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WASHINGTON YOUTH SOCCER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (CONCURRENT)
May 8, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Doug Andreassen called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at the SeaTac Hilton at 7:10 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present:
President Doug Andreassen
1st VP Laurie Myers
VP Development Dave Miller
Secretary- Cynthia Spencer
Treasurer George Maitland
District 1 Comm. Jan Phillips
District 2 Comm. Larry Mana'o (by phone)
District 3 Comm. Stu Snow
District 4 Comm. Kasey O'Leary (arrived at 7:30)
District 5 Comm. Troy Maxcy
District 6 Comm. Mike Terris
District 7 Comm. Ken Phillipson

Excused
VP Recreation Bryan Vasbinder
VP Competition Gail Zimbelman

Staff
Brenda Heintz, Office Manager
Dave Schumacher, Director of Coaching

Guests
Jan Glick
Yolanka Wulff (by phone)
Steve Scranton

US Youth Soccer Guests - arrived at 8:20 pm
Evelyn Gill, VP US Youth
Jim Cosgrave, ED US Youth

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
March 28, 2009
- Approved as submitted.

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AGENDA / COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS

No announcements.

OFFICER REPORTS

1st VP- Admin

Laurie Myers announced the need for volunteers to serve on the Ethics Committee. Jan Phillips agreed to serve. A draft disciplinary procedure for Referees (part of S. 605) is nearly ready for distribution.

VP- Development

Dave reminded the Board that State Cup finals for the Championship Cup are this weekend. He alerted Laurie that there are new ethics issues to be referred to her committee.

Treasurer

George updated the Board that new bank accounts are being opened with Washington Trust to diversify / split the investments between multiple financial institutions.

Secretary

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Executive Director Search

George informed the Board that multiple candidates were interviewed by the Search Committee. A recommendation was made in support of Terry Fisher who will be invited to meet with the Board. A copy of his resume was distributed. Discussion ensued regarding his leadership skills and demonstrated administrative and coaching experience at all level of play.

Doug called for a special meeting of the old and new Board of Directors at 9 am Saturday, May 16, 2009 to interview him at Washington Youth Soccer offices.

Board Planning Meeting

Doug reminded the Board that there will be a one-day planning meeting of the new Governing Board on June 6, 2009 at Washington Youth Soccer offices, followed by a group dinner.

adidas Update

Doug indicated that the contract is under final review and negotiation but very close to signing. It will be a 3-year agreement and follows the details announced at our last meeting.

Lydsted Bill Update

The Lystad Bill (dealing with student athletes sitting out of youth and high school games

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following a potential head injury to prevent further injury if at risk of a brain concussion) passed the state legislature and will be signed by Governor Gregoire next Thursday. It passed with only a single negative vote. Washington Youth Soccer co-lead a concussion of organizations supporting the bill.

Doug announced that training materials will be provided for coaches (starting at entry level) and referees.

Schools Program

Dave Schumacher presented a slide show of the Soccer in Schools program. Sounders FC will partner with Washington Youth Soccer and will incorporate social awareness, possibly by support with "Nothing but Nets." Benefits will include fitness for life, added interest in soccer and social awareness.

Program structure will include district level support. Initially it will provide age appropriate curriculum for the primary level students 6 to 11 years of age, including lesson plans, assembly programs and assembly support for 30-50 assemblies in the Fall of 2009 utilizing Washington Youth Soccer and FC Sounders representatives visiting the schools. Program will also provide donated equipment to the participating schools and coaching workshops at State PE Specialist Conventions (in Feb. 2010).

Now working to finalize sponsorships, the program budget, a theme for the assemblies and line up participating schools for fall 2009. Local associations and clubs will be notified of the schedule and ask for registration materials to hand out from the local organizations and involve local high school kids as volunteers to support the program. Discussion ensued about incorporating existing programs (like the one currently run by WestSound in District IV).

Once established at the primary level, attention can be expanded to include middle schools, perhaps with more emphasize on social awareness. Doug indicated that sponsors are being sought to support the program. Initial response is very positive.

Constitutional Convention

Jan Glick reviewed the process anticipated at Sunday's AGM. Intent is to follow the formal AGM requirements of the current Bylaws until a vote is taken to suspend the Bylaws and allow the Constitutional Convention to consider adoption of the Revised Articles of Incorporation and new Bylaws. Once suspended, the intent is to allow full expression of opinions by the MARs.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the 14 proposed changes to the draft Bylaws received this week from District 1. Steve Scranton expressed the frustration of the Rules Committee and Document Oversight Committee about the lateness of input (four days prior to the AGM when proposed changes were published at the January Budget Meeting) and the lack of time to allow review and reflection by the Board and the Council. He also pointed out that many of the proposals are issues of policy and procedures, decisions

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about which will be made by the Soccer Oversight Committee.

The District 1 proposals would change carryover of existing rules from the current Bylaws regarding voting representation and boundaries, as well as change the new proposals which focus on balance of power between the Board and Council.

Strong support was voiced that while the concerns raised are appreciated, they were not timely submitted and it is too late to propose changes to allow adequate review and consideration. Since District 1 didn't follow the process under existing or proposed Bylaws they late proposals cannot be considered now. It was acknowledged that the ideas expressed should and can be considered going forward by the Governance Board (related to Board membership and Bylaw changes) and the Soccer Oversight Committee (relating to operations issues). Consensus of the Board was to sustain the proposals as timely published by the Board while emphasizing the roles of the Governance Committee and the increased control of soccer operations lodged with the Soccer Oversight Committee.

A committee of Doug, George, Mike and Steve Scranton will meet with District 1 representatives tomorrow to discuss the process and their concerns prior to the AGM.

REPORTS

March Financials

George presented the March 2009 financial statements. He reminded the Board that we anticipate a loss of approximately $100,000 for the fiscal year.

PROPOSALS

No proposals were presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Transitional Committee

Significant number of issues need to be determined quickly relating to the soccer calendar that can't wait for the new organization to be implemented. Therefore Doug announced appointment of a Blue Ribbon Commission committee chaired by Stu Snow to transition control from the old Board to the Soccer Oversight Committee. Announcement of the committee and initial decisions will be posted on the website next week.
Committee members include Laurie Myers, Dave Schumacher, Gail Zimbelman and 1-2 individuals to be appointed.
Stu reported that the Committee has already started meeting. Decisions made / under consideration:

- Not host LPTs this year due to lack of participation
    - Reevaluate the process of determining participation and placement of teams in state leagues
    - Possibly expand the number of divisions to five
- Change the name of Washington Premier League to Washington State League
- Consider expanding state leagues to 10-team divisions (from 8) playing 10-game

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season
- Reconsider automatic promotion / relegation of teams between divisions
- Determine dates for state leagues and state cups

Soccer Month

Amy Wallsmith will lead a workshop at Soccer Palooza on how local associations can support Youth Soccer Month and develop fundraