
WI YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION – Minutes of the State Board of Directors
March 13, 1999
Racine YMCA – Racine, WI

Present: Mike Lund (Kickers) Russ Schroeder (Racine), Colin Carter (Racine), Peter Saemann (Metro), Bill Moede (East Central), Peter Oppenweier (Madison), Linda Englund (Kenosha), Al Zaremba (Waukesha), Carlene Zaremba (Waukesha), Terry Donini (Waukesha), Art Lyons (Northwest), Lee Margraf (Ozaukee), Nancy Erickson (Midway), Manny Carreiro (Midway), Bill Podewils - President, John Janasik - Secretary, Mike Kasten – MYRSL Commissioner, Rick Haugen – WYSA Risk Manager, Arlyn Clarksen – State Youth Referee Administrator, Mary Clarksen – State Registrar, Will Peters – State Referee Administrator, Kelly Ross – State Director

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the November 7, 1998 meeting were accepted with the following correction: On a motion by Mr. Mariahazy (East Central), seconded by Mr. Voigt, the WYSA should be incorporated. Motion passed.

REPORTS

President: - 1. President Podewils reported that the Wisconsin Soccer Association Hall of Fame Banquet is to be held on March 20, 1999. 2. President Podewils stated that each committee and program director is required to have on file at the state office, a list of goals and objectives, a projected budget for the coming fiscal year and a list of program and/or committee members. 3. President Podewils stated that a meeting had been scheduled with representatives of the WIAA for the good of soccer. 4. President Podewils stated that the parts of the WYSA constitution which must be changed will be distributed 15 days prior to the June 6 state board meeting.

Secretary - Mr. Janasik reported that he was one of the committee members who provided TOP Soccer workshops in Chicago. Two workshops were on starting a TOP Soccer program and two were on expanding existing programs. He stated that every WYSA district should have a TOP Soccer program.

Risk Management - Mr. Haugen reported that beginning August 1, 1999, all individuals having direct contact with youth will be required to have a completed Risk Management Disclosure Statement on file with the state association. Mr. Moede stated for the record that the WYSA has the right and obligation to require individuals working with youth to have a completed form on file. However, Mr. Moede objected to forms being processed first by the districts, then by the state office. Mr. Moede voiced concerns regarding the reporting process, whether or not ‘we’ have to become psychotic police watching everyone. Mr. Haugen stated that information requested on the WYSA form is public knowledge.

Registration – Ms. Clarksen reported that children aged 14 and above, from a foreign country playing in the United States must have clearance from US Soccer Federation. Children from other countries are sometimes signed to professional contracts at early ages, and would disqualify a child from competing in youth soccer in the United States.

Referees - Mr. Peters distributed the status of the referee pool in Wisconsin. Mr. Peters spoke on the necessity to recruit more referees and the need for each district to have a designated “District Referee Administrator”

Boys ODP - Mr. Schroeder spoke on the progress of the Boys program and stated more information will be available in the June issue of the Wisconsin Soccer Post.

TOP Soccer - Mr. Janasik spoke on the growth of TOP Soccer in that seven programs are now thriving. A new individual has developed a program in Brookfield and a wheelchair program has begun in Sussex.

Premier League - Mr. Schroeder announced that Mike Kasten has been appointed the League Administrator for the 1st Division State League Under-15 through Under-19 age divisions. The 1st Division State League is run by the Premier Boys League but administrated by the Metro Regional Youth Soccer League. Mr. Kasten is also league commissioner for the MYRSL U15 – U19 age divisions.

State Cup - Mr. Clarksen reported that the sites for the Spring '99 games have been selected and the preliminary spring schedule has been distributed to participating teams.

NEW BUSINESS

PROVISIONAL DISTRICT:

President Podewils spoke on the provisional district status for Southwest Wisconsin. After discussion, Mr. Clarksen motioned to adopt provisional status for the Southwest District. Mr. Schroeder seconded. Motion passed.

OFFICE RELOCATION:

President Podewils stated that the WYSA will remain at its current location for another year. Mr. Podewils stated that the Amateur Division will pay \$500 in rent and the Youth Division will pay \$1,500 in rent. A portion of the \$40,000 budgeted for rent and relocation will be returned to the clubs.

AFFILIATE MEMBER STATUS:

President Podewils requested that district representatives help develop the definition of “affiliate membership.” Suggestions should be presented at the June 6 state board meeting. Serious consideration in defining “affiliate member” status must include the priority in approving applications to host tournaments for full member clubs versus affiliate members.

