

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association  
State Board Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2010  
Appleton, WI

In Attendance: Peter Mariahazy – President, Terry Donini – Vice-President, Toby Whipple – Secretary & WSA Board Representative, Yvonne Bennett – Executive Director, Kurt Sonnentag – Treasurer, Chris Lay – MAYSA, Andy Olson – Southwest, Sandy Cowan – Stateline, Linda Englund – Kenosha, Drew Dion – Milwaukee Kickers, Dawn King – East Central, Howard Hoffman – Midway, Carl Micke – WSA Board Representative, Nathan Thompkins – Racine, Chris Munden – Northwest, Andy Olson - Southwest

Present Via Teleconference: Beth Bishop Perrigo – ODP, Ken Ward – Waukesha, Sue Walter – SYRA, Joe Krzyzaniak – SRA (Guest)

Guests/Staff: Jim Launder – WYSA Director of Coaching, Al McIlwraith – VP M&I Bank

Absent: Arlyn Clarksen – WSA Board Representative, Peter Saemann – Metro, Philip Sherwood – Ozaukee

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

Al with M&I Bank gave a brief overview of the services they have available to soccer clubs. Al left the meeting after his presentation.

Jim Launder showed the board a PowerPoint presentation regarding what is being discussed on a regional level regarding ODP. Jim left the meeting for an ODP function in Madison after his presentation.

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from the November 13-14, 2009 State Board Meeting. Moved by Terry Donini, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Cowan. *Motion Passed*

#### President's Update – Peter Mariahazy

Peter advised the board that they are all now members of WYSA, Incorporated.

Peter advised the board regarding the afternoon learning presentations, called the Wisconsin Soccer Learning University; that will be conducted at the WYSA AGM on March 13, 2010 in Milwaukee.

Peter updated the board regarding the actions taken by USSF at their AGM in New Orleans on February 6, 2010. The USSF voted unanimously that WYSA, Incorporated be recognized as the state youth association in Wisconsin.

Peter distributed to the board a copy of the brief presented to the arbitrator stating our position regarding the grievance filed by US Club Soccer, AYSO and Minnesota Thunder Academy against several USYSA State Associations, including Wisconsin. The decision by the arbitrator was rendered in favor

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of the USYSA State Associations. Peter strongly urged the board to read the complete brief, as he felt it did an excellent job of presenting our position.

A discussion took place regarding the next steps WYSA may take in regarding our relationship with the WSA.

Vice President's / Competitions Update – Terry Donini

Terry advised that February 17, 2010 schedules for state leagues are due back from the field assigners.

State league schedules will hopefully be distributed by March 1, 2010.

Terry indicated that he has heard nothing regarding the WIAA making any changes regarding club rostering restrictions in the near future.

Motion: A player is considered registered after they register and pay a registration fee or make a deposit. If there is not a team formed for the player they are released from any commitment to the club. Moved by Howard Hoffman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Donini. *Motion Passed*

If a player that goes through a “tryout/evaluation” to make a team roster, he/she is committed to a team after they have made a commitment in writing to accept a team roster position with a club.

Motion: The minimum number of players to be defined as a “team” is defined as 50% of the maximum roster for that age group not to exceed 9 players. Districts have the option to make exceptions. Moved by Carl Micke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Cowan. *Motion Passed*

Motion: A player is committed to a classic team after they have been made an offer in writing to a specific team and accepted, recommended in writing (including electronic). Moved by Ken Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard Hoffman. *Motion Passed*

All three of the above motions are effective starting with the 2010-11 registration year.

Motion: For the remainder of the registration 2009-10 year, districts are given the authority to disband a team as long as they are together for a minimum of 60 days for the purpose of playing in other leagues. Moved by Sandy Cowan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard Hoffman. *Motion Passed*

Motion: To allow the district to handle intra-district recreational player transfers and the WYSA office to administer inter-district transfers. Moved by Howard Hoffman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Micke. *Motion Passed*

Motion: To apply the same team roster size rules to U15 as currently are followed for U16-U18 age groups, effective beginning with the 2010-11 registration year. Moved by Howard Hoffman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Olson. *Moved Passed with 2 nays.*

Terry Donini left the meeting at this point (12:40 PM) and rejoined the meeting by teleconference for a brief period.

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Treasurer’s Report – Kurt Sonnentag

Kurt reviewed the balance sheet of the current 2009-10 fiscal year through December 2009 and reviewed the proposed 2010-11 budget previously distributed.

Yvonne reviewed the proposal regarding WYSA membership fees for 2010-11 as stated below.

Proposed 2010-11 WYSA Membership Fees

Recreational U10 and younger	\$5.50 fee	\$2.50 rebate*
Recreational U11 and older	\$9.50 fee	\$6.50 rebate*
Competitive / Classic	\$17.50 fee	\$14.50 rebate*

\* Rebate will be earned if a club:

1. Increases overall membership in 2010-11 over 2009-10.
2. Has new players that had not previously been members of WYSA during either of the past two years (2008-09 and 2009-10).

The rebate will be issued based on membership data in June 2011 and will be paid in the current fiscal year (July) or may be applied towards their membership fees due the following year.

Motion: To approve the proposed 2010-11 WYSA budget as distributed in the Board packet including the registration fee proposal and the amendment for the ODP Region II Coach’s Symposium. Moved by Howard Hoffman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Olson. *Motion Passed*

The proposed 2010-2011 budget as approved by the board will be presented to the membership at the AGM for approval (March 13, 2010).

Executive Director’s Report – Yvonne Bennett

Yvonne asked the board if they had any questions relative to her written report which was included in the agenda packet. There were no questions or comments.

Motion: Make the appropriate authorization for our 401(k) program as presented at the meeting. Moved by Sandy Cowan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Lay. *Motion Passed*

Old Business

2011 Midwest Regional Championship Update – Carl Micke

Carl showed a PowerPoint presentation and gave an overview of the upcoming 2011 Midwest Regional Championship plans being put together by the Fox Cities Area LOC.

Kurt Sonnentag left the meeting at this point (2:00 PM)

Referee Fee Increase Proposal – Joe Krzyzaniak & Sue Walter

Joe reviewed the referee fee increase proposal with the board (via teleconference).

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Drew Dion left the meeting at this point (2:15 PM), prior to the motion and vote on the referee fee proposal.

Motion: To accept the referee fee proposal as presented for U13 and above only, effective starting August 1, 2010. Moved by Carl Micke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Cowan. *Motion Passed with 1 nay and Ken Ward abstaining.*

For the Good of the Game

Chris wanted to recognize the individuals going into the WSCA Hall of Fame – Bill Redden, Jim Launder, Bob Gansler.

Sandy announced that Burlington Soccer Club will be holding a Chocolate City Soccer Tournament.

Yvonne gave the board an update on new clubs that have been approved for 2010-2011 – Everton FC of Wisconsin.

Peter initiated a discussion of what constitutes a “tournament team” versus “tournament only”.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Howard Hoffman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawn King. *Motion Passed*  
The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.