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**Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association
Annual General Meeting
March 17, 2007
Wauwatosa, WI**

In Attendance: Mary Jo Parkins (Appleton Soccer Club), Dale Rhodes (Depere Select Soccer Club), Deb Belongea (Electric City Youth Soccer Association), Don Wirtz (Fond du Lac Soccer Association), Rhonda Graphos (Fox Valley Unified Soccer Club), Scott Nicholas (Foxy Soccer Club), Jim Welnetz (Goalgetters Soccer Club), Dawn King (Green Bay Metro), Mike Herman (Howard Hurricanes Soccer Club), Sue Ann Evers (Kimberly Area Soccer Association), Kurt Schodorf (Menasha Area Soccer), Sally Arno (Oshkosh United Soccer Club), Carol Vanderheyden (United Soccer of Allouez), Lorin Cole (Water Cities Soccer Club), Jim Ruffedt (Everest Area Youth Soccer Association), Lauri Millot (Rhineland Soccer Club), Howard Hoffman (Wausau United Soccer Club), Hunter Tyler (Chequamegon Bay Soccer Association), Greg Baugher (Chippewa Strikers Soccer Club), Ken Pieper (Rice Lake Soccer Association), Carl Pulvermacher (Cottage Grove Soccer Club), John Reddan (Madison 56ers Soccer Club), Tok Kim (Madison Celtics Youth Soccer Club), Eric Burten (Madison East Soccer Club and Princeton Soccer Club), Chris Lively (Middleton-Yahara Soccer Club), Jody Knauss (Regent Soccer Club), Deb Miller (River Valley Soccer Association), Fritz Gutzner (Shorewood Hills Soccer Club), Scott Clement (Verona Area Soccer Club), Mohamed Yafai (Watertown Soccer Club), Kristan Kliminski (Waunakee Youth Soccer Club), Roger Koessl (United FC and District 6 - Kenosha), Tom Kaiss (Bavarian Soccer Club), Bill Sandoval (Club Latino Soccer Club), Franjo Vukovic (Croatian Eagles Soccer Club), Peter Knezic (FC Milwaukee Nationals), James Wright (Milwaukee Sport Club), Ward Komorowski (Polonia Youth Soccer Club), Eileen Kirchner (Racine Soccer Club), Ronnie T. Robinson (Racine Spartans Soccer Club), John Berst (United Soccer Club-West Bend), Nick Stojavljevic (United Serbian Soccer Club), Drew Dion (Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club), Jeff Backes (Cedarburg Soccer Club), Dennis Wiebe (Grafton Soccer Club), Ed Kreiter (Kettle Moraine Soccer Association Club), Scott Engroff (Mequon Soccer Club), Chuck Lanser (Port Washington Soccer Club), Ken Voight (Brookfield Soccer Association and Youth Hearings & Appeals), Jim Jacobson (Elm Grove Soccer Association), Jack DeSelm (Hartford United Soccer Club), Ken Ward (Kettle Moraine Lazars Soccer Club and District 8 - Waukesha), Dave Robinson (Lake Country United Soccer Club), Bob Butendorf (Oconomowoc Soccer Association), Aaron Johnson (Pewaukee Soccer Club), Brian Schmidt (Sussex Soccer Club), Alex (Sandy) Cowen (District 7 – Stateline), Ann Girard (District 4 – East Central), Beth Bishop Perrigo (ODP & Mediation), Carl Micke (WSA Board Representative), Dale Burke (WYSA Executive Director), Dave Flanagan (Director of League Play), John Janasik (TOPSoccer), John Sweeney (District 1 – Milwaukee Kickers), Keith McHugh (District 5 – Madison), Kurt Sonnentag (WYSA Treasurer and WSA Representative), Mary Clarksen (WYSA Registrar), Mike Kasten (District 3 – Metro), Nathan Thompkins (District 2 – Racine), Peter Mariahazy (WYSA President), Peter Saemann (District 3 – Metro), Sue Walter (State Youth Referee Administrator), Terry Donini (WYSA Vice President), Toby Whipple (WYSA Secretary), Arlyn Clarksen (WSA Representative), John McCue (Coulee Youth Soccer – LaCrosse), Gretchen McCarthy (Big Footers Soccer Club), Sandy Cowan (Burlington Youth Soccer Club), Hoyt Smith (Elkhorn Soccer Club), Amy Cashin (Fort Atkinson Soccer Club)

There was moment of silence for those in soccer that have passed away before us.

