

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association
State Board of Directors Minutes
November 6 and 7th, 2004
Wisconsin Dells, WI

In Attendance: John McCue (Southwest), Robert Neiman (SEGCL), Mike Jaworski (Racine), Todd Collins (Racine), Condy Dixon (Ozaukee), Toby Whipple (Kickers), Carl Miche (East Central), Ann Girard (East Central), Keith Mc Hugh (MAYSA), Bill Stroud (MAYSA), Tom Schedler (Stateline), Sandy Cowan (Stateline), Ken Peiper (Northwest), Fred Weissenburger (Northwest), Bill Podewils (President), Stuart Jones (Tournament Sanctioning), Terry Donini (Secretary), Peter Mariahazy (Treasurer), Mike Lekan (Vice President), Dave Flanagan (Director of Leagues), Sue Walters (State Youth Referee Administrator), Ernie England (Kenosha), Mary Clarkson (State Registrar), Arlyn Clarkson (State Cup), Ken Ward (Waukesha), Fred Weissenburger (Northwest)

Staff in attendance: Chris Brown and Kelly Ross

Old Business

Approved the June 5, 2004 WI Youth Soccer board minutes

Motion: Arlyn Clarkson 2nd Stuart Jones

Motion passes

New Business

TOURNAMENT SANCTION REPORT

Stuart Jones indicated there are approximately 75 tournaments sanctioned per year by the Tournament Sanctioning Committee. Requirements to host a tournament are: payment of all club fees, 2 US Youth Soccer forms, all state forms, a lightning detector, if small sided (then a form attaching rules of tournament), a post tournament report 30 days after completion. As of this November board meeting five clubs have presented incomplete information in their application to host a tournament. For future reference WRef.org will post a sample of tournament rules on their websites.

Motion: All outstanding tournament sanctioning paperwork must be turned into the tournament sanctioning committee by November 15 for tournaments to be sanctioned for the 2005 tournament year.

Arlyn Clarkson
2nd Ernie England

Motion passes

Motion: Starting in the 2006 tournament sanctioning year, complete applications must be turned into the tournament sanctioning committee by October 1, 2005. Failure to do so will result in the tournament not being sanctioned. Tournaments that are not sanctioned because of lack of compliance or incomplete paperwork may appeal to the WI Youth Soccer Executive Committee.

Arlyn Clarkson
2nd Ernie England

Motion passes

Motion: To notify those tournaments that have not turned in their outstanding 2004 post-tournament sanctioning report to do so by November 15, 2004 or face sanctioning (denial) of future tournaments.

Peter Mariahazy
2nd Robert Niemann

Motion passes

State office staff will send out letter the week of November 7th, 2004 to club presidents to indicate that post tournament paperwork is overdue.

STATE YOUTH REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR

Sue Walters provided a report detailing referee registration, clinics and instruction, referee assessment and assignors. Currently, there are 3,054 individuals from Wisconsin registered as referees with the USSF. A majority of referees in the state are level 8 & 9. 111 are level 7 referees, 45 are state level, and 1 is a national level referee. 2662 referees have been recertified.

There are 58 referee assessors, 23 of which were new in 2004. The assessor crew served 18 tournaments throughout the state from Milwaukee, Madison, Fox Valley, Delavan, Wisconsin Rapids and Eau Claire. Additionally they have served as assessor in both boys and girls state cups. Wisconsin sent 18 referees and 3 mentors to the Youth Regionals in Rockford this past summer.

Beginning in 2005, club presidents will be asked to fill out and return to the SYRA the name and contact information of their licensed referee assignor.

Given current competition levels from high school and college soccer games and compensation referees receive, WI Youth Soccer might want to reevaluate current fee structure. This is a report only, no action taken.

STATE CUP 2004

Fall 2004 marked the first year of the round robin format for boys and girls. Age brackets were open to all teams, play in games were assigned to reduce brackets down to 16 teams. Games were played over 2 weeks in September. Feedback on the event proved positive. Dave Flanagan expressed concerns about state cup taking up two weekends, indicating that the event, combined with three other block-out dates already offered to state league teams, greatly reduces available dates for state league teams to play on. The WI Youth Soccer Association is looking for sites to host finals and semi finals. The Executive Committee asked the tournament sanctioning committee to not hold competitive tournaments on Memorial Day weekend and the first weekend in June. This is a report only, no action taken.

Coaching Education and ODP

Chris Brown indicated that he has appointed two new Olympic Development head coaches. Lee Federer as the boys and Craig Carlson as the girls. He feels the ODP coaching staff is becoming more representative of prominent D-1, D-2 and D-3 Wisconsin based collegiate programs. In the area of coaching education, Chris and the staff have provided the following educational opportunities. They include 1 C license course, 8 D license courses 19 "E" certificate courses and 45 "G" certificate courses. He is currently exploring the possibility of holding a national youth license course with Illinois and Missouri and a USSF C license course in July of 2005.

On another note Chris indicated that he and Dave Carlson were developing a U-11 Center for Excellence program. U11 center of excellence is designed for each club to send 4-5 kids to skills enhancement training sessions. He had been considering locations in the Madison/Milwaukee area but was having difficulty finding a facility. He recently found a location in the East Central Soccer District.

TOP Soccer

John Janasik provided a written report updating the board on Topsoccer program. Bill Podewils encouraged the Southwest and Northwest districts to look into Topsoccer programs. A request from a parent of a current Topsoccer parent was made of John Janasik to look into developing programs for older Top soccer group. This is a report only, no action taken.

STATE REGISTRAR

Mary Clarkson provided a report detailing responsibilities of district and club registrars. Those responsibilities include gathering and inputting player information into current registration programs, collection of fees, development and distribution of team rosters, developing player passes and preparing yearly player database. District registrars verify and forward all collected data to WI Youth Soccer Association.

