

**WISCONSIN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting
January 9, 1999
Held at the Madison Radisson Inn**

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

Guest: Ellie Singer, Vice-Chair, US Youth Soccer

Guest: Richard Williams; President, Wisconsin Soccer Association

Roll was taken by sign in.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

WSA President's Report - President Richard Williams of the WSA spoke on the history of the WSA beginning in 1914 with US Soccer starting in 1913. We are 85 years old and have given kids an opportunity to play soccer through volunteers, doing it from the heart for the love of the game. The WSA provides the transition from youth to adult. The WASA Adult League provides soccer for men and women. Co-ed leagues are also offered. President Williams said the union between the youth and adults must be strengthened. He called for all to work together for the good of the game for both youth and adults.

OFFICER REPORTS

President- President Podewils spoke on the achievements made during 1998 that were outlined in his written report. He also spoke on the goals for 1999.

Vice-President- Mr. Lekan spoke on the new clubs that were added in 1998 and changes that are being mandated by the USYSA constitution. These matters were included in his written report.

Secretary - Mr. Janasik reported on how communication has improved in the WYSA with the Wisconsin Soccer Post and the Web Site. A written report is included.

Treasurer- Mr. Stankovsky reviewed the year to date numbers & spoke on the audit. A few copies are available at the state office. Mr. Stankovsky also reported on the 1999-2000 Budget.

Executive Director - Mr. Ross spoke on his accomplishments for 1998 and his goals for 1999 that were included in his written report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Written reports were submitted by the WYSA Program directors for Boys ODP, Girls ODP, Coaching, Premier Boys League, Wisconsin Competitive Girls State League, Risk Management, Scholarship, TOP Soccer, Registrar, State Cup, Tournament Sanctioning, Soccer Fest, Wisconsin Soccer Post and Referees. The program directors each spoke on their action items and took questions from the club delegates and officers.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Podewils reiterated the need for regional service areas; to better meet the membership needs. It is foreseeable to establish as many as six regional service areas.

APPROVED

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Amendment 1 to the WYSA Constitution: defining a WYSA member club. ACTION: Amendment passed. ,
- 2) Amendment 2 to the WYSA Constitution: defining a WYSA member district. ACTION: Amendment passed.
- 3) Amendment 3 - to the WYSA Constitution; Flexibility in the treatment of new clubs - Tournament Sanctioning and Out of State Travel Permits: where the WYSA executive board must approve all requests for new clubs to host tournaments or teams to travel out of state; then the club or team must follow the regular application procedures for hosting tournaments and out of state travel. ACTION: Amendments passed.
- 4) Amendment 4 - Affiliate Member Status Defined. ACTION: Amendment passed.
- 5) Amendment 5 - Defining minimum player registration requirements for club size and voting eligibility at the AGM; adopting to change voting procedures where clubs with fewer than 48 registered players were not allowed to vote at the AGM. ACTION: Amendment failed.
- 6) Amendment 6 - Defining minimum number of teams requirement for club size and voting eligibility at the AGM; adopting to change voting procedures where clubs with fewer than four (4) registered teams were not allowed to vote at the AGM. ACTION: Amendment failed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Soccer Fest 2000 - Mr. Ross presented a proposal to host Soccer Fest 2000. The general membership approved Soccer Fest 2000 and to move the AGM to coincide with Soccer Fest 2000.
- 2) District Structure & Representation - Mr. Podewils stressed the urgency for the districts to elect their respective district boards and the appointment of the district representatives, for those districts which have not elected the board or appointed its representatives.
- 3) 1999-2000 Budget - An increase for player registration fees - for recreational players from \$4.50 to \$5.00 and an increase for competition players from \$6.20 to \$7.50 will go into effect for the 1999-2000 year. The estimated cost of insurance per player is budgeted at \$1.50.
Mr. Stankovsky noted that if the WYSA does not re-locate state offices for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, that excess dollars budgeted for the move would be returned to the clubs on a per player basis. Mr. Stankovsky also noted that additional dollars have been allocated to fund coaching and referee programs. The budget was approved and passed.
Mr. Podewils noted that a procedure will be established so that districts may apply for state money to sponsor referee programs.
- 4) Risk Management - Mr. Haugen addressed questions regarding anchoring goals and Mrs. Singer, USYSA Vice-Chair noted that goal posts must be securely anchored.; this is a part of the FIFA's "Laws of the Game" as well as a requirement for affiliation within USSF and US Youth Soccer.
Mr. Haugen; WYSA Risk Manager discussed the disclosure statement for coaches and Administrators that goes into effect in the Fall of 1999. Mr. Sandy Cowan, State Line District President, asked that a state committee be set up to discuss all matters relating to this issue. Mr. Podewils stated that a committee will be formed to implement this.
- 5) Elections - Mr. Bill Podewils was re-elected WYSA President. Mr. John Janasik was re-elected WYSA Secretary. Mr. Ken Voigt and Mr. Russ Schroeder were re-elected as WYSA Representatives to the WSA State Board. Each term is for 2 years.

For the Good of Soccer

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- 1) Mr. Podewils asked for a moment of silence and remembrance for those soccer participants who have passed on.
- 2) An informal survey was distributed to the attendees.
- 3) A "New Logo" Survey was distributed to the attendees.
- 4) Mr. Mark Botterill; noted that the US Women's National Team will be playing in a Women's World Cup '99 warm up match on Thursday, May 13 at the Uihlein Soccer Park in Milwaukee. Tickets are available.
- 5) Mr. Podewils noted that the WYSA has approximately 100 ticket packages to the Women's World Cup double header being played in Chicago in June at Soldier Field; for sale through the State Office. For Ordering information, please contact the state office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John Janasik
WYSA Secretary

***** NOTE ***** Copies of all submitted reports and hand outs are available at the state office. If you desire a copy, please e-mail or your request to "wysa@mail.gmtcom.com" or "wysa2@mail.gmtcom.com" or request via facsimile to (414) 545.7249.