

WISCONSIN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting
March 6, 1998

Held at Milwaukee Grand Hotel

WYSA President Bill Podewils called the meeting to order and welcomed the delegates to the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made to accept the minutes with no additions or corrections. The motion passed.

President's Report - President Podewils reported on the seven districts he visited and asked that he be notified of each district meeting so he can attend. He spoke about our Web site and our Wisconsin Soccer Post going out to all areas.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Stankovsky reported on the 1998-99 Budget Report. He said there was a player increase this year and a reduction in player insurance costs. There was a new budget item for the salary of the new coaching position. The \$25.00 District fee is a typo error. After discussion of the budget, there was a motion by Mr. Voigt, seconded by Mr. Clarksen, to approve the WYSA 1998-99 Budget. The motion passed with one nay vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Each Committee Director gave a written report to the clubs and were available to answer questions and give an updated status on their goals and objectives for 1998.

New Coaching Position - Mr. Scott reported on the new WYSA Coaching position which has a \$25,000 salary plus a \$7,000 travel amount in the Budget. Mr. Scott said a volunteer can not do justice to the job. This is a full-time job and facilities are needed for coaching clinics. The majority of state associations in our region already have established a State Coaching position. Mr. Scott stated there would be clinics for coaches teaching just recreation players or competitive players. By the WYSA strengthening its coaching for all players, the elite players will also benefit. People in charge of our children need to be evaluated.

Constitution and By-laws - Mr. Johnson reported on the changes made to the WYSA Constitution and By-laws. Some of the changes were just housekeeping changes and some changes were made with substance. After much discussion, a motion was made to accept the new constitution and by-laws by Mr. Lekan and seconded by Mr. Saeman. It was passed.

Elections - Mr. Lekan was elected WYSA Vice-President and Mr. Stankovsky was elected WYSA Treasurer.

Update on Strategic Plan - Mr. Voigt gave a status report on the WYSA Strategic Plan saying the WYSA is moving forward with the plan's goals.

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State Cup Proposal Changes - Mr. Podewils spoke on the proposed change to the State Cup that would be held over one weekend. If there were 16 teams in a bracket, then competition would start on Tuesday and go through Sunday.

Try-out Dates and Recruiting Changes - Mr. Podewils stated that the current date for try-outs is June 1st. The proposed change would be try-outs on July 1st and players being signed by July 10th.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Podewils spoke on the new Disclosure form for coaches, referees and administrators, because we want to know who is coaching our kids. We do not want anyone with a felony charge or a drunk driving charge to coach.

FOR THE GOOD OF SOCCER

Mr. Easo asked that smoking and pets be banned at soccer parks. Mr. Clarksen stated that the USYSA already has a rule but we must realize that many soccer parks and fields are privately owned and, therefore, rules may vary.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John Janasik
WYSA Secretary