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Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association  
Annual General Meeting  
March 24, 2012  
Madison, WI

In Attendance:

Peter Mariahazy (President), Terry Donini (Vice President), Toby Whipple (Secretary & WSA Board Representative), Mary Jo Parkins (Treasurer), Carl Micke (WSA Board Representative), Ken Ward (ODP & Kettle Moraine United), Tom Mesalk (State Youth Referee Administrator), Alvaro Garcia-Velez (Milwaukee Kickers), Nathan Thompkins (Racine), Dawn King (East Central & FC Green Bay), Tony Feller (MAYSA), Ernie Englund (Kenosha), Sandy Cowan (Stateline & Burlington Youth Soccer Club), Andy Olson (Southwest & Coulee Region Youth Soccer), Howard Hoffman (Midway & Marshfield Youth Soccer Association), Doris Schommer (Appleton Soccer Club), Mark Koza (Ashwaubenon Soccer Club), Shylo Carr (Baldwin/Woodville), Cathy Shaw (Bavarian Soccer Club), David Elgersma (Beaver Dam United Soccer Club), David Schultz (Brookfield Soccer Association), Hunter Tyler (Chequamegon Bay Soccer Club), Scott Surprise (Croatian Eagles Soccer Club), Mike Marse (Delavan Youth Soccer Club), Dale Rhodes (DePere Select Soccer Club), Ashley Spurlock (East Troy Youth Soccer Club), Bill Sarkauskas (Eau Claire United), John Utesch (Elkhorn Soccer Club), Mike Parulski (Elm Grove Soccer Club), Benjamin Exley (Evansville Soccer Club), Renee Sullivan (Everton FC of Wisconsin), Kevin Otto (FC Magic Soccer Club), Kurt Schodorf (FC Menasha), Pete Knezic (FC Milwaukee Nationals), Ben Winter (Fond du Lac Soccer Association), Jim Welnetz (Goalgetters United Soccer Club), Paul Skalecki (Grafton Soccer Club), Erik Lofdahl (Green Bay Lightning), Jack DeSelm (Hartford United Soccer Club), Gary Coenen (Heart of the Valley Soccer Association), Jason Weier (Howard Hurricanes Soccer Club), Diane Bellisle (Howard Suamico Youth Soccer Association), Roger Koessl (Kenosha Area Soccer League), Matt Steffen (Kiel Soccer Club), Wayne Stoflet (Kimberly Area Soccer Association), David Robinson (Lake Country United Soccer Club), John Reddan (Madison 56ers), Tok Kim (Madison Celtics Youth Soccer Club), Eric Bertun (Madison FC), Carlos Cordoba (Mequon Soccer Club), Molly Duffy (Middleton United Soccer Club), Jill Frank (Middleton Yahara Soccer Club), David Scherer (Milwaukee Sport Club), Carl Pulvermacher (Monona Grove Soccer Club), Marti Coan (Neenah Soccer Club), Doreen Balazs (New Holstein Soccer Association), Keith Mcneese (Norski Soccer Club), Mark Koenig (North Shore United Soccer Club), Pat Morris (Oconomowoc Soccer Association), Lee Christensen (Oregon Soccer Association), Aaron Johnson (Pewaukee Soccer Club), Jim Neumann (Platteville Power), Gus Taalbi (Polonia Soccer Club), Steve Ziebell (Port Washington Soccer Club), Wayne Howard (Racine Area Soccer Association), Robin Carre (Regent Soccer Club), John Wright (Rhineland Soccer Club), Giuliano Oliviero (SC Waukesha), Tony Klockow (Sheboygan County United Soccer Club), Sarah Ceballos (Stevens Point Soccer Club/Portage County Youth Soccer), Tracy Zeichert (Stoughton Area Youth Soccer Association), Nick Stojisavljevic (United Serbian Youth Soccer Club), Ron Deprey (United Soccer of Allouez), John Walker (Verona Area Soccer Club), Greg Foltz (Watertown Soccer Club), Corey Stephan (Waunakee Area Soccer Club), Mark Korf (Whitewater Youth Soccer Club), Christine Yustus (Wisconsin Rapids Kickers)

President Peter Mariahazy called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence to honor those from the soccer community that have passed on before us.

Corporate partners that gave brief synopses of their service or program:

- Active / League One
- Eastbay
- WISCO Hotel Group
- Dolphin Entertainment / US Youth Soccer Kids Clubhouse

Peter introduced the other exhibitors, WYSA staff and board members in attendance.

The video presentations were shown that were produced for and shown at the USYSA Workshop held in Boston, MA.

2011 WYSA Award Presentations to:

- Boys Recreational Coach of the Year – Clay Nelson
- Girls Competitive Coach of the Year – Xavier Rico (not in attendance)
- Volunteer of the Year – Carl Micke
- Male Young Referee of the Year – Dylan Seitz
- Administrator of the Year – Vicki Abshere (not in attendance)

State of the State – Peter Mariahazy

Peter discussed the success and growth of the Western Wisconsin Classic League.

He briefly reviewed the success of the new player rebate program.

He reviewed the scholarship program that the board instituted to get two additional club leaders from around the state to the USYSA Workshop, which will be held next year in Indianapolis, IN.

He reviewed the success of the USYSA Region II Championship that we hosted in Appleton and Green Bay.