Introduction of Head Table

Introduction of Staff

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from the 2006 WYSA AGM. Moved by Sandy Cowen (Burlington Youth Soccer Club), 2nd by Don Wirtz (Fond du Lac Soccer Association). It was noted that Lauri Millot from Rhinelander Soccer Club was present and left off the list of attendees. The minutes will be corrected to indicate her presence at the meeting. Richard Williams asked for a copy of the amended 2005 WYSA AGM minutes. *Motion Passed.*

Policy and By-Law and Constitutional Changes

Each of the proposed Constitutional Amendments was presented by Terry Donini.

Motion: To approve Constitutional Amendment 1 as presented (amending ARTICLE 5008.a BOARD OF DIRECTORS) as follows: The Board of Directors shall consist of the duly elected members of the Executive Committee, **the Executive Director (as a non-voting member), one** authorized representative of each affiliated district, and the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Program Directors **so designated** by the By-Laws. Moved by Ken Ward (Kettle Moraine Lazars Soccer Club), 2nd by Bob Butendorf (Oconomowoc Soccer Association). *Motion Passed.*

Motion: To approve Constitutional Amendment 2 as presented (amending Section 6004.a.) as follows: The President, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, appoints chairpersons of these committees except as herein provided. **The President will determine** duties and committee specifications. These persons will not be voting members of the Executive Committee, **and only the Olympic Development Program Director and State Youth Referee Administrator** will be voting members of the Board of Directors. Moved by Howard Hoffman (Wausau United Soccer Club), 2nd by Roger Koessl (United FC). *Motion Passed.*

Motion: To approve Constitutional Amendment 3 as presented (amending ARTICLE 5009 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE to add the following: Section 5009.c. **The WYSA Executive Director will be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee and of the Board of Directors.** Moved by Howard Hoffman (Wausau United Soccer Club), 2nd by Sandy Cowen (Burlington Youth Soccer Club). *Motion Passed* with Arlyn Clarksen (WSA Representative) voting nay.

Motion: To approve Constitutional Amendment 4 as presented (amending RULE 6004 PROGRAM DIRECTORS to **delete** 6004.a.6, which addresses the duties of the Director of Leagues. Moved by Don Wirtz (Fond du Lac Soccer Association), 2nd by Lauri Millot (Rhinelander Soccer Club). *Motion Passed.*

Election of Officers and WSA Board Representatives

Peter Mariahazy turned the chair over to Terry Donini for the Presidential election.

Motion: To nominate Peter Mariahazy for WYSA President. Moved by Howard Hoffman (Wausau United Soccer Club), 2nd by Sandy Cowen (Burlington Youth Soccer Club). Motion to close nominations and elect Peter by unanimous consent. Moved by Arlyn Clarksen (WSA Representative), 2nd by Jim Welnetz (Goalgetters Soccer Club). *Election Approved.*

The chair was turned back over to Peter Mariahazy.

Motion: To nominate Toby Whipple for WYSA Secretary. Moved by John McCue (Coulee Youth Soccer), 2nd by Kurt Schodorf (Menasha Area Soccer). Motion: To close nominations and elect Toby by unanimous consent. Moved by Ken Ward (Kettle Moraine Lazars Soccer Club), 2nd by John McCue (Coulee Youth Soccer). *Election Approved.*

Nominations as Youth Representatives to the WSA Board. There are two positions up for election.

Motion to nominate Carl Micke. Moved by Don Wirtz (Fond du Lac Soccer Association), 2nd by Mary Jo Parkins (Appleton Soccer Club).

Motion to nominate Kurt Sonnentag. Moved by Chris Lively (Middleton–Yahara Soccer Club), 2nd by Ken Ward (Kettle Moraine Lazars Soccer Club).

Motion to nominate John Janisak. Moved by Bill Sandoval (Club Latino SC), 2nd by Nick Stojavljevic (United Serbians Soccer Club).

Election was held by paper ballots. A 5 minute recess was taken to count the ballots. Carl Micke and Kurt Sonnentag were elected.

Motion: To destroy the ballots. Moved by Sandy Cowen (Burlington Youth Soccer Club), 2nd by Howard Hoffman (Wausau United Soccer Club). *Motion Passed.*

Milwaukee Professional Soccer Update

A Milwaukee Professional Soccer update presentation was given by Peter Wilt. MLS has been making great strides forward, having signed four new television contracts which are driving up the price of expansion teams. The new Toronto franchise has cut of season ticket sales at 14,000 to leave room in their 20,000 seat stadium for individual sales. Chicago Fire has recently opened Toyota Park and the Colorado Rapids is opening Dick's Sporting Goods Park. Real Salt Lake will open a new stadium in 2008 and Red Bull New York in 2008-09. San Jose is almost a lock for a 2009 expansion franchise and St. Louis is looking very positive. DC United recently sold for \$33,000,000, they were originally purchased for \$5,000,000. Milwaukee stadium sites were discussed. The designated player rule (exempt from salary cap) has allowed signings such as David Beckham and Claudio Reyna. Milwaukee efforts must be completed by July or the efforts will likely end. Peter Wilt is focusing on 2009. MLS currently has 13 teams now and wants to have 16 by 2010.

