

Perry Woodford, President, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2013, and offered the following agenda items:

Agenda Item: **Attendance**

SOC Members in Attendance: Mike Todd, Perry Woodford, Stephanie Koerner, Doug Andreassen, Terry Fisher, Tom Ament, Ron Witherup, Matt Moran, Kim Calkins, Greg Rogers, Will Niccolls, Hal Uderitz

SOC Members in Attendance via Teleconference: Gail Zimbelman, Todd Lincoln, Lance Calloway, Brian Cregg, Brian Curl

Guests in Attendance: Bill Nuttall

Discussion: Having taken attendance and found seventeen of the members present, either in person or by teleconference, Ron Witherup noted that a quorum sufficient to conduct business had been established.

Agenda Item: **Consent Agenda – Approval of Minutes**

Motion: RESOLVED that the Soccer Operations Committee hereby endorses and approves the minutes from the meeting of January 26, 2013, as presented, and the minutes from the meeting of March 8, 2013, as presented.

Offered by: First: Todd Lincoln Second: Tom Ament

Vote: Vote approved unanimously

Agenda Item: **Operation Documents – Rules of Competition**

Discussion: Perry Woodford presented updated version of the Operation Document – Rules of Competition. Perry noted that very little feedback had been received regarding the proposed changes. Tom Ament and Perry had done the majority of the review and update.

Hal Uderitz commented that field sizes for 9v9 U10 and U11 should be the same. Tom Ament explained the guidelines were set to accommodate all leagues and the desire was not to be too restrictive. The Operational Document (OD) is the broadest spectrum and this is the bounds by which all leagues must follow. Mike Todd noted that the RCS minutes that reference field size for U10 does not fit within the guidelines presented in the OD. It was suggested to make changes to the Rules to meet the RCS requirements. Perry noted he will make the changes to the OD.

Hal Uderitz noted that WYS uses different field sizes for each age group, vs other parts of the country that field sizes are set at U8,10,12. Perry suggested that this be reviewed for next year's revision.

Will Niccolls asked about Penalty Kicks for U10's. OD says there are no PK's, however, WYS soccer uses PK's in tournaments. Will suggested to change U10's to 'yes' and make it from 10 yards in the OD. Mike Todd felt that if we make this change then the SOC is telling recreational leagues they can start having PK's. Mike suggested adding the wording that PK's for U10's is "optional" and not 'yes'.

Mike Todd suggested adding a column that says maximum game roster.

Discussion about keeping rule 4.1.1.1 requiring 50% playing time during a game in the OD. Some SOC members felt it should be removed, others felt it needs to stay. Suggestion was made to change the wording to, "the goal is to have" 50% playing time.

Motion:

RESOLVED that the Soccer Operations Committee hereby approves the changes made to the Operation Document – Rules of Competition with the following modifications:

- 9v9 U10 and U11 field sizes should be the same
- Rule 1.4, Penalty Mark for U10 changed to Optional and 10 Yards
- Rule 3.1, add column for Maximum roster and game size.
- Rule 4.1.1.1 change to "It is a recommended goal that" each player will receive 50% playing time.

Offered by:

First: Kasey O'Leary

Second: Mike Todd

Vote:

Vote approved unanimously

Agenda Item: **Old Business**

Discussion:

Perry Woodford presented the Soccer Operations Committee Structure Document. Perry questioned what should the documented makeup of the SOC committee be. Suggestions were provided to Perry who stated he would update the document and send to the SOC members.

Discussion:

Brian Curl presented the idea of forming a statewide super league for select teams starting the fall of 2013. Brian felt it would be difficult to get a league created in time for fall, but is doable. Another option would be to start with the Girls High School ages in the spring. Tom Ament commented the challenge would be to seed teams. He is in favor of the league and encourages to start this fall and to have the league administered by the state office. Doug Andreassen desires the league ensures that diverse memberships of Washington are included. Mike Todd is in favor of having more discussions about the league, but would not vote in favor of the league until more discussions and approvals with select leagues in the state have been accomplished. Kim Calkins stated that there have been numerous discussions with the

select leagues and lots of support. Brian Cregg, representing District 7, is in full support of the league and excited to get it started. Brian suggests starting with one or two age groups versus all age groups the first year.

There was concurrence from all members for Brian Curl to move forward with more conversations and detail gathering.

Discussion: Select Sub Committee (written report attached).

Brian Curl inquired if more people can participate in the committee if not every District submits a rep. SOC feels it's important to have representation from all districts, however, need to keep the committee manageable. Should have as many members as needed and try to make it representative. Brian Curl wanted to impress upon the SOC how important state cups games are to the select level teams. Lance Calloway stated that the SOC and sub committees should fully explore ideas before implanting them within policy and operations. Ideas need to be fully vetted to the membership and implementation needs to slow down and not be a knee jerk reaction.

Discussion: Perry Woodford proposed to update the Operation Document – Judicial to remove the requirement that referee do not show coaches cards. This change would align with other youth leagues in the state and would remove the confusion if a coach was cautioned or not.

Motion: RESOLVED that the Soccer Operations Committee hereby approves to make a change to the Operation Document – Judicial that referees will show coaches caution and send off cards.

Offered by: First: Tom Ament Second: Stephanie Koerner

Vote: Vote approved unanimously

Discussion: Perry Woodford presented the concept of changing the nomination process for the “of the year” awards. Currently only players and parents nominate. Perry would like the state and SOC to review who can nominate to include state employees, districts, associations, and clubs.

Agenda Item: **New Business**

Discussion: Perry Woodford requested if any SOC member was interested in filling any of the three SOC Director's positions. No nominations were submitted.

Motion: RESOLVED that the Soccer Operations Committee hereby extends for another year the SOC Director position's as currently filled:

- President – Perry Woodford
- Vice President – Brian Cregg
- Secretary – Ron Witherup



Offered by: First: Mike Todd Second: Brian Cregg

Vote: Vote approved unanimously

Discussion: Perry Woodford presented that the SOC has judicial authority over inter-district leagues. In house leagues creation does not need SOC approval. SOC needs to monitor inter-district leagues to ensure leagues are not created that cannibalize existing leagues.

Motion: RESOLVED that the Soccer Operations Committee approves the creation of the South County League.

Offered by: First: Tom Ament Second: Todd Lincoln

Vote: Vote approved unanimously

Discussion: Founders and Challenge Cup - Matt Moran gave a brief overview of the current progress of the cups. Nothing concerning to report.

Discussion: Perry Woodford presented the written reports, attached.

Agenda Item: **Adjournment**

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2013 with the consensus of the Committee.