

**WISCONSIN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Youth State Board Meeting
November 7, 1999
Madison, WI**

President Podewils called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Present: Bill Podewils (President), Mike Lekan (Vice President), John Janasik (Secretary), Chuck Stankovsky (Treasurer), Janet Hohlbein (Madison), Linda Huttenhoff (Madison), Peter Mariahazy (East Central), Mike O'Shea (East Central), Bill Moede (East Central), Stuart Jones (East Central), Bonnie Meulemans (East Central), Roy Meulemans (East Central), Sandy Cowan (Stateline), Dave Witthuhn (Stateline), Gary Johnson (MAYSD), Peter Oppeneer (MAYSD), Roger Koessel (Kenosha), Colin Carter (Racine), Nancy Ziaja (Kickers), Marshall Murray (Kickers), Ken Pieper (Northwest), Art Lyons (Northwest), Russ Schroeder (Racine), Paul Beck (Ozaukee), Lee Markgraf (Ozaukee), Dave Flanagan (WCGSL - Oconomowoc), Rick Haugen (Risk Management - Elm Grove), Ken Voigt (Appeals - Brookfield), Gary Johnson (Constitution/ by laws - Madison), Will Peters (Referees), James VandenBoon, Jan Snyder, Kevin Anderson, Jack Driscoll, David Scott (Coaching Education - Oshkosh), Jay Kemp (WYSA), Robbie Ward (WYSA).

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the June 6, 1999 meeting were accepted.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT

Mr. Podewils stated that Jim Launder has been hired as the state director of coaching - youth division by the WYSA, and he is to assume his duties December 15, 1999. Mr. Podewils stated that David Scott has served the WYSA as interim director of coaching education until Mr. Launder's arrival.

Mr. Podewils stated that the WYSA has renewed sponsorship agreements with Chevrolet, Gatorade and signed a new agreement with Splash.

Mr. Podewils reported that he attended the President's Meeting held in Orlando, FL this past summer. Discussion included the sponsorship agreement with US Youth Soccer and Tide regarding the America's Cup.

Mr. Podewils reported on the ODP National tournaments (boys and girls), which teams are eligible and that the 1984 Wisconsin Boys ODP team will be competing in this event next February, '00.

Mr. Podewils stated that monies received for coaching education goes directly to the WSA, and not the WYSA.

VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Lekan reported on his attendance as the WYSA delegate at the USSF AGM this past summer in Louisville, KY. Mr. Lekan touched on the relationship between youth and amateur divisions in Wisconsin and within USSF. Mr. Lekan explained the voting status at the AGM and the relationship of the various divisions at the national level and how the relationships affected voting at the USSF/AGM.

SECRETARY

Mr. Janasik reported on the TOPSoccer meeting held in Indianapolis this past November. He reported that US Youth Soccer is seeking a national sponsor of TOPSoccer. Mr. Janasik announced that TOPSoccer has become a partner in the Pic~N~Save "We Care" program. Proceeds from grocery sales at Pic~N~Save stores can be designated to TOPSoccer. TOPSoccer has added a new program in Walworth and looking at starting a program in Madison.

TREASURER

Mr. Stankovsky quickly reviewed the budget information distributed before the meeting. Mr. Stankovsky asked if line items needed to be considered for the January meeting, that all inquiries must be submitted to him no later than December 15.

Motion made to go into executive session to discuss the hiring of Jim Launder. MOTION ACCEPTED. State Board is in executive session.

State board comes out of executive session.

Mr. Podewils called for a motion to accept the hiring of Jim Launder as the state director of coaching - youth division. MOTION PASSED. Unanimously.

PROGRAMS & COMMITTEES

Mr. Podewils announced that Steve Banas will resign and ODP Boys Administrator due to a career relocation. Mr. Podewils indicated that he would be looking to appoint a new administrator after next January.

Premier Boys League

Mr. Schroeder announced that the Boys 1st Division league will follow the same format used by the Premier Boys League which includes pre-determined play dates and rules of play.

WCGSL

Mr. Flanagan indicated the potential conflicts with Easter weekend will cause scheduling challenges next Spring. Mr. Flanagan also indicated that the league addressed several red cards this fall which exceeded the total number of red cards dealt with in the history of the league.

SOCCER START

Mr. Floyd DeBow was not present. No report given. Mr. Podewils indicated that a report will be available at the January meeting.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Mr. Haugen reported on the positive compliance by most clubs in signing the Risk Management Acknowledgement statement and gathering disclosure statements. Mr. Haugen requested that those club presidents who have not signed the acknowledgment statement, do so as soon as possible.

Mr. Haugen reported that insurance premiums are not expected to rise for the '00-'01 seasonal year. Mr. Haugen reported that the WYSA insurance carrier has settled the claim in the Mark Miller incident.

REGISTRATION

Mr. Podewils pointed out that a number of clubs have not paid the \$75 club affiliation fee. Mr. Podewils stated that clubs not paid by the January meeting will be ineligible to vote at the '00 AGM. (* NOTE * These clubs will be placed on "Not Good Standing" status and all privileges and benefits of membership will be suspended affecting all teams and players).

