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WYSA Annual General Meeting
March 9, 2019 – 10:00am
Madison, WI
Edgewater Hotel

1. Call to Order – Chris Lacey called the 2019 WYSA AGM to order at 10:02 am.

2. Roll Call via Registration Chris Lacey (President), Alvaro Garcia-Velez (Vice President), Chris Lay (Secretary), Ken Ward (Treasurer), Mike Menehan (SYRA), Mancy Ziaja (Kickers), Fred Yasatan (Racine), John Janasik (Metro), Doris Schommer (East Central), Kurt Femrite (MAYSA), Ernie Englund (Kenosha/WSL Rep), Mike Recklies (Stateline), Vance Bickford (Southwest), Tony Klockow (Ozaukee), Chris Yustus (Midway), Bob Spielmann (Bavarian Soccer Club), David Elgersma (Beaver Dam United SC), John Reinders (Capital East Soccer Club), Anne Kriskovich (Chequamegon Bay Soccer Association), Troy Taoych (Columbus Recreation), Fredy Jany (Croatian Eagles Soccer Club), Dusty Rhodes (DePere Select Soccer Club), Mike Recklies (Elkhorn Soccer Club), Joe Luedke (Elmbrook United), Larry Nack (Evansville Soccer Club), Wytse Molenaar (FC Green Bay), Kevin Otto (FC Menasha), Ben Shepherd (FC Wisconsin), Chad Collet (Fond Du Lac Soccer Association), Travis Larson (Fort Atkinson Youth Soccer Association), Traci Chisolm (Fox Cities United Soccer Club), Peter Wetzel (Glacial Drumlin United), Lisa Perkofski (Heart of the Valley Soccer Association), Matt Bellisle (Howard FC), Linda Englund (KASL), Joe Muehlbauer (Kiel Soccer Club), Wayne Stoflet (Kimberly Area Soccer Association), Dawn Klockow (Lakeshore United Soccer Club), Tony Wright (Madison 56ers SC), Alfonso Zepeda-Caoustran (Madison FC), Felipe Avila (Magic Soccer Club), Sharon Belton (Marathon County United Soccer Club), Jennifer Edwards (Marshfield Youth Soccer Association), Ryan Amundson (McFarland Soccer Club), Melissa Hinz (Middleton United Soccer Club), Jake Gill (Middleton Yahara SC), Steve Harris (MKSC), Demetrius White (Milwaukee Simba SC), Brett Reich (MSC), William Buckingham (Monona Grove Soccer Club), Kimberly Anderson (Mount Horeb Youth SC), Mike Jones (Neenah Soccer Club), Amy Jo Stevenson (New Holstein Soccer Association), Shant Mesdjian (NEW United), Matt Jankowski (Norski Soccer Club), Matt McLaughlin (NSU), Chris Billstrom (Oshkosh United SC), Chris Beverung (Pewaukee Sussex United), Sharon Pink (Platteville Power SC), Dan Stadler (Polonia SC), James Demetiou (Racine Spartans), Kevin Lawrence (Racine Area Soccer Association), Julie Bernhardt (Regent Soccer Club), Nick Huber (Rock Soccer Club), Scott Thesing (RUSH WI West), Jerry Shadewald (Sauk Prairie Strikers), Shan Amini (SC Waukesha), Gerardo Meza (Sonic Sport Club), Chad Johnson (Sparta Soccer Club, Inc.), Fred Schroechenthaler (Stevens Point/Portage County Soccer), Chris Lerario (Strike FC Wisconsin), Dave Melum (Sun Prairie Soccer Club), Jeff Jones (Synergy Soccer Club), Jay DeBruin (Thunder Area Soccer Kids), Scott Frisch (United Hurricanes), Alan Barrows (Village of Wales), Heather Kuehn (Voyageurs FC), John Seifert (Washington County FC), Tenille Peterson (Water Cities Soccer Club), TJ Jobke (Watertown Soccer Club), Neil Cumming (Waunakee Area Soccer Club), Jim Rusch (Waupaca Soccer Club), Keith Wirtz (Wisconsin Rapids Kickers Club)

3. Introductions – following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for WYSA friends and members who have passed in the last year Chris Lacey introduced special guests: Peter Mariahazy (US Youth Soccer Treasurer) and Lindsay Tarpley-Snow (former Women's US National Team member).

