

2017 WYSA AGM
Saturday, March 11, 2017
Oshkosh, WI

In Attendance (via registration):

Alvaro Garcia-Velez (Vice President), Toby Whipple (Secretary), Ken Ward (Treasurer), Salvador Garcia (SYRA), Nancy Ziaja (Milwaukee Kickers District), Fred Yasatan (Racine District), Peter Saemann (Metro), Doris Schommer (East Central), Chris Lay (MAYSA), Ernie Englund (Kenosha), Mike Recklies (Stateline), Rhonda Jankowski (Waukesha), Vance Bickford (Southwest), Chris Lacey (Ozaukee), Chris Yustus (Midway), Jeff Jones (Ashwaubenon Soccer Club), Ed Paulsen (Baldwin Woodville Hawk Soccer Club), Peggy Boris (Bavarian Soccer Club), Dave Elgersma (Beaver Dam United Soccer Club), Eric Bertun (Capital East Soccer Club), Stephanie Wilson (Chequamegon Bay Soccer Association), Jonella Rademacher (Coulee Region United Soccer Association), Fredy Jany (Croatian Eagles Soccer Club), Dale Rhodes (DePere Select Soccer Club), Nick Datka (Dodgeville Soccer Club), Mike Recklies (Elkhorn Soccer Club), Robin Rameker (Elm Grove Soccer Club), Wytse Molenaar (FC Green Bay), Kevin Otto (FC Menasha), Chad Collett (Fond du Lac Soccer Association), Travis Larson (Fort Atkinson Youth Soccer Association), Renee Sullivan (Fox Cities United Soccer Club), Jack De Selm (Fusion Soccer Club), Jim Welnetz (Goalgetters United Soccer Club), Erik Lofdahl (Green Bay Lightning), Eric Liebergen (Hartford United Soccer Club), Lisa Perkofski (Heart of the Valley Soccer Association), Shari Peggs (Howard FC), Linda Englund (Kenosha Area Soccer League), Laura Markham (Kiel Soccer Club), Wayne Stoflet (Kimberly Area Soccer Association), Tony Klockow (Lakeshore United Soccer Club), Tony Wright (Madison 56ers Soccer Club), Haroot Mesdjian (Madison FC), Scott Cattanaach (Marathon County United Soccer Club), Tara Mannigel (Marshfield Youth Soccer Association), Ben John (Middleton Yahara Soccer Club), Steve Harris (Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club), Nicole Nowicki (Milwaukee Sport Club), Marti Coan (Neenah Soccer Club), Mary Siegenthaler (New Glarus Soccer Club), Steve Conrad (New Holstein Soccer Association), Rick Theilig (NEW United), Jeff Gordon (Niagara Northern Stars Soccer Club), Matt McLaughlin (North Shore United), Eric Anderson (Oregon Soccer Club), Chris Billstrom (Oshkosh United Soccer Club), Chris Beverung (Pewaukee Sussex United), Sharon Pink (Platteville Power Soccer Club), Dan Stadler (Polonia Soccer Club), Fawn Benzing (Poynette Area Youth Soccer Organization), Wayne Howard (Racine Area Soccer Association), Jim Demetriou (Racine Spartans Soccer Club), Dan Millot (Rhineland Soccer Club), Leah Fundell (Rice Lake Soccer Association), Nick Huber (Rock Soccer Club), Brett Siewert (SC Waukesha), Kevin Beyer (Stevens Point/Portage County Soccer), Dan Sagal (Strike FC Wisconsin), Lisa Kalmerton (Sun Prairie Soccer Club), Jayne Lang (Thunder Area Soccer Kids), Bruce Pecore (United Hurricanes), Aleksander Bjelic (United Serbian Soccer Club), Lori Snieg (Viking Youth Soccer Association), Alan Barrows (Village of Wales), Chris Millard (Washington County FC), Bridget Wojahan (Water Cities Soccer Club), Jesus Torres (Waunakee Area Soccer Club), Bill Rusch (Waupaca Soccer Club), Suzanne M. Schroeder (Wausau City Futbol Club Inc.), Jessica Osorio (Whitewater Youth Soccer Club), Ron Rasmussen (Wisconsin Rapids Kickers Club)

Vice President Alvaro Garcia Velez called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence to honor those who no longer with us.

Introductions of WYSA Staff, Officers, Board of Directors, Program Chairs, Partners and Guests. (The Active Network, BSN Sports, Challenger Sports, Keeper Goals, SportsForms, Sports Logic)

Rachel Wiesner spoke on behalf of the Wiesner Family regarding the Brett Wiesner Scholarship Fund, with special thanks to Danny Sweeney for his efforts in support of the program. Members were encouraged to participate in their annual events – the Golf Outing and Darts Tournament.

Award Recognition

Meghan Ward recognized the 2016 WYSA Award Winners.

Administrator of the Year – Carlton Seacock (Neenah Soccer Club)

Volunteer of the Year – Pehr Peterson (Strike FC Wisconsin)

Coach of the Year – Boys Recreation – Brian Darling (Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club)

Coach of the Year – Girls Recreation – Patrick Dlugosch (Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club)

Coach of the Year – Boys Competitive – Richard “Toby” Bares (Oshkosh United)

Coach of the Year – Girls Competitive – Collin Monahan (SC43 East Troy)

Young Referee of the Year – Female – Hannah McTrusty (Brookfield Area)

Young Referee of the Year – Male – Philip Meersman (Delavan Area)

TOPSoccer Buddy of the Year – Tessa Lux (Strike FC TOPSoccer)

TOPSoccer Coach of the Year – John Burke (Waukesha TOPSoccer)

State of the State – Alvaro Garcia Velez

Updates were provided on several area of interest.

