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Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association State Board Meeting November 11, 2006 Appleton, WI

In Attendance: Peter Mariahazy – President, Terry Donini – Vice-President, Toby Whipple – Secretary, Kurt Sonnentag – Treasurer, Dale Burke – Executive Director, John Sweeney – Milwaukee Kickers, Lisa and Michael Donoian – Ozaukee, Howard Hoffman – Midway, Nathan Thompkins – Racine, Arlyn Clarksen – Metro, Kurt Schodorf – East Central, Ann Girard – East Central, Keith McHugh – MAYSA, Kathryn Maier – MAYSA, Ernie Englund – Kenosha, Sandy Cowen – Stateline, Ken Ward – Waukesha, John McCue – Southwest, Beth Bishop Perrigo – ODP, Mary Clarksen – State Registrar, Sue Walter – State Youth Referee Administrator, Ken Voight – WSA Board Representative, Carl Micke – WSA Board Representative, Robert Nieman – Southeast Classic League Director, Dave Flanagan – State Leagues Administrator, Robbie Ward – WYSA Staff, Bryan Flanagan – WYSA Staff

Introductions

President Peter Mariahazy called the meeting to order. Peter introduced Dale Burke as the new WYSA Executive Director, Kurt Sonnentag as WYSA Treasurer and Toby Whipple as recently appointed WYSA Secretary to fill the position vacated by Terry Donini's appointment as WYSA Vice President. All Board Members and staff in attendance introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the June 11, 2006 Board Meeting minutes as presented. – moved by Ken Ward (Waukesha), 2nd by Sandy Cowen (Stateline). *Motion Passed.*

Strategic Plan Update

There were no significant updates from the Strategic Plan Task Forces since the Board was last updated.

- Human Resources Task Force – Peter Mariahazy
- Communications Task Force – Ken Ward
- Marketing & Fundraising Task Force – Peter Mariahazy is looking for a new point person for this task force.
- Member Development Task Force – Dave Flanagan is looking for a new point person for this task force.
- Recreational Soccer Task Force – Howard Hoffman is stepping down as the point person due to multiple coaching responsibilities.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Peter Mariahazy presented three proposed Constitutional Amendments that came out of the strategic planning process (see attachment).

Motion: To revise proposed Constitutional Amendment 3: The WYSA Executive Director will be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. - moved by Ken Voight (WSA Representative), 2nd by Kurt Sonnentag (Treasurer). *Motion Passed.*

Motion: District Representatives to serve a 3-year term with a third of them being re-elected each year. – Moved by Ken Voight (WSA Representative), 2nd by Arlyn Clarksen (Metro District).

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Motion: To table the previous motion until the next meeting – moved by Ken Ward (WSA Representative), 2nd by Sandy Cowen (Stateline).

Motion: To revise proposed Constitutional Amendment 2 to remove the ODP Program Director as a voting member of the Board of Directors – moved by Arlyn Clarksen (Metro), 2nd by Ken Voight (WSA Representative). *Motion was withdrawn by the 1st & the 2nd.*

Motion: To recommend to the AGM for approval the four proposed Constitutional Amendments as revised above. – Moved by Sandy Cowen (Stateline), 2nd by Ernie Englund (Kenosha). – *Motion passed.*

Milwaukee Professional Soccer Update

Peter Mariahazy informed the Board that Peter Wilt is working diligently behind the scenes to move their efforts to obtain an MLS franchise forward. MPS has been working with Milwaukee County Board members and has an option on a parcel of property for a stadium near downtown Milwaukee. They are aiming for a 2009 season startup.

WSA – WYSA Update

Ken Voight (WSA Treasurer) informed the Board that the WSA Board has not met for over a year. Ken and Peter provided the Board with a brief update on the status of discussions with WSA Board.

USYSA Convention & Coaches Workshop – March 1-3, 2007 – St. Louis, MO

Peter Mariahazy informed the Board that anyone that is on the list as a WYSA Board member of WYSA we will be provided bus transportation at no charge and pay their registration fee. We will provide bus transportation for other club board members at \$60 per person. Peter, Toby and Dale all highly recommended that Board members encourage participation in this very informative function by their club membership.

WYSA Annual General Meeting – March 17, 2007

The AGM will be held at the Radisson Hotel Mayfair at North Avenue and Mayfair Road in Milwaukee on March 17, 2007. We are hoping that the WSA will hold their AGM at the same location and day in the afternoon. Lunch will be provided for all attendees courtesy of WYSA.

WYSA Districts

Peter Mariahazy presented the current district makeup by county map. Undesignated county assignments as determined by the District leadership are: Adams, Taylor & Clark counties are to be in the Midway District. Juneau County is to be in the Southwest District. Marquette County is to be in the Madison Area District (MAYSA).

WYSA 2007-08 Budget Presentation

Kurt Sonntag informed the Board that Schenck and Associates has been hired as our new bookkeeper and Clifton Gunderson is doing our annual audit. Kurt and Peter presented the Board with the proposed budget for 2007-08. Finalized budget will be sent to the full Board via e-mail prior to the AGM. Ken Ward suggested that the Board make adjustments to the budget during the course of the year to more accurately reflect what is happening in various areas.

Staffing & Leadership Updates

Peter Mariahazy informed the Board that on December 18, 2006 Bill Podewills, Joe Krzyzaniak and he will be attending an all day hearing regarding whether referees, coaches and professional trainers are employees or independent subcontractors.

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Motion: That the Board reaffirm all Officer and Committee appointments made by Peter Mariahazy since taking over as President. – Moved by Sandy Cowen (Stateline), 2nd by Carl Micke (WSA Representative). – *Motion Passed.*

For the Good of Soccer

Peter Mariahazy informed the Board that Adidas is dropping their sponsorship of most state associations including Wisconsin. There are several new sponsorship opportunities that Peter is currently pursuing to find the best deal for us.

Peter Mariahazy distributed copies of CD's to everyone of the Total Player Development document put together by USYSA Region 2.

Motion: Terry Donini proposed that we drop the top travel permit fee from \$100 to \$50 effective January 1, 2007. – Moved by Arlyn Clarksen (Metro), 2nd Ernie Englund (Kenosha). – *Motion Passed.*

Dave Flanagan informed the Board of issues related to U10 super teams being selected out of academy programs. Peter Mariahazy directed Terry Donini to chair a task force to examine academy programs and make a policy recommendation to the Board at the June 2007 meeting. There should be no more than one representative from each District.

Motion: Howard Hoffman requested that we amend the roster exemption for Midway District to exceed roster limits by 33% starting at U10 (removing the Competitive designation) for the remaining to years. – Moved by Arlyn Clarksen (Metro), 2nd by Ernie Englund (Kenosha). – *Motion Passed.* (See Board Minutes from the November 12, 2005 meeting.)

Motion to adjourn. – Moved by Beth Bishop Perrigo (ODP), 2nd by Arlyn Clarksen (Metro). *Motion Passed.*