

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm by Ken Ward.

### **1. Attendance & Call to Order**

Ken Ward (WYSA President), Jay DeBruin (WYSA Vice President), Conor Caloia (WYSA Treasurer), Chris Lay (WYSA Secretary), Dusty Rhodes (East Central), Chris Yustus (Midway), Francisco de la Rosa (Southwest District), Alex Schroeder (Ozaukee), Mike Recklies (Stateline), Fred Yasatan (Racine), John Janasik (Metro), Parker Conover (MAYSA), Shan Amini (Waukesha), Kevin Wasco (Member at Large), Melissa Zielinski (WYSA Executive Director)

Ernie Englund (Kenosha) and Michael King (Kickers) were excused from this meeting.

### **2. Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2023**

Motion by Jay DeBruin; seconded by Alex Schroeder. Minutes approved.

### **3. President's Updates**

Introduction of new Board Members -- Dusty Rhodes was introduced as a new Board member representing East Central District. Dusty shared his playing and coaching history. Conor Caloia is the new Treasurer. He is also an owner of Forward Madison and leading the effort to bring professional soccer to the Milwaukee area. Michael King, the new representative for Kickers District was absent as was Nicole Frederickson of the Northwest District.

All Board members reviewed the prospective meeting schedule for the year and generally agreed that 7:30pm or later is preferable. Ken proposed an in-person meeting for June 17 in Madison; likely at Forward Club at Breese Stevens with focus on strategic planning. A Retreat is proposed for either late Summer or mid-November. Board generally agrees that the August and November meetings should be in person. August 5 at the State Office and November 11-12 in Wisconsin Dells.

Committees – chairs and/or members were selected. At least one staff member will be added to each committee and there will be outreach to affiliate club leaders invited to join.

- AGM – Francisco De La Rosa, Alex Schroeder, Chris Yustus, Mike Recklies. Possible items include keynote speaker, site, breakout sessions.
- Finance – Kevin Wasco, Fred Yasatan, Conor Caloia. Ken brought up that this committee might also explore committing to an annual audit/review for WYSA. Additionally, offer guidance to affiliate clubs.
- Governance – Jay DeBruin, Dusty Rhodes, Chris Lay. Includes but not limited to elections, review of current policy, bylaws, voting structure. (Francisco also recommended Jonella Rademacher.)
- Risk Management – Mike Recklies, Chris Yustus.

### **4. Treasurer's Report – Conor Caloia**

Year to date in a very strong position. WYSA has received added income from international matches hosted within the State over the last year and from the Employee Retention Credit.

### **5. Operations Update – Melissa**

- WYSA will be following US Youth Soccer to a new website platform.
- Risk pass cards – will no longer be printed by WYSA. But, a digital download is available. Risk management cycles will remain on a two year cycle. Referees, managers and coaches alike should be reminded that the “drivers license” style pass will no longer be issued but the risk management can be verified on electronic device and roster.

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- Melissa has asked WisRef to post dates for Summer 2023 courses and 2024. All Districts are reminded of RMRI grant money, especially for recertifying referees. Francisco asked for referee reporting.

### **5. For the Good of the Game**

Alex Schroeder shared that he was impressed with the overall production of the AGM and Hall of Fame Dinner.

Ken emphasized that he wishes to engender a culture of openness, collaboration, and information sharing. With that in mind, Ken will be reaching out over the next few weeks and months for one-on-one conversations with Board members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm – Chris Yustus motions; Parker seconds.