- WYSA membership had increased by 1% from 2014/2015 to 2015/2016 and were trending toward another overall increase for 2016/2017. The clubs were thanked for their tireless efforts in serving the membership.
- WYSA is under contract with The Active Network through August 2018.
- Wisconsin would be hosting a National C License Course with Phase 1 in August and Phase 2 in October
- The Presidents Cup has experienced significant growth from 35 teams in the year prior to 65 teams; clubs are encouraged to consider participation in this growing event. The Presidents Cup is a US Youth Soccer National Series event with Regional and National legs of competitions for winners of the Wisconsin event.
- Wisconsin had seen success with 42 players selected for holdover camps and 10 chosen to participate in US Youth Soccer ODP trips
- 100 teams represented our State in the Regional League plus another 5 in the National League

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the 2016 WYSA Annual General Meeting and affirm the actions of the Board since the 2016 WYSA AGM. Moved by Renee Sullivan (Fox Valley United) / Second by Mike Buman (Heart of the Valley) *Motion Passed*

Motion: To approve the bylaw change to Article 106, Membership. Moved by: Tony Klockow (Lakeshore United FC) / Second by: Lisa Kalmerton (Sun Prairie Soccer Club) *Motion Passed*

Proposed Changes:

ARTICLE 106

MEMBERSHIP

Section 106.a.

Any properly constituted organization which has an identifiable membership of youth soccer players on whose behalf the organization conducts or engages in youth soccer activities within the territory granted to the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc., if they meet the standards of the WYSA, Inc., US Youth Soccer and US Soccer, may apply to become a member Club of the WYSA, Inc.

Section 106.b.

Application for membership to the WYSA, Inc. must be requested through submission of the official WYSA Application for New Club Document made in writing to the WYSA, Inc. office. The letter of application must and be accompanied by: 1. payment of annual dues; 2. a correct and certified copy of the Club's Constitution and Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation; ~~and~~ 3. a copy of the Club's IRS 501c3 Determination Letter and Tax Exempt Certificate; a franchise fee of the amount established by the WYSA, Inc.; 4. contracts or other documents which establish the Club's access to suitable facilities; and 5. documentation which substantiates the Club's current membership meets WYSA's minimum required number of teams and/or players.

Section 106.c.

The Executive Committee shall have the sole power to determine if the applicant group meets the qualifications for membership, and thus accept or reject an application. Acceptance by the Executive Committee shall be on a probationary basis for a period of one (1) year. During the probationary period the Club will have voting privileges only for consideration of the annual budget and may not apply to host a tournament or play outside the territory of the WYSA, Inc. without the express permission of the Executive Committee. At the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting following completion of the probationary period, full recognition shall be considered by the WYSA, Inc. Board of Directors.

Section 106.d.

Membership in good standing is subject to the timely payment of annual dues and annual registration of a minimum of 4 teams (or a minimum of 75 players) ~~equivalent number of players for the roster minimum size of those teams registered~~. Attendance at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of this Association is mandatory for all affiliated members. Member Clubs not represented at the AGM may be subject to discipline including assessment of fines.

Section 106.e.

The failure of a Club to pay annual dues, registration fees and fines to the WYSA, Inc. or to register the minimum number of teams and/or players shall be sufficient cause for the suspension of membership or termination of membership.

Section 106.f.

Individual coaches, ~~and~~ administrators who have completed the WYSA Risk Management Disclosure and referees are members of this Association through their affiliation or association with properly affiliated clubs or as elected Officers, Directors or Committee Chairmen.

Section 106.g.

In all matters which are properly presented to the General Membership meeting, each Member Club in "Good Standing" shall have voting rights set forth in the Bylaws of this Association.

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New Bylaw:

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2017/2018 Budget Presentation & Approval – Ken Ward

Motion: To approve the 2018/2018 WYSA Budget as approved by the Board of Directors. Moved by: Kevin Otto (FC Menasha) / Second by: Wayne Stoflet (Kimberly Area Soccer Association) *Motion Passed*

Salvador Garcia provided an update from the referee program.

Elections

Motion to nominate Chris Lacey for President. Moved by Tony Klockow (Lakeshore United FC) / Second by Fred Yasatan (Racine District)

Chris Lacey was elected President by acclamation.

Motion to nominate Chris Lay for Secretary. Moved by Shant Mesdjian (NEW United) / Second by Steve Harris (Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club).

Motion to nominate Chris Yustus for Secretary. Moved by Tara Mannigel (Marshfield) / Second by Marti Coan (Neenah Soccer Club).

Chris Lay was elected Secretary via written ballot.

Motion to nominate Ernie Englund WSL Representative. Moved by Fred Yasatan (Racine District) / Second by Mike Recklies (Stateline District).

Ernie Englund was elected WSL Representative by acclamation.

For the Good of the Game

WYSA Grant Awards:

\$250 Beaver Dam United

\$250 New Glarus

\$500 East Troy SC 43

\$1000 Poynette Area Youth Soccer

Additional raffle items were distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.