STATE CUP

Mr. Clarksen submitted a written report on state cup. Mr. Lekan reviewed a document provided by Kelly Ross (WYSA), indicating the minimum requirements to host state cup games. Mr. Podewils reminded the state board of which members make up the state cup committee. Mr. Podewils reminded the state board of the limited seeding system now in use for state cup play.

COACHING EDUCATION

Mr. Scott indicated that he and Jim Launder have been working cooperatively on scheduling coaching clinics through the winter months and early spring. Mr. Scott reviewed a number of recommendations, which were first proposed by Bob Gansler at the March, '99 meeting.

Mr. Scott noted that the WYSA has applied to the USSF to host a National "C" course next August, 2000.

Mr. Scott touched on the Youth Coaching Licenses (I, II, III) and their specificity toward coaching versus the current licenses and certificates.

SOCCER FEST 2000

A written report was submitted by Kelly Ross (WYSA).

TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING

Mr. Podewils stated that he has appointed Peter Mariahazy as the Tournament Sanctioning Commissioner for WYSA. Discussion took place regarding the committee.

Mr. Podewils called for a motion to confirm Mr. Mariahazy as Tournament Sanctioning Commissioner. MOTION PASSED. Unanimously.

BY LAWS & POLICIES

Mr. Podewils detailed how the required USOC and USSF by law changes affected the WYSA. Mr. Podewils then explained the suspension, hearings, and appeals process and how it needs to work.

Mr. Podewils stated that proposals to the WYSA constitution and by laws are due to the WYSA secretary (John Janasik) no later than January 3. Mr. Podewils reminded the state board that proxy votes will be permitted at the AGM, however, that an individual may carry only one proxy for only one club.

REFEREES

Mr. Podewils indicated that grant monies are available to districts for referee education and development. Districts may request grant applications from Arlyn Clarksen.

Mr. Podewils reiterated that all tournaments sanctioned for Y2000 must have a registered USSF referee assignor. Mr. Will Peters (State Referee Administrator) state a desire to host additional courses in Madison and East Central districts later in 2000.

OLD BUSINESS

Coaching recommendations - A motion was made to accept the coaching recommendations, which were submitted in March '99 and reviewed in March '99.

Motion made to table further discussion on this subject until the January meeting.

Incorporation Status (WYSA)

Mr. Podewils indicated that the WSA State Board vote, to allow the WYSA to incorporate was defeated. Mr. Podewils' intention to incorporate the WYSA is to provide financial protection to the WYSA, its players and its employees.

Ken Voigt made a motion to authorize the WYSA executive board to move forward to incorporate. Seconded by Peter Mariahazy. MOTION PASSED. Unanimously.

The WYSA State Board has authorized the WYSA Executive Board to move forward with incorporating.

NEW BUSINESS

Coaching Recommendations - Motion made to discuss the coaching recommendations.

Mr. Scott explained the foundation and purpose of the submitted recommendations. For more information on these recommendations, please contact Mr. Scott by email at dscott@Ripon.edu.

Motion made to table further discussion on this subject until the January meeting. Motion Accepted.

Sponsorship Agreements - Mr. Podewils requested that the state board accept the sponsorship agreements. Motion was made to accept the sponsorship agreements. MOTION PASSED. Unanimously.

Recreational Events - Mr. Lekan provided details of the Tide America's Cup and the Chevy Soccer Festival. Mr. Lekan requested board approval for the WYSA to host these events. It is anticipated to host the Tide event on May 5-6 and the Chevy event on June 2-4. Mr. Lekan stated that other dates will be looked at for these events.

A motion was made to allow the WYSA to move forward with planning these two events. MOTION PASSED.

Coaches Passes - East Central district designed a coaches registration form. It was submitted to the state board for approval. It will be reviewed for statewide use and a final draft submitted at the January meeting.

A motion was made to accept the suggested format for the disclosure statements and registration for coaches. MOTION PASSED.

Coaches Registration - A motion was made to allow state, district or club registrars to produce and issue coaches passes. Motion Seconded. Discussion followed.

Amended motion was made to allow the state registrar or district registrars to produce and issue coaches passes. Motion seconded. MOTION PASSED.

District Re-organization - Mr. Podewils reviewed the requests by clubs to be reassigned to different districts. Mr. Podewils reminded the state board that the WYSA determines which districts a club is assigned to. The following clubs have requested to be re-assigned to the following districts:

The following clubs requested to be reassigned to the East Central District:
Flyway, New Holstein, Goal Getters, Kiel and Manitowoc Lutheran

The following clubs requested to be reassigned to the Peninsula District
Osstburg

The following clubs indicated no preference:
Plymouth, Howard's Grove, Elkhart Lake Glenbulah

** The Lakeshore and Flyway districts were declared dissolved at the March state board meeting.

The state board approved that the Flyway, Manitowoc Lutheran, Goal Getters, Kiel and New Holstein clubs will be reassigned to the East Central District. No other action taken. Other requests will be reviewed at the January meeting.

Expense Reimbursement Policy - Mr. Stankovsky submitted a draft outlining the reimbursement of expenses incurred by volunteers conducting state business. The draft was submitted for review with a decision to be made at the January meeting.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 15, 2000 in the Fox Valley / East Central area.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Janasik,
WYSA Secretary