Also, partners and vendors: Demosphere, Sports Pins International, KeeperGoals, ProAm Beach Soccer, Schwan's USA Cup, Forward Madison FC, Stefans Soccer Supply and adidas.

Chris Lacey recognized Roni Andrew for her contributions to TOPSoccer and congratulated her for her recent national award. WYSA staff were introduced and thanked for their exceptional work throughout the year and in preparing the AGM.

4. Approval of 2018 Annual General Meeting Minutes & Board Actions – Renee Sullivan of Fox Cities FC motions to approve the 2018 WYSA AGM minutes; seconded by Alan Barrows, Village of Wales. No further discussion, motion carries and 2018 WYSA AGM minutes approved.

5. Recognition

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a. **Brett Wiesner Scholarship Fund** – Fran Wiesner shared updates and recent accomplishments. Over \$60,000 has been raised, and 200 scholarships for ODP participation awarded since the inception of initiative in 2014, in the memory of Bret Wiesner. This is largely through sweatshirt sales, an event at Marquette University, a golf outing and dart tournament. Fran also emphasized the value of the ODP program and how it lead to Bret's experiences in Regional & National teams, University of Washington, Seattle Sounders and US Futsal teams.

b. **2018 WYSA Awards** – at a ceremony preceding the 2019 AGM the following individuals were recognized for their accomplishments and contributions:

Volunteer of the Year – Peggy Flannery (FC Wisconsin)
Coach of the Year – Boys Recreation – Noelle Boettcher (North Shore United)
Coach of the Year – Girls Recreation – Lisa Olson (Stoughton Area Youth Soccer)
Coach of the Year – Boys Competitive – Joe Handrick (Mt. Horeb Soccer Club)
Coach of the Year – Girls Competitive – Sinisa Angelovski (North Shore United)
Young Referee of the Year – Female – Jordanne Orlowski (Racine District)
Young Referee of the Year – Male – Maxwell Unger (Waukesha District)
TOPSoccer Buddy of the Year – Arlo Wilker (Rush WI West TOPSoccer)
TOPSoccer Coach of the Year – Roni Andrew (Brookfield/Uihlein TOPSoccer)

6. State of the State Chris Lacey – key updates and achievements at WYSA in 2018:

WYSA is focused on growth, safety and adding value for its members. In 2018, clubs were asked to respond to a survey which, among other things, revealed that the needs and objectives of clubs vary based on numerous factors, yet WYSA strives to offer services for all, which requires flexibility and an emphasis on outreach.

- There were 48 coaching courses hosted in 2018. Of the 10 staff implementing the coaches, 4 rare women and there are now women's only courses – which address a need identified among membership.
- The Wisconsin Women's Soccer Advisory Council (WWSAC) was initiated in 2018 and hosted multiple events. Most notably, a symposium in December that hosted more than 200 people. This program is recognized as a model that other states are seeking to replicate.
- ODP – in 2018 there were over 725 player participants from 95 clubs. 91 players attended Regional Camps, 22 made Regional teams, 7 participated in international trips.
- In 2019, SafeSport will be implemented, as it is a federal requirement. It amends the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 and the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act of 1978. This will require additional levels of awareness, education and reporting for any adult working with youth. WYSA will be formulating & communicating a formal policy shortly; it will adhere to the recently communicated US Soccer policy.
- The Southwest league is now being overseen and run by WYSA staff.
- Chris thanked leaders at the District level and encouraged each District to reach out to WYSA leadership to attend meetings or special events.
- In 2019, new programs to expect include: futsal event, recreational festival, summer league and referee retention program.
- Chris provided a graphic of how fees at Grassroots vs Competitive are applied.

7. Diversifying Your Candidate Pool – Alicia Pelton is on the WWSAC Board and is a Gender Equity Expert. The benefits of diversity, among other things, is that it challenges stereotypes, reflects the community, offers pathways and develops future coaches. Improving diversity among player and coaching pools has been a stated goal of WYSA. Diversity is a concerted effort and an ongoing commitment. In particular, recruiting and developing female coaches which, in turn, is a proven benefit to the female athletes. Alicia's presentation will be available on the WYSA website and clubs are highly encouraged to utilize it to enhance their club culture and make it as

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inclusive as possible. In addition, all clubs are invited to utilize the expertise within the WWSAC leadership for networking, presentations or other initiatives.