SOCCER FEST 2000

Mr. Ross state that the success of Soccer Fest 2000 depends on the number of coaches that attend. Mr. Ross also stated there will be mandatory meetings on Friday evening for tournament directors and league commissioners/directors. Any club which has an approved tournament for 2000, is required to attend the tournament directors meeting on Friday, March 3. Should the tournament director or hosting club president fail to attend, sanctioning for the 2001 event may be denied. Mr. Ross also stated that a state cup meeting for Spring games may also take place. Mr. Ross stated, there will be no charge to attend Soccer Fest 2000; however, there will be a charge to attend the Annual Awards Banquet which is scheduled immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Ross stated that nominations for the Annual Awards deadline is September 1, 1999. Nominations must be submitted by clubs to the district board. The district board must submit district winners to the WYSA executive board by September 1. Only nominations submitted by the district board will be eligible for consideration by the WYSA Executive board. Nomination forms will be sent out prior to the June 6 state board meeting.

US YOUTH NATIONAL CUPS CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Wisconsin has drawn a wild card bid in the Under-18 Boys division for youth regionals at Sioux Falls, SD. This wild card slot will be offered to the Under-18 Runner Up. Should the Runner Up not accept the invitation, then the two remaining semi-finalists might have a play-off to determine which team will represent Wisconsin as the wild card.

DISTRICT REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR:

Each WYSA recognized district has been directed to appoint a “District Referee Administrator” by the State Board of Directors. The DRA may sit as an “ex officio” member of the district board. The DRA facilitates the recruitment, training, registration and scheduling of referees within a geographic location for league play, tournaments and National Cups competition. Districts are directed to submit names prior to the June 6 state board meeting to the state office.

MYTHS OF THE GAME:

US Soccer has produced an 18 minute video regarding "Myths of the Game." One copy was distributed to each district- through the district representative in attendance. The video should be shown during pre-season coaches meetings and during meetings with parents of member clubs. Additional copies are available through the state office at a charge of \$19.95 each copy.

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES:

A map showing the proposed new service area and district boundaries will be available prior to the June 6 state board meeting.

DISTRICT ACTION:

The Lakeshore and Flyway Districts have not met per WYSA Constitutional requirements for at least two years. As such, these two districts have been placed in "NOT GOOD STANDING" and are no longer recognized by the WYSA. Mr. Oppenweier motioned that the Lakeshore and Flyway districts be disbanded. Motion seconded by Mr. Zaremba. Motion passed.

For the purposes of player registration, each club that was assigned to either of these two districts will register directly with the state office. Clubs in these two geographic locations may be reassigned to the East Central District for registration and league play purposes.

STATE CUP 1999/2000

Mr. Clarksen discussed proposals to the 1999/2000 tournament which included moving the entry deadline to late February 2000; changing the roster freeze date; seeding the previous year's semi-finalists (top four finishers); and dropping the Under-11 and Under-12 divisions from the state cup. These are topics of discussion for leagues and additional thoughts should be presented at the June 6 state board meeting.

OTHER**REFEREE ASSIGNORS (TOURNAMENTS)**

Mr. Peters reiterated the mandate approved by the State Board of Directors that approved tournaments for 2000 must have a USSF registered Assignor. Mr. Peters will schedule an assignor course late fall 1999. Tournaments using non-registered assignors in 2000 may be denied sanctioning approval for 2001.

TRY OUT DATES FOR SOUTHERN WISCONSIN

Mr. Kasten proposed that the current date to begin team try outs (June 1) be moved to after July 4 holiday weekend. Try outs in early June have adverse affects on teams competing in state cup and league championships.

President Podewils appointed Mr. Kasten to chair the sub-committee on this topic and to have a prepared report for the June 6 state board meeting. Such a policy would affect clubs in these Southern Wisconsin counties; i.e., Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Jefferson, Washington, Racine and Kenosha. Districts in these counties should have representation on this sub-committee.

adidas SPONSORSHIP

President Podewils spoke on the state of the adidas contact. It has not been signed and further information is needed to determine the level of commitment by WYSA to meet contract requirements. The contract benefits the ODP players & coaches. It was noted that such an agreement should benefit all WYSA players.

FOR THE GOOD OF SOCCER

Mr. Ross stated that the Association has "Category 3" ticket packages available for the Womens World Cup double headers in Chicago this summer.

Mr. Schroeder stated the omitting tournaments held later in the summer and fall from the Wisconsin Soccer Post was poor judgement and that all tournaments should be listed in each issue of the newspaper.

NEXT MEETING

The next state board meeting will be Sunday, June 6, 1999 at the Holiday Inn – Select in Appleton. It is to begin at 8:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Janasik
WYSA Secretary