Budget Presentation

Kurt Sonntag presented mileage reimbursement forms to everyone that drove to the AGM meeting.

Kurt reviewed the new accounting procedures regarding the making everything a P&L budgeted item. Kurt presented and asked for approval of the 2007-08 budget as presented. Peter Mariahazy explained that player fees will go down 20 cents per player due to the self funding of the first \$20,000 of insurance claims. Ken Ward suggested not reducing the player fees by the recommended 20 cents per player and instead putting the money toward the operating budget. There was discussion about the cost and purpose of the Board retreat. Motion: To approve the 2007-08 budget without the reduction in player's fees by 20 cents. Moved by Ron Robinson (Racine Spartans Soccer Club), 2nd by Ken Pieper (Rice Lake Soccer Association). *Motion Passed.*

A new map showing the various WYSA District boundaries was presented as approved by the State Board at their meeting in November 2006.

"State of the State" Association

Peter Mariahazy gave a presentation on the state of the WYSA. A commitment was made by Peter that Executive Committee members will come to each District for their meeting at least once a year. Districts were asked to notify the WYSA office of their meeting dates and times. Everyone was asked to update their contact information with the WYSA office. Peter indicated that he wants to see the WYSA provide consistency in what we offer regarding coaching licensing, background checks, etc. WYSA is working to enhance the website and is looking at online registration. Peter is looking to form a task force to look at online registration and its potential impact and benefits. We are also looking at adding a passworded member portal to the website to access member specific information, such as possibly access to Impact (presentation to follow later today). Clubs can get access to Roll Call teleconferencing for 7 cents per minute per person. Peter discussed the possibility of obtaining insurance benefits for club employees through the WYSA program. Peter indicated that Ken Voight, Chairman of the Appeals Committee, is looking for a pool of possible people willing to serve on Appeals Boards when needed.

Eastbay Presentation

WYSA has entered into a partnership with Eastbay as our official and exclusive supplier. Eastbay is headquartered in Wausau, WI and is the world's largest direct to consumer footwear and apparel company. Eastbay is looking to partner with our clubs with pricing discounts.

Impact Concussion Presentation

Dr. Mark Hallett gave a presentation on the Impact Concussion Diagnostic and Care program. WYSA is to be the pilot program for the other USYSA state associations. The website for the Impact test is www.impacttest.com. Major League Soccer has also signed an agreement with Impact. The goals are to improve the care of concussions for WYSA participants and to serve as a model for other USYSA associations and other Wisconsin sports organizations. Impact is an

online test of various brain functions prior to a concussion and then compares that information with a post injury test. It was described as something like an EKG of the brain. The website will have a list of trained sports concussion professionals. Only doctors will have access to the baseline report data after release from the player's parent or guardian.

Director of Coaching Update

Jim Launder, WYSA Director of Coaching, reported that 32 coaches received their C licenses, 90 coaches received their D licenses and 378 coaches received their E licenses in the state this past year.

ODP Update

Beth Perrigo, ODP Chairperson, reported that 94% of the United States National Under-20 team was ODP players. The ODP website is www.wiyouthsoccer.net/odp. The program has produced one member of the U14 national team, one player invited to the U17 residency camp, and three players on the U20 national team.

SYRA Update

Sue Walters, State Youth Referee Administrator, reported that referee clinics are finishing up for the year. There are 3,200-3,500 referees in the state and one FIFA referee. Sue advised everyone that Level 9 referees by policy are only allowed to referee recreational games. For State Cup on the top level referees are being used, Level 7 and higher. There are approximately 90 certified referee assigners in the state. Assessors will be in Appleton for State Cup. Wisconsin sent 4 referees to ODP camp last year. She is trying to get a listing of who the referee assigners are for the various clubs and areas. The Arbiter referee assignor online program was discussed briefly.

Terry Donini announced that there is a need for a U19 women's team for the Regional 2 Championship in Des Moines, IA. Anyone interested should contact Terry.

WYSA AGM meeting broke for lunch with the Wisconsin Soccer Association meeting to follow.

WYSA AGM reconvened at approximately 3:00 PM, after the WSA AGM.

Peter Mariahazy asked for a closed door meeting, without objection, to ask the membership for direction as we move forward regarding WSA. Various strategies were discussed.

WYSA AGM was adjourned at approximately 4:00 PM by President Mariahazy.