

Attendance & Call to Order

Ken Ward (WYSA Chair), Jay DeBruin (WYSA Vice Chair), Chris Lacey (WYSA Treasurer), Chris Lay (WYSA Secretary), Chris Yustus (Midway), Michael King (Kickers), Jon Janasik (Metro), Alex Schroeder (Ozaukee), Ernie Englund (Kenosha), Francisco de la Rosa (Southwest), Dusty Rhodes (East Central), Kyle Trimble (SYRA), Melissa Zielinski (WYSA Executive Director)

Ken called the meeting to order at 8:02pm.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (06/27/25). Motion by Jay DeBruin, 2nd by Chris Yustus. Motion Approved.
2. President's Updates
 - 2.1. 8 Second Rule - new Law to the Game. WYSA and WisRef will collaborate on language to coaches and clubs regarding this update, including advice for Under 9 & 10.
 - 2.2. World Cup Brainstorm - extensive discussion regarding strategies, promotions & initiatives in concert with the 2026 World Cup.
3. Treasurer's Report presented by Chris Lacey. Year-on-year improvement and overall strong position. There are some timing issues that are not yet reflected (i.e., arriving in July) from league and program operation. Also, of note, Wisconsin hosted the USSF "C" and "B" courses and there are some updates to come in the next several months both in revenue and expense.
4. Old Business
 - 4.1. Article II – Membership – following up on the July meeting, looking to form a subcommittee/ad hoc to propose district consolidation; in particular for districts that typically do not have consistent/regular representation.
5. New Business
 - 5.1. WYSA Policy Manual – Melissa has been working rigorously on updating and revising the WYSA policy manual. Ken asked the Board to review, ask questions, offer feedback, etc. A meeting is being added to the schedule on September 9 for board action on the policy manual.

Melissa reminded the Board of several key things: previous policy manual was formed in 2014. This iteration will envelop items such as governance updates, tryouts/poaching/transfer policy, results of club outreach & feedback.
6. Operations Updates
 - 6.1. ITG Grant Application – Melissa shared that Sport for Humanity reached out regarding an Innovate to Grow grant application. Additionally, WYSA will be submitting a grant application in concert with a consortium of States focused on educational elements.
 - 6.2. Risk Management – There are currently Risk Management issues in front of the WYSA that must be kept in confidence to legal responsibilities. It is possible that more information will be forthcoming but for the time being questions should be forwarded to Melissa; likely to defer to legal counsel and/or PR group.
7. For the Good of the Game
 - 7.1. For the Good of the Game – the Board continues to keep Dr. Kevin Wasco and family in thoughts. His passion and contributions have always been highly valued.

Adjourn at 8:55pm.