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## WYSA State Board Meeting Minutes

6/8/13

Appleton, WI

In Attendance: Peter Mariahazy – President, Terry Donini – Vice-President, Toby Whipple – Secretary, Mary Jo Parkins – Treasurer, Melissa Vukovic – Executive Director, Nathan Thompkins – Racine (via teleconference), Ken Ward – ODP (via teleconference), Dawn King – East Central, Sal Garcia – SYRA, Hunter Tyler – Northwest, Ernie Englund – Kenosha, Rhonda Terry – Waukesha, Chris Yustus – Midway, Sandy Cowan - Stateline

Guests/Staff: Jim Launder – DOC

Absent: Peter Saemann – Metro, (Vacant Seat) – Ozaukee, Chris Lay – MAYSA, Andy Olson – Southwest, Alvaro Garcia Velez – Milwaukee Kickers

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

Motion: To approve the minutes from the 1/12/13 and 2/9/13 Board meetings. Moved by Terry Donini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie Englund. *Motion Passed*

### President's Update – Peter Mariahazy

Peter gave a brief update on the recent USSF AGM that he attended. The Wisconsin Soccer League was approved as the sanctioned adult soccer association in Wisconsin.

The WSA legal action and DWD hearing has been resolved. WSA did not attend the hearing, so any claim against WYSA was dropped.

Sandy Cowan joined the meeting at this point (approximately 9:25 AM).

Peter advised the Board that we are looking into hiring a part-time Social Media and Marketing person. A job description is being formulated for approval.

Nike became the official apparel supplier of the USYSA, effective January 1, 2013.

### Vice President / Director of Competitions Report – Terry Donini

State Championships and President Cup play concluded last weekend in Appleton. The fields were in great condition and prepared extremely well for the matches.

Jim Launder indicated that he thought the level of play, especially at the younger age groups, was very good.

Terry and Jim indicated that Youth Academy accreditation is on-going and going very well. There will be an Academy Division this fall in southeast Wisconsin for league play.

There was a discussion about US Club tryout dates, club affiliation, etc. versus the WYSA tryout dates and rules. WYSA staff will inform WYSA member families of the situation with US Club and their tryouts, etc.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Jo Parkins

Mary Jo briefly reviewed the 2012/13 association financials thru April 30, 2013 that were included in the Board packet.

Peter advised the Board that there will be an approximately \$13,000 hit to the budget from legal fees associated with a player transfer hearing.

Motion: To approve the financial report from the Treasurer as presented in the packet. Moved by Sal Garcia, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Cowan. *Motion Passed*

Executive Director's Report – Melissa Vukovic

There was a discussion about obtaining background checks on key club volunteers. A proposal will be forthcoming at our October meeting.

WYSA is partnering with another organization to bring Abby Wambach to Wisconsin on November 2, 2013. There is a website setup with details on how players can participate. It is a fundraising event. We will hold our Board meeting November 2, 2013 in conjunction with this event.

Lionel Messi will be doing an event at Soldier Field in Chicago on July 6, 2013.

New Business

Motion: To approve the Event and Tournament teams definitions

***Event Teams***

*Event teams are defined as teams that are formed for competition in a particular event, i.e. tournaments, showcases, or league competitions that allow event teams. An event team allows a player to maintain their existing obligation to their club and team, but also be placed on an event roster for a specific competition. Event teams can be composed of players from multiple clubs. Approval from the home club is necessary for participation. The competition shall define roster requirements. All event teams will be authorized and processed by the State Office.*

***Tournament Only Teams***

*Tournament only teams are defined as teams registered with a club, whose players are exclusively rostered to a team in the club. The team does not participate in a sanctioned league; its competitions are limited to tournaments. All standard player registration and team rostering rules apply. This includes but is not limited to, rosters sizes, age eligibility, and coach requirements. The procedure to obtain approvals, team rosters and player passes also remains the same as a team playing in leagues.*

Moved by Ernie Englund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hunter Tyler. *Motion Passed*

Peter advised the Board that Metro and Ozaukee Districts are not functioning as they are required to by our Association policies. Action needs to taken this year to get these Districts functioning

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properly or have the affected clubs moved to a different District. He also gave a brief history of how the District alignment has evolved within WYSA over the years.

For the Good of Soccer

Ken wanted to know when the notification goes out regarding volunteer awards. He was advised it is in August.

Sal advised the Board about some problems with coach behavior in Wisconsin recently. Poor coach and parent behavior continues to have a dramatic impact on losing referees.

Peter declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.