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## **Annual Player Fee Meeting**

January 23, 2016

Embassy Suites Seattle-Tacoma International Airport  
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**Meeting called to order at 9:06 AM** – Board of Directors President, Daren Mancini

**Roll Call** – Board of Directors Secretary, Hill Hurme

**Moment of Silence** – Dave Painton and Scott Sangyren

**Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2015 Annual General Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes, approved as presented, no abstentions

**Washington Youth Soccer Player Fee Proposal and Vote** – Motion to approve no player fee increase, motion seconded, no abstentions. Proposal of no player fee increase is approved.

### **Washington Youth Soccer RMA Report**

Hillary Beehler, WA Youth Soccer Senior Director, discusses RMA invoicing for 2015-2016. WA Youth Soccer refunded excess revenue for the 2014-2015 seasonal year on a per player basis to Member Associations. Moving forward, WA Youth Soccer will email RMA invoices to all Member Associations.

WA Youth Soccer has approached Kendra Comeau, Attorney at Wilton Smith Cochran Dickerson, to advise on all things Risk Management and assist with providing more resources to our members.

### **U.S. Soccer Update**

Kim Calkins, Technical Director, emphasizes that WA Youth Soccer is ahead of the curve regarding implementing the birth year and small sided games mandate.

**Recreation** – The Rec Sub Committee has been discussing new mandates at length. For the birth year change, the larger Associations are taking a layered approach – instituting the change at the lower age levels and grandfather the older teams until they age out of the system, while the smaller Associations are implementing the change at all age levels for fall 2016. As a whole, the Committee agrees that the Clubs have to play under their Association's decisions.

**NPSL** – The NPSL will start creating league brackets based on calendar age groups starting with the fall 2016 season. The NPSL will defer to Clubs and Associations for team formation, but teams will not be allowed to have players participate that are too old for the bracket in which they are playing. NPSL will continue to have placement meetings to form the divisions within the brackets through open dialogue with the participating Clubs to facilitate placement for appropriate level of competition.



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RCL – Rob Walker, Regional Club Subcommittee member, presents how the RCL is looking to implement the mandates and things to keep in mind. They are looking to educate coaches and staff about the changes through town meetings, webinars and calendar year training. Currently many players may be playing up and with the change to calendar year, may become significantly overmatched, so it is very important to be more vigilant with playing up. In order to play up, the player must be in the top 5 of the “A” team group of that age and there must be agreement between the coach and DOC that the player will not be negatively affected by the training demand for that player in the move in order to play up.

Concussions/Heading – It is currently being discussed that U10 and below would not be able to head the ball, while U11-U13 is allowed to head the ball but with a practice time constraint.

#### Member Services & Community Outreach Update

- Start of the *Soccer for Success* Season: February 22
- TOPSoccer Symposium: April 1-3
- NW Harvest Food Drive: Feb 16-22

Tony Clarke, Member Services & Outreach Coordinator, announces that WA Youth Soccer recently received a grant in order to launch a Respect and Fair Play campaign.

#### Washington Youth Soccer 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Update

WA Youth Soccer will have Soccer Celebrations throughout the year at local Member Association events, which will culminate with the 50 Year Anniversary Gala on September 9, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency.

#### Good of the Game

Angela Huber received the US Youth Soccer Girls Recreation Coach of the Year award.

Four EPD teams were crowned Champions at the US Youth Soccer Region IV ODP Championships – Boys 99, Boys 01, Girls 02 and Girls 03. Boys 99 will be heading to Nationals.

Perry Woodford was honored at the meeting. The BU11 division of Founders Cup will implement a perpetual trophy in honor of Perry Woodford; the BU11 Founders Cup Perry Woodford trophy.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 10:57 PM.