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

Alvaro Garcia-Velez called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

**1. Attendance & Call to Order**

Chris Yustus (Midway), Chris Lay (WYSA Secretary), Melissa Zielinski (WYSA Executive Director), Alvaro Garcia-Velez (WYSA President), Francisco de la Rosa (Southwest District), Ken Ward (WYSA Treasurer), Jay DeBruin (WYSA Vice President), Craig Carlson (WYSA Associate Director of Coaching), Alex Schroeder (Ozaukee), Brandon Wachholz (SYRA), Mike Recklies (Stateline), Chris McCormick (Milwaukee Kickers), Chris Billstrom (East Central)

**2. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2022**

Chris Billstrom motions to approve the minutes; seconded by Mike Recklies. All approve without further discussion.

**3. President's Updates**

Alvaro reports that Jamey Walter has been selected/appointed by US Soccer as SRA. Alvaro and Jim Keller (Adults) to meet with Jamey on 12/21. The agenda for the meeting is the points from U.S. Soccer's appointment email. Short term goals include determining an SRC composition as well as goals & objectives moving forward. Overall, the landscape and a working relationship with referee leadership.

Jay DeBruin shared that the current SRC does not appear committed to change based on communication by Tom Mesalk at the recent advanced recertification course.

**4. Treasurer's Report & Financials**

November financials were provided by CLA on the day of the meeting. Ken noted that we are slightly behind in revenue YTD (nominal amount).

The subcommittee for investment strategy has met once and will meet again in the next week prior to meeting with CLA. That is, moving a portion of funds within money market accounts to a higher performing but safe investment (e.g., CD or Treasury Bond). The board agreed that the Committee could independently proceed with a decision to invest in safe funds. Expect an update/decision by January meeting.

**5. New Business**

5.1 AGM – ongoing discussion on electronic voting. The systems under review are free or low cost, not app based but mobile & laptop friendly. The Board agrees to real time electronic voting. A subcommittee will be created to re-invigorate the AGM for future years. Staff will also explore voting options and the means to facilitate a hybrid format.

Article IX, Section 1 – needs to be reviewed as it is unclear the term length of the independent director. This needs to be resolved by, at least, the 2024 AGM.

5.2 Yellow Band Initiative – Jay discussed a program within youth hockey whereby first (and second?) year referees are adorned with an armband that alerts spectators to the “newness” of certain referees. The objective would be to eliminate or minimize harassment and facilitate a more supportive environment.

**6. For the Good of the Game**

The Board recognized and thanked the staff and members of the Wisconsin Women's Soccer Advisory Committee for the December 3 symposium.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.