WI Youth Soccer Association has used Logical Solution Software for past 10-12 years. Currently 12 districts and 135 clubs are using some version of this program. Future registration goals include revising and improving registration policies to promote consistency and accurate registration of players and coaches, better communication from state registrar, state staff and board relating to policies and procedures on registration issues, development of procedures and forms pertaining to player change of status forms (transfers, releases and out-of-state players) and conducting research regarding the latest registration technology. This is a report only, no action taken.

BUDGET REVIEW

Peter Mariahazy presented information on the 2004-05 budget. In building this budget he reviewed and highlighted 3 areas of the 2003-04 budget where cost overruns occurred. Insurance costs including liability, health, and workman's comp, unemployment and property and casualty insurance. Another area was meetings which include Executive Board member's travel and participation in USSF and USYSA meetings and equipment leasing expenses due to lease of a new Cannon Copy machine with internet capabilities. Peter noted that the State Association also absorbed the 2003-04 US Youth Soccer 25 cent increase of for player registration, he also noted the there will be another 25 cent increase in the 2004 – 05 budget, making it a \$1.00 total fee increase that will be passed on to clubs for the 2004-05 seasonal year. It should be noted that all fee increases in budget are due to USYSA increases and cost of insurance.

Discussion took place on eliminating the current hard copy newsletter and going directly to a web-based document. There is a need to research current advertising commitments if we move in that direction.

Peter suggested that we will need to do a hardware and software audit sometime in the near future. Computer equipment often has a 3-5 year life span and most of the equipment is nearing that stage.

As insurance cost rises we will look into bidding out risk management for the 2005-07 year. We are still looking for someone to consult with on insurance and risk management issues. The youth board asked that we attempt to get insurance companies to finalize bid packages by July 1st.

Player registration fees 2005-06

\$6.50 - recreational player

\$9.00 - competitive/classic player

\$1.80 - insurance fee, approved as a friendly amendment

Motion: To approve current budget to present at the 2005 Youth AGM with a friendly amendment attached establishing \$1.80, the current insurance fee.

Keith McHugh

2nd Tom Schedler

Motion passes

State Line Recreational Club Pass Proposal

State Line District Rep Sandy Cowan presented a proposal to allow utilization of the player club pass program for State Line recreational teams. It allows for State Line recreational teams to roster 1 player over the minimum roster size at a particular age level in order to utilize the club pass program to fill in players up to the maximum roster size in that particular age group. State Line recreational players could move either laterally or up an age group or level of play. State Line would initiate this program in Fall 2005 for a 3 year period.

Motion: To accept the State Line District proposal to allow the use of player club passes for recreational team.

Sandy Cowan
2nd Ken Ward

Peter Mariahazy offered a friendly amendment to reduce trial time period from 3 years to 2 as that is past practice of Board in approving prior pilot project. Dave Flanagan offered a friendly amendment indicating that this project should follow all the state and national rules. Both Sandy Cowan and Ken Ward accepted the friendly amendments.

Motion passes

Licensing Requirement Review

Dave Flanagan, Director of Leagues, proposed a change in licensing requirements for U-15 and older classic level teams reducing the licensure requirements from a USSF D to a USSF E. Licensure requirements for U-15 and older level State League Premier and 1st Division team coaches would remain the same.

Motion: To allow U-15 and older classic level team coaches maintain a minimum of an E level license to coach.

Dave Flanagan
2nd Bill Stroud

Friendly amendment offered
Bill Podeweils and 2nd by Ken Ward:

Amending the proposal to indicate that Classic A Level coaches should still be held to the D license requirement because of the potential for their movement as coaches/teams into 1st Division of the State Leagues. Sandy Cowan called for a point of order in the discussion as the friendly amendment had not been seconded.

Motion: To accept the friendly amendment requiring Classic A Level to maintain a D level license.

Motion Fails

Motion: to allow U-15 and older classic level team coaches maintain a minimum of an E level license to coach.

Dave Flanagan
2nd Bill Stroud

Motion passes

Northwest District Roster Size Exemption Proposal

Northwest Soccer District representative Ken Peiper set forth a proposal asking to exceed the maximum roster size as set by state and national rules by as much as 33%.

Motion: To table until Sunday November 7th was offered to the written proposal could be distributed to the Board.

Peter Mariahazy
2nd Ken Ward

Motion passes

The proposal to bring back the Northwest roster size exemption request was introduced at the start of the youth board meeting on November 7th, 2004. The written proposal was distributed to board members.

Motion: To approve for a 2 year time period Northwest Soccer Districts proposal to exceed WI Youth Soccer Association roster size limits by 33%

Arlyn Clarkson
2nd Stuart Jones

Motion passes

For the Good of Soccer:

Peter Mariahazy commented that he thought a periodic weekend Youth Board meeting was a good idea as a way of doing a more thorough review of the business of soccer and a way to develop better relationships among board members. Many other board members agreed.

The Youth Board asked that Program Directors submit reports 30 days ahead of board meetings.

Registration, State Leagues, and Tournament deadlines should adhere to by all member clubs

The Annual General Meeting will be held Saturday, March 5, 2005; exact location to be determined. It is anticipated the Wisconsin Soccer Association meeting will be held in the morning and the Youth AGM will be held in the afternoon. Offices up for re-election include President, Secretary, and 2 Youth representatives to the Wisconsin Soccer Association State Board.

Carl Micke spoke with the board about the preparation and planning the was taking place in the East Central Soccer District as they prepare to host the 2006 Regional event.

Terry Donini
Secretary
WI Youth Soccer Association