

**1. Attendance & Call to Order**

Ken Ward, Jay DeBruin, Parker Conover, Ernie Englund, Jim Launder, Julie Schmitt, John Janasik, Dusty Rhodes, Kevin Wasco, Fred Yasatan, Chris Yustus, Alex Schroeder, Fred Yasatan, Francisco de la Rosa, Conor Caloia, Melissa Zielinski

Absent: Brandon Wachholz, Shan Amini, Michael King, Chris Lay

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (05/09/23)**

Motion: Jay DeBruin / Second: Kevin Wasco (Approved with correction of Dusty Rhodes in attendance)

**3. President's Updates**

- 2023 Meeting Schedule  
Cancel July, August 5 at 10am in Milwaukee, September 12, cancel October, Retreat November 10-11, Cancel December, January 9, No February 2024, March AGM, No April 2024, June 15, 2024
- Committee Reports
  - AGM Committee – AGM tentatively March 2, 2024 at Lambeau Field; schedule & speakers to follow; trying to make this a bigger event
  - Risk Management Committee – staff is meeting with Player's Health on Monday to discuss the implementation of an annual background check as well as accepting the NCSI background check from US Soccer for referees (the only exception); looking for board action on the annual background check in August
  - Finance Committee – focus on 4 topics: 1. Investment policy 2. Capitalization policy & tagging inventory 3. Financial policy 4. Audit, financial review; accounting relationship was also reviewed with proposals from CLA and Reilly, Penner and Benton; based on the proposals received a recommendation was made to remain with CLA thru December 2024
  - Governance Committee – addressing the bylaw deficiencies that were previously identified by Foley and the plan is to present a draft of those bylaw changes to the Board by August
- SYRA Report  
Brandon is excused from this meeting, attending Presidents Cup Regionals; Ken, Melissa, and Brandon met with Jamey Walter and Kyle Trimble regarding the SYRA role and specifically the procedures for scheduling referee courses around Wisconsin. The objective is for Districts to be involved in scheduling referee courses and Brandon to have an active role in working with WYSA Districts to schedule dates.

Brandon was appointed SYRA in June 2021 for 2 years. Ken will be meeting with Brandon to discuss his time and interest in continuing. The SYRA appointment is with the Youth President in consultation with the SRA, Jamey Walter so Ken will be discussing with Jamey as well before an appointment is confirmed.

- WYSA Retreat  
A WYSA plan for 1, 2, 3, & 5 years; club engagement survey will provide WYSA input on what is going well and how we can help our clubs/retain members.

The Association is in a strong cash position. The survey questions are good and broad-based but need to be specific enough to engage the membership. Leading into the Retreat we need to look at the Association and position ourselves aggressively – review our opportunity & threats.

The Board supports an outside party to facilitate the Retreat up to \$10K. Melissa to collect bids and prepare comparisons for the Board to consider.

Possible Consultants: Forvis, The Collective

- **Property Tax Exemption**  
We think we are too late for this year's state budget cycle, but WYSA would like to pursue legislation that will support the property tax exemption. We have discussed whether we should hire a lobbyist. Working together with other youth sports is probably less desirable because of our statewide presence.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

The tax return for the year ending 2022 was filed this week Thursday; ERTC payments are running slow so we may not see that payment until the next fiscal year.

#### **5. Operations Report**

Competition programs administered by WYSA are moving into GotSport for the 2023/2024 seasonal year. Many staff travel during the month of June to attend various regional events. The process to review and select a new software provider is ongoing. The goal is to have a recommendation by late fall for implementation around the AGM.

Sideline behavior was discussed. Staff will bring back what is being implemented for Cup Competitions so the Districts can pass the information down to clubs.

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

- Let WYSA know if your District is having an AGM.
- There is a new City Parks person in Kenosha who likes soccer.
- NW District President Nicole Fredrickson is resigning her position; they do not have a VP. Chris Yustus & Francisco de la Rosa would reach out to Jon F. to assist on this.

#### **7. Adjourn**

12:17pm