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Annual General Meeting
May 14th 2011 9:00 AM
Holiday Inn, Renton WA- Evergreen Ballroom

Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM – Board of Directors President Doug Andreassen

Roll Call – Steve Scranton, Board Director

Elizabeth Flannery, Director of Marketing and Communications, gives housekeeping remarks in regards to microphone set up and topics for discussion in the Cedar room which is listed in packet.

Approval of January 29, 2011 Player Fee Meeting Minutes - Petition to approve minutes – approved at 9:11 AM

Nominees for Board of Directors

Wade Foley: Wishes to please be considered for this role as he has lots of knowledge streaming from his time as former President of Northwest Nationals.

Paula Griffin: Involved with Washington Youth Soccer since 2008 and currently has two sons who play. Noted her excitement for Washington Youth Soccer because of her children's involved and thus wants to be part of a board. Background is as therapist who works with underserved, underprivileged.

Patrick Madden: Involvement steams from children playing for Northwest Nationals. An attorney by trade and will bring orientation processes to strengthen board procedures and to strengthen guiding coaches and players.

James Maicco: Background as an attorney and whose passion for soccer started at a young age in Southern California. Upon moving to Washington in high school played in the Seattle organization. He is hoping to advance opportunities for all players through a growth in relationships with business while focusing on E. Washington/Hispanic underserved. Relevant experience has been in building public/private relationships.

Danny Vaughn: Previously played soccer as a member of the state organization. Born in Tacoma and has been involved in coaching, he is particularly enthusiastic about working with Terry as he once played for Terry with Calgary Boomers. He is in technology sales and will being a listening ear to organizations and focus on building relationships.

Doug Andreassen: Has been the President of Washington Youth Soccer for 3 years and has led the organization through lots of changes and progress. He wants to spend his final cycle focusing on communication and improving the flow of information.

Open for questions from membership. No questions.

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Board of Directors Election - Discussion Topics from Membership on Election

Questions on process – how many positions open vs. how many candidates? There are 6 candidates and six open positions.

Question on weighting votes for full slate – Jan Philips: Board Members commented that at the level of 15 board director positions, if full slate selected, that would count as a vote per person on slate .Discussion between Board Members and Membership regarding voting weights and the process of voting for the full slate.

Question for reason on board director positions being expanded to 15 – Doug Andreassen responded that in trying to have a successful board, the number was increased to 15, which would give enough members to create diversity and professionalism.

Question – Is there an effort being made that the board comes from geographically representation? Doug Andreassen responded that there was indeed a sincere effort always made to have geographic representation.

Question from Lance Calloway, Whatcom County Youth Soccer Association MAR, regarding having the voting system anonymous for fear of retribution. Lance does not think it is appropriate that there are 6 positions and 6 candidates; each candidate only needs one vote to win a position on the board.

Discussion about vote integrity. Issue was brought up about the integrity of the voting process due to not requiring a majority of the votes to win a position on the board and having 6 open positions and 6 candidates. Patrick Madden (Board Nominee) responded that this is not an unusual process for boards due to difficulty of recruitment; most of these issues are solved when Associations suggest additional people to be nominated – opportunity for greater representation through this way. Brain Cregg, Thurston County Youth Soccer Association MAR, remarked that Members have not steeped up to take the opportunity; only two things that membership can vote on: Board members and budget, thus it is important that everything is done correctly.

Question: Ed D'Alessandro, Seattle Youth Soccer Association MAR – How are votes are counted? Elizabeth Flannery explains that three staff members, two board members, and legal counsel will read and tally the votes for each person and slate. The three groups will confer and confirm.

Motion for secret ballot of one piece of paper per vote – Motion passes with seven abstentions. It is decided that this vote will occur secretly and that each vote will be checked individually.

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Operating Documents Update – Perry Woodford (District 3 Commissioner and Hilary Beehler (Organization and Member Services Director)

History: In 2009, the Operating Documents were created through tand Administration Handbook. The Committee then converted the handbook into the Operating Documents separated into ten sections. Currently, they have been posted to the website under Administration tab with the future development goals of adding hyperlinked text. As it stands 9 of the 10 sections are approved and posted, with Risk Management review still ongoing due to necessary updates. The goal is the have all approved before next Soccer Operations Committee (SOC) meeting.

Future requirements include: document maintenance; format for changes; Excel file on topics that need hyperlinks or topics that need to be further explained; annual reviews. Continued progress on Excel sheet tracking progress so far; reviews needed and recruitment request for help in editing process out to membership.

Questions: where did this information go from the Administration Handbook? Administration handbook was the only reference for rules and policies until the Operating Documents were approved by the SOC. The documents are a direct translation into the new format; only rule changes made were to reflect rules/policies updates after the 2008-2009 Administrative Handbook was published.

Discussion on how the Operating Documents work and their influence over the Membership – Perry addressed by stating that the Operating Documents give general rules that everyone much follow but leagues can make stricter rules. SOC has overall say in the philosophy, which is then translated into the rules. Future goal is to have these hyperlinked to other corresponding sections. To get involved in the review process, please contact Perry.

Board of Directors election ballots passed out 10:05 AM

Hillary Beehler speaks about Member Services Department 10:06 AM

Restructure in Office: Technical Department. led by Gary White; Marketing and Communications Department, led by Elizabeth Flannery; and Member Services Department, led by Hillary Beehler. Introduction of *Set Plays* blog that touches on best practices and administration guidelines. Overview of outreach programs. Information on best practices resources for board meetings.

Mike Todd, District 1 Commissioners – enjoys resources for boards. Wants more email communication. He suggests that the blog, President's call, week in review in email be used to better highlight information to our membership.

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Gary White Technical Director introduces new US Soccer curriculum: 10:16 AM

Overview on Modern Play Zone 1: US Soccer Task Force. First time there is a philosophy for US Soccer, link on WA Youth Soccer website. Zone 1: Better programs for younger ages. Focus is on more resources, more training. We will become a model to reach recreational coaches to reach communities.

Question regarding clearing of programs. Gary responded by saying that the Washington Youth Soccer staff and Technical Department can vet programs.

Election Results - Slate has been accepted as presented 10:25 AM

Further Election Discussion Points

Motion to change bylaws to reflect, consider, and discuss Article 5.4.3.2 to reflect 2011 majority of votes represented – Mike Todd

Majority is defined per Roberts Rules of Order (50% plus one vote). Further discussion needed on how to count "no" vote.

Question, Brain Cregg: How would it be actionable to change bylaws?

Steve Scranton, Board Director: Once proposed, the amendment would then be posted to the membership, which would have 30 days in which to comment. Proposal can to be brought to the next meeting (immediately following the AGM).

Motion to discuss this change per voting rules passes

Discussion after meeting on tiered fees in the Cedar Room

Meeting Adjourned – Doug Andreassen 10:38 AM