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State Board of Directors Meeting
September 13, 2022 – 7:30pm
Electronic Meeting

1. Attendance and call to order

Alvaro Garcia-Velez (WYSA President), Ken Ward (WYSA Treasurer), Chris Lay (WYSA Secretary), Chris Yustus (Midway), Parker Conover (MAYSA), Ernie Englund (Kenosha), Chris McCormick (Kickers), Alex Schroeder (Ozaukee), John Janasik (Metro), Fred Yasatan (Racine), Francisco de la Rosa (Southwest), Chris Billstrom (East Central), Kevin Wasco (Independent Director), Shan Amini (Waukesha), Brandon Wachholz (SYRA), Mike Recklies (Stateline), Melissa Zielinski (WYSA Executive Director), Jim Launder (WYSA Director of Coaching)

Alvaro Garcia-Velez called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes (08/09/22). Alex Schroeder makes motion to approve; seconded by Kevin Wasco. No further discussion. Minutes approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Ken updated on meetings he and Melissa have had with Clifton Larson Allen on ways and means to place WYSA funds for a better return. WYSA currently has \$1.2 million in a money market account; cash account with \$.5 million. Typical fee is 0.75% with a reduction in fees after a designated amount in funds managed. Accounting firm encouraged WYSA to consider any short/long term goals and/or strategic initiatives. Ken is receptive to additional recommendations for investment firms.

Ken detailed the State Championships and President's Cup a potential net change in overall budget (approx. \$7.2k). Largely this is due to a recommended increase in referee game fees for Fall '22 and Spring '23. This will add the budget deficit already anticipated for the FY. Ken recommends an amendment to the budget.

Mike Recklies made a motion to increase budget for State Championship and President's Cup referee game fees in the amount of approximately \$7.2k; seconded by Shan Amini. All in favor. Motion passes.

Ken asked for specific budget requests for any new initiatives, programs, or support. Those requests can be submitted to Ken and/or Melissa by no later than October 1.

Ken pointed out that there are several adjustments being made to preliminary July financial statements which would reduce the net surplus for fiscal year 2021/2022. Updated financials will be forwarded to the board upon completion.

3. Old Business

Review of the board structure and district structure proposal from August 9 meeting. This initiative is tabled. Follow-up discussion was centered around collaborative process, concerns about voting allocation for districts consistent with the number of clubs & players and overall commitment to the goals/initiatives in concert with The Collective. However, the Board does wish to recognize and thank Chris Billstrom and Parker Conover for the considerable amount of work put forth.

Any bylaw changes must be presented to the Membership according to specific timelines in advance of the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Alvaro provided an update on the status of SRA appointment. Joe Kryznsiak's term ended August 30 as Youth and Adults could not agree on an appointment. US Soccer will now determine an appointment;

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General Counsel has delegated this to the National Referee Committee but a timeline for a decision has not been shared.

Melissa updated the board on issues regarding Demosphere scheduling for Fall '22. Demosphere rolled out a new platform that had multiple issues, most notably loss of work whenever clubs/teams updated or attempted to sync roster. Demosphere has committed to reparations for the clubs and teams most impacted.

A task force has been formed and already met several times regarding necessary upgrade and improvements to player registration system; or consideration of a new provider altogether.

Motion to adjourn made by Fred Yasatan; seconded by Ken Ward. Meeting adjourns at 8:52 pm.