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Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association
State Board Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2010
Milwaukee, WI

In Attendance: Peter Mariahazy – President, Terry Donini – Vice-President, Toby Whipple – Secretary & WSA Board Representative, Yvonne Bennett – Executive Director, Jody Knauss – MAYSA, Andy Olson – Southwest, Sandy Cowan – Stateline, Ernie Englund – Kenosha, Steve Harris – Milwaukee Kickers, Dawn King – East Central, Howard Hoffman – Midway, Carl Micke – WSA Board Representative, Wayne Howard – Racine, Chris Munden – Northwest, Beth Bishop Perrigo – ODP, Ken Ward – Waukesha, Tricia Wessel-Blaski – Ozaukee, Peter Saemann – Metro, Sue Walter – SYRA,

Guests / Staff: Tom Mesalk – SRA/SDA, Craig Carlson – WYSA Associate DOC, Patrick Hodgins – WYSA Program Administrator

Absent: Mary Jo Parkins – Treasurer, Arlyn Clarksen and Kurt Sonnentag – WSA Board Representatives

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

Peter asked everyone to complete their Conflict of Interest forms and turn them into Yvonne.

Motion: To approve the minutes from the June 12, 2010 State Board meeting as written. Moved by Terry Donini, 2nd by Ernie Englund. *Motion Passed*

Vice President / Competitions Report – Terry Donini
Terry reviewed his report that was included in the Board packet.

Terry reviewed the Southeast Wisconsin select tryout policy that was implemented last spring. The new tryout policy generally was well accepted; however, there were some clubs that would like the time allowed for a player to accept a roster position to be reduced to 24 hours, before a club can offer the position to another player.

Motion: To reduce the time for a player to accept a select team roster position from 72 hours to 24 hours before the club can offer the spot to another player. Moved by Sandy Cowan, 2nd by Terry Donini. *Motion Passed*

Terry initiated a discussion regarding State Leagues starting and ending dates. Dates for spring 2011 will be 4/30/11 (start) and 6/19/11 (end).

Terry and Patrick initiated an extensive discussion by the Board regarding how teams are promoted or relegated at U11/12, putting less emphasis on winning. They are to bring back additional information to the next board meeting in February.

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President's Update – Peter Mariahazy

Peter reminded the Board that the 2011 WYSA AGM will be held March 19, 2011 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The Board was encouraged to stay that evening for the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame banquet that will also be held at Lambeau that evening. WSCA HOF banquet tickets will be purchased for all WYSA Board members wishing to attend. Yvonne is handling RSVPs and ticket orders for Board members.

Carl Micke gave an update on the LOC activities in preparation for the USYSA Region II Championships that will be held in Fox Cities area in June 2011. There is a need for 700-800 volunteers for this event. Suggestion was made that this is a good opportunity for young referees to volunteer as field marshalls.

Peter reviewed the memo regarding what is happening with online coaching education programs with USYSA. We will be looking into this in more detail in the future. Craig Carlson indicated that he did a small control group study with it in the Madison area and it was quite successful.

Peter discussed the WYSA Consolidated Policy Manual concept and format with the Board. Input from the Board was generally very positive with a few added links required on “where to go” for additional information on a few particular subjects.

Peter discussed what should be done with the position of WYSA Registrar with the advent of League One online registration. Peter has discussed this with Mary Clarksen, our current Registrar, and she is in agreement that the position really should be eliminated. Peter indicated that this recommended By-Law change will be put on the agenda for the 2011 AGM.

Peter asked the Board members to consider going to the USYSA Workshop in Louisville in February 2011. WYSA will pay for the “early bird” registration fee (\$100) for any Board member wishing to attend. Please let Yvonne know of your interest by December 15, 2010.

Peter is currently Chairman of the Wisconsin State Referee Committee. He gave the Board an update regarding what is happening with the reorganization of that SRC. Tom Mesalk and Sue Walter also gave some additional insight regarding the functioning of the SRC.

Peter gave the Board an update on the status of the audit regarding the separate incorporation of WYSA from WSA/WASA.

Motion: To recommend that President Peter Mariahazy send a letter of complaint to USSF specifically addressing the lack of response from WSA regarding the audit relative to the WYSA Incorporation. Moved Carl Micke, 2nd by Sandy Cowan. *Motion Passed*

Yvonne gave a brief review of the USYSA Region II meeting held October 23, 2010 in Appleton.

Peter advised everyone to nominate deserving individuals for WSA Hall of Fame consideration.

Motion: To rescind the motion from the previous Board meeting to table action on tournament teams to the next meeting. Moved by Ken Ward, 2nd by Sandy Cowan. *Motion Passed*

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Motion: To table the motion regarding tournament teams to the next Board meeting. Moved by Carl Micke, 2nd by Sandy Cowan. *Motion Passed*

Meeting was adjourned for a 5-minute break at 11:15 AM. Terry Donini left the meeting immediately after the break.

The meeting reconvened at 11:20 AM.

Treasurer's Report – Peter Mariahazy & Yvonne Bennett

The financial reports as distributed in the Board packet were briefly reviewed by Yvonne in the absence of Treasurer, Mary Jo Parkins.

Executive Director's Report – Yvonne Bennett

Yvonne briefly reviewed her report as presented in the Board packet.

Motion: To confirm the addition of the following new clubs as members of WYSA - ACE SC (Racine District), Coulee Region United SA (Southwest District), Milton SC (MAYSA), Portage Youth SA (MAYSA), Sun Prairie SC (MAYSA). Moved by Ken Ward, 2nd by Peter Saemann. *Motion Passed*

The Board requested that the State Office issue invoicing as of October 1, 2010 player registrations in League One.

Motion: To make the Team Disbanding Policy permanent, rather than having to be approved on a yearly basis. Moved by Howard Hoffman, 2nd by Andy Olson. *Motion Passed*

The Board reaffirmed proceeding with spending the originally budgeted \$6,000 dollars for the Soccer Across America program in Wisconsin, even though the national funding may not be forthcoming.

WYSA Coaching Staff Update – Craig Carlson

Craig gave a brief update on coaching training sessions and activities being conducted by himself and Jim Launder.

Toby Whipple and Ken Ward left the meeting at 12:00 PM.

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Peter advised the Board that at the next AGM the President and Secretary positions are up for elections. Peter and Toby are both planning running for reelection of their respective positions.

Peter advised the Board that there will be a USYSA State Association Presidents' meeting in Dallas, TX on December 11, 2010.

Sandy Cowan indicated that the Comet Classic Memorial Day weekend tournament in Delavan would like to again be sanctioned by WYSA. Peter to follow-up with tournament organizers.

Sandy indicated that he felt League One had been an "awesome addition" by WYSA.

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The next Board meeting date and location were set for February 5, 2011 in Appleton, WI.

Dawn King mentioned that she would like to see WYSA streamline the player pass processing to allow it to be handled by the clubs. The consensus of the Board was to not change the policy or process at the present time. Staff will look into the feasibility of handling and printing the Player Pass photos digitally.

Sue Walter, SYRA, discussed upcoming referee certification and recertification courses. Assignor and assignor recertification courses will be scheduled. Sue will provide schedules to Yvonne when they are set. Info is also posted on the Wisconsin Referees website.

The Arbiter system will be cleared for the spring 2011 season after January 1, 2011.

Clubs need to update their team contact information in Arbiter.

Peter indicated that in the future he is trying to align the referee units to the WYSA District structure.

President Mariahazy adjourned the meeting at 12:55 PM.