A brief update was given to the membership regarding the sanctioning situation by USSF pertaining to the management of adult soccer in Wisconsin. Currently, there has been declared a vacancy regarding the recognition any association to manage adult soccer in our state.

Peter discussed the implementation of the Wisconsin Development Academy (WDA) pilot program.

Elite Player Development Presentation – Jim Launder

Coach Launder presented an edited version of Dr. Tom Turner's slide presentation pertaining to elite player development from the USYSA Workshop in Boston. After the presentation Jim and Peter addressed questions pertaining specifically to this topic from the membership.

A meeting break was taken at 10:55 AM. The meeting reconvened by Peter at approximately 11:00 AM.

Vice President Election

Motion: To nominate Terry Donini for Vice President. Moved by Howard Hoffman (Marshfield), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kurt Schodorf (Menasha).

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Motion: To nominate Erik Lofdahl for Vice President. Moved by Dale Rhodes (DePere), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Weir (Howard).

Terry Donini was re-elected as Vice President by secret written ballot.

Motion: To destroy the ballots from the Vice President election. Moved by Ken Ward (KM United), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard Hoffman (Marshfield). Motion Passed

#### Treasurer Election

Motion: To nominate Mary Jo Parkins for Treasurer. Moved by Wayne Stoflet (Kimberly Area Soccer Association), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Welnitz (Goalgetters). Motion Passed

Mary Jo Parkins was elected as Treasurer by acclamation.

Motion: To approve the 2011 AGM minutes and all actions of the Board over the past year. Moved by Renee Sullivan (Everton FC of Wisconsin), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Kossel (KASL). Motion Passed

Motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of modifying the By-Laws. Moved by Marti Coan (Neenah Soccer Club), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Otto (FC Magic Soccer Club). Motion passed unanimously

#### By-Laws Amendments

Motion: To approve the last five amendments to the By-Laws provided to the membership in their packets.

- **Formal Adoption of Electronic Meetings as allowed under Wisconsin Statute**

Section 5008.h. defines the frequency of WYSA Board meetings. While Wisconsin law allows for electronic meetings, this amendment makes it clear the organization is able to use this tool to conduct meetings and carry out its business.

- **Clear Definition of a Quorum at General Membership Meetings**

Section 6007.b - This definition was inherited from the WSA and implied, but not defined by oversight at the formation of the WYSA, Inc. This wording provides clearer definition to the quorum.

- **Amendments to the By-Laws**

Section 6011 required 30 days submission to the members clubs and State Board of Directors. All other items (budget, reports) are required to be sent 15 days before. This allows all documents to be sent at one time rather than two sets as well as allowing addition time for review by the presenter.

- **One Vote per Attendee**

Section 6013.b The intent of this section was always to insure that each person was voting in only one capacity. This wording change clarifies that each attendee is voting for only one represented body or position.

- **Permits**

Rule 6020.a - The organization has worked to streamline the approval process for travel permits in collaboration with other state organizations. This amendment removes the requirement of Executive Committee approval.

Moved by Ken Ward (KM United), 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Schultz (Brookfield SC). Motion Passed

Motion: To approve the first three amendments presented in the membership packet pending approval of WYSA as the sanctioned Wisconsin adult association by USSF. Moved by Andy Olson (Coulee Region Youth Soccer), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Cowan (Burlington Youth Soccer Club). Motion Passed

- **Name and Organizational Change**

Most of the changes are a name and organizational membership change to reflect the process for application to the USSF as the Adult State Association in Wisconsin. The WYSA Board selected the Wisconsin Soccer Federation to represent as comprehensive a title as possible, to reflect the desire to promote soccer at all levels throughout the state. Included in these changes is the reflection to be members of the United States Adult Soccer Association.

- **Addition of a Vice President –Adults and Definition of Vice President –Youth**

Assuming our organization is selected as the Adult State Association by the USSF, it is important to have an Executive Committee level position to represent the current and future adult members with their particular needs. Section 5009.a, Section 6003d are amended or added to reflect this position.

- **Adult Specific Representation at the State Board Level**

Section 6003.g - We have continually maintained 4 WSA positions on the WYSA Board as a clear indication that we were a part of the WSA. If our organization is selected to be the Adult State Association, these positions would be modified to give Adult Player representation at the State Board level for all clubs registering adult players. In addition, it is anticipated that the District Representatives would represent the Adult and Youth Players registered within their District.

#### 2012-13 Budget Presentation – Mary Jo Parkins

Mary Jo summarized the budget that was previously approved by the Board and was provided to the membership in their packet.

Motion: To approve the 2012-2013 Budget as proposed. Moved by Roger Kossel (KASL), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marti Coan (Neenah Soccer Club). Motion Passed

Motion: To table the election of the WSA Board Representatives until after the decision regarding the adult association is made by USSF. Moved by Ken Ward (KM United), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Benjamin Exley (Evansville Soccer Club). Motion Passed

#### For the Good of Soccer

Peter advised the membership that next year is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of USSF. He also advised everyone that the 2013 WYSA AGM will be in Milwaukee and will likely be held earlier in the year and Miller Park is being considered as the venue.

Ken Ward mentioned that the referee fees change for the fall season. Fees have been adjusted so that you do not have to deal with change (coins) at the field.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by John Utesch (Elkhorn Soccer Club), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kurt Schodorf (Menasha). The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.