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WYSA State Board Meeting Minutes
2/28/15
Via Conference Call

In Attendance: Peter Mariahazy – President, Terry Donini – Vice-President, Toby Whipple – Secretary, Ken Ward – ODP, Doris Schommer – East Central, Chris Lay - MAYSA, Ernie Englund – Kenosha, Chris Yustus – Midway, Hunter Tyler – Northwest, Andy Olson – Southwest, Sandy Cowan – Stateline, Chris Lacey – Ozaukee, Salvador Garcia – SYRA, Scott Surprise – WSL Adult Representative

Absent: Mary Jo Parkins – Treasurer, Melissa Zielinski – Executive Director, Fred Yasatan – Racine, Rhonda Terry – Waukesha, Alvaro Garcia-Velez – Milwaukee Kickers, Peter Saemann – Metro

Staff/Guests: Patrick Hodgins

President Peter Mariahazy called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes as written from the 11/14/15 and 11/15/14 WYSA State Board Meetings. Moved by Hunter Tyler, 2nd by Ken Ward. *Motion Passed*

President's Update – Peter Mariahazy

Peter updated the Board regarding discussions and actions that took place at the USYSA/NSCAA Workshop in Philadelphia, PA and the USSF AGM in San Francisco, CA.

Peter discussed Chris Moore's hire as the new CEO of USYSA. There is a considerable amount of positive feedback regarding Chris' hire.

There was discussion about the possibility of WYSA running a sanctioned futsal league. There was discussion of the various type of facilities that some clubs are now utilizing. There was also discussion about a possible festival type format. A subcommittee of Ken Ward, Chris Lacey, Doris Schommer, and Terry Donini, in conjunction with Patrick Hodgins, was established to start the process of researching how WYSA can facilitate futsal and research facilities.

Peter notified the Board about a concussion lawsuit the USSF is dealing with. There will be a great deal of discussion forthcoming on dealing with possible concussions.

Peter informed the Board that at the USSF AGM it was approved that any USSF member organization can now conduct coaching licensing courses with the approval of the USSF Secretary General. At the AGM, Peter proposed a change to the proposal, "that only State Associations be allowed to conduct coaching licensing clinics", which was defeated.

Peter proposed a new referee mileage reimbursement program, which is:
State Championships - Referee Mileage reimbursement - mirror MRL

Travel Fees per vehicle (single person travel is discouraged and must be prior approved):

200-274 miles = \$70

275-349 miles = \$90

350-424 miles = \$110

Motion: To amend the current budget to add approximately \$6000 for referee mileage reimbursement for the State Championships. Moved by Chris Lay, 2nd by Sandy Cowan. *Motion Passed*

Although it was decided by the Board, through previous action, to remove this policy at the state level (Policy 5.2.10 - Casts) effective 8/1/15; the Board is encouraging the Districts to implement this policy as they deem appropriate for their particular District.

Vice President / Competitions Report – Terry Donini

State Championship and President's Cup applications are coming in. The number of President's Cup applications down and marketing of this event will have to be discussed in the future.

Treasurer's Report – Peter Mariahazy (in Mary Jo's absence)

Peter briefly discussed the Treasurer's Report as provided in the Board packet, as Mary Jo is currently out of the country. There were not any questions from the Board.

Old Business

The office is looking at transitioning to a new web platform from American Eagle, which would provide the ability of Clubs/Districts to have their own websites tied-in with WYSA's site.

Sal Garcia discussed the possibility of future local club access to the Game Officials software to check on referee assignments.

There were not any changes to the proposed By-Law modifications or the Consolidated Policy Manual that were included in the Board packets. They will now go to the AGM for approval by the membership in March.

New Business

President's Cup (Patrick Hodgins joined the conference call for the President's Cup portion of the meeting only.)

Patrick Hodgins reviewed the new WYSA Open President's Cup format as provided in the Board packet.

Motion: To approve the new WYSA Open President's Cup format as presented. Moved by Chris Lay, 2nd by Hunter Tyler. *Motion Passed*

Proposed Sideline Behavior Policy Changes

The WYSA Recommended Sideline Behavior Policy that was provided in the Board packet was discussed. Sal proposed several wording changes to get the policy wording more in line with what the referees are using.

Motion: To approve the "WYSA Recommendations and Guidelines for Sideline Behavior" policy as provided in the Board packet, with possible minor modifications that may be made by a

subcommittee of Ken Ward, Chris Lay and Sal Garcia, to be presented at the AGM in March.
Moved by Chris Lay, 2nd by Hunter Tyler. *Motion Passed*

Edgerton Youth Soccer Association Approval

Motion: To approve Edgerton Youth Soccer Association's application for WYSA membership.
Moved by Chris Lay, 2nd by Sandy Cowan.

For the Good of Soccer

Ken Ward promoted the Kohl's Cup that his club is hosting, with additional promotion from WYSA.

Jim Launder joined the meeting toward the end to give an update on coaching licensing changes that are being implemented by USSF.

Peter announced that he is still planning on running for the Region II Treasurer position; however, the incumbent is now also planning on running for reelection.

Without objection, Peter adjourned the meeting at 11:05 AM.