ken Voigt - WSA Youth Rep, Peter Mariahazy - Treasurer, Kurt Schodorf - East Central, Ann Girard - East Central, Marshall Murray - Boys and Girls - ODP, Carl Micke - WSA Youth Rep, Stuart Jones - Tournament Sanctioning, Paul Nowachek - Milwaukee Kickers  
Guest: Tom Mahoney - United FC

### **Update on Issues between the WI Youth Soccer Association and the WI Soccer Association.**

Bill Podewils updated the board on the issues present between the Wi Youth Soccer Association and the Wi Soccer Association. The update included information on the lack of continuity in regularly scheduled meetings and advance agenda's and a recent resolution by the several members of the Wi Soccer Association executive board to transfer the funds from the respective divisions to the a single WI Soccer Association account. At present no action has been taken on this matter by the Wi Soccer Association.

An additional update on the issue of the incorporation of the Wi Youth Soccer Association was presented by Terry Donini. A meeting of the Incorporation Committee formed in 2002 consisting of Ted Weidemeyer, Tom Langer, Paul Smith, and Terry Donini. Mike Danaher and Peter Mariahazy (absent) was held in August 2005. The incorporation committee task was to explore the method in which the general membership could address the youths' resolution to incorporate. The committee explored whether the request to incorporate could simply be a majority vote by the membership for approval, a majority vote by the WI Soccer Association Executive Board or whether it was a constitutional issue requiring a two-thirds vote of the membership. Through discussion the committee deemed that any request by any division within the Wi Soccer Association to incorporate constituted a change in bylaws and thereby needed a two thirds majority vote before divisional incorporation could take place.

Additionally, a suggestion was submitted to schedule the 2006 Youth Annual General Meeting in Milwaukee to coincide with the Wisconsin Soccer Associations annual meeting. The meeting has been tentatively scheduled in the Appleton area.

The youth board approved a committee to examine this matter and come forward with recommendations on how to proceed.

### **Public Records Checks**

To date approximately 6500 coaches have registered and submitted to a public records check conducted by the state association staff. Concerns have arisen regarding the various offenses discovered by these public records checks. Members of the Executive Committee and the Director of Leagues raised concerns about the need to establish guidelines of disqualifying coaches for criminal convictions or other objectionable behavior deemed inappropriate for contact with youth as served by the Wi Youth Soccer Association. A task force will be assembled to research the issue and present tentative guidelines by the November 12<sup>th</sup>, youth board meeting. Ken Ward, Marshall, Murray, Terry Donini, Dave Flanagan, with Kelly Ross serving as state staff liaison will look into the issue.

As of mid- September 2005, the Executive Committee issued a directive requiring that all new registrations will have background check prior to the issuance of a coaches pass card.

**Motion:** to allow the Executive Committee to continue reviews of a coaching applicants background and determine the issuance of a coaching pass card until final guidelines are developed and approved by the youth board and or general membership.

Peter Mariahazy, Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kurt Schodorf, East Central

*Motion passes*

### **Kenosha Soccer District**

Bill Podewils detailed a communication issue related to the application for a new club in the Kenosha Soccer District. The application was originally submitted as FC Wisconsin in the spring of 2005, the name then changed to United FC. Initially, the FC Wisconsin name was approved by Kelly Ross, Executive Director, but was rejected by the Executive Committee. An initial investment of approximately \$14,000 was made by the club to market this new effort. A number of conversations between club leaders and members of the Executive Committee resulted in the offer of reduced player fees and a reduction in fees for coaching education programs.

*Motion:* to accept the Executive Committees offer of reduced player fees and fees for coaching education programs as a compromise to offset the expense that United FC had committed to the FC Wisconsin name prior to being turned down by the Executive Committee.

Sandy Cowan, State Line District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Voigt

*Motion passes* with 1 no vote and 1 abstention – Roger Koessel- Kenosha Soccer District

### **Youth Soccer Association Email Lists**

A request was received from the Wisconsin Soccer Association to submit our youth club membership contact information to them. Bill Podewils requested direction on the matter from the board. The board was informed that club mailing information is already in their possession, youth club contact information, with name, telephone and email address is already posted on the website

**Motion:** to direct the Secretary of the Youth Association to email club presidents of this request and suggest that they contact the WI Soccer Association Administrator directly if they wish to become part of the WI Soccer Association email list.

Kelly Dunn, Northwest Soccer District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stuart Jones, Tournament Sanctioning committee

*Motion passes*

### **For the Good of Soccer**

Milwaukee Professional Soccer, LLC.

Peter Wilt has been hired as the spokesperson to bring a major league soccer franchise to Milwaukee. Milwaukee Professional Soccer, LLC has solicited support from the WI Youth Soccer Association to help this move forward. Peter Wilt will make submit a proposal and make a presentation to the youth board at the November 12<sup>th</sup> youth board meeting.

Peter Mariahazy reminded the youth board that the Fox Cities-East Central District will be hosting the 2006 Midwest Region Championship series tournament in June of 2006. He also offered an opportunity for the state board members to attend the Midwest Region's fall meeting to be held in Appleton.

Kelly Dunn, Northwest Soccer District, presented information regarding a proposal to be considered by the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association that would restrict the extra territorial participation of Wisconsin soccer clubs in the western part of the state in leagues that are governed by the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association. A conference call was scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>; contact was to be made with clubs and directly with the Ellie Singer, President of the Minnesota Soccer association to discuss the concerns and to develop a plan of action.

Kelly Ross spoke on the launch of the e-Tournament application system and the e-Wisconsin Soccer Post newsletter.

Bill Podewils indicated that the current proxy form needs a revision before that 2006 Annual General Meeting.

Terry Donini  
Secretary  
WI Youth Soccer Assocaition