8. Other Updates

a. US Youth Soccer Association – Peter Mariahazy, Treasurer. He emphasized that the goal of US Youth is to make youth soccer the preeminent youth sport in the nation. The organization is focused on expanding membership, in particular in advance of and after the hosting of the 2026 FIFA Men's World Cup. Please note that there was a per player fee increase was approved at a January 2019 meeting. The first in 15 years. Peter expressed that the reputation of WYSA is strong throughout the nation.

b. Coaching Education – Jim Launder, WYSA Director of Coaching. Jim thanked the clubs and Districts for their assistance in facilitating coaching education. The course are built on a "Play-Practice-Play" model that give the game to the players. Jim shared that there will be a variety of special topics sessions offered throughout the year to supplement; e.g., goalkeeping.

c. TOPSoccer – Roni Andrew, WYSA TOPSoccer Administrator. There are currently ten programs (and growing!) operating across the State. WYSA can offer support and guidance on TOPSoccer coaches and the recruitment of "Buddies". Across the State, TOPSoccer is working optimally, programs are now interacting and collaborating. No program works exactly the same, for various reasons, but do help each other. The annual Winterfest event, hosted in Waukesha, hosted four programs and was a remarkable success in terms of participation and enthusiasm.

9. New Business

a. 2019-2020 Budget Presentation – Ken Ward, Treasurer, presented the 2019/20 budget and thanked the WYSA staff for its preparation and detail. In response to the US Youth Soccer fee increase, WYSA will be adjusting its fees accordingly beginning with the 2019/20 registration year.

Program	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Notes
Pre-K Player Registration	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.25	
Grassroots Player Registration	\$ 6.50	\$ 7.00	
Competitive Player Registration	\$ 19.50	\$ 20.25	
Grassroots Coaching Courses	\$ 70.00	\$ 85.00	
Presidents Cup	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	WYSA pays referee fees

Chris Lerario from Strike FC, makes a motion to approve the 2019/20 budget as shown with the associated fee changes; Chris Billstrom from OshKosh United seconds the motion. No further discussion (with the exception of Ken Ward abstaining). Motion approves.

b. Referee Mentorship & Retention Initiative – this program is intended to improve retention and offer mentorship to referees. A 50 cent, per player fee increase would fund a grant which Districts can apply for if they have a worthy program. Troy Tadych, Columbus SC, made a motion to support the fee increase; Wytse Molenaar, FC Green Bay, seconded. No further discussion. Motion carries.

Ken also invited all clubs to reach out him if they would like to utilize an emergency response plan for events which he developed in collaboration with Strike FC.

c. WYSA Bylaw Amendment – in an effort to make its bylaws more user-friendly, agile and accessible WYSA has re-written and re-formatted its bylaws at the guidance of legal counsel. Ken Ward, WYSA Secretary, made the motion to approve & accept the bylaws as written; seconded by Kevin Otto, FC Menasha. No further discussion, motion passes.

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10. Elections – Avaro Velez-Garcia (WYSA VP) presided over elections.

a. President – Chris Lerario from Strike FC nominated Chris Lacey to continue as WYSA President. Chris accepted the nomination. All approve by voice vote. No further nominations.

b. Secretary – Alfonso Zepeda-Capistran, Maidison FC. nominated Chris Lacey for WYSA Secretary. N further nominees. All approve by voice vote. Chris Lacey continues as WYSA Sectary.

c. WSL Representative – Chris Lacey entertained nominees. Steve Harris off Milwaukee Kickers nominated Alvaro Velez-Garcia. No further nominees. Alvaro approved by voice vote.

11. For the Good of the Game

Drawings -- \$250, Thunder Area Soccer Kids; Monona Grove Cottage Grove Soccer Club, Lakeshore United, FC Wisconsin, Pewaukee Soccer Club

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Spielman, Bavarian SC, at 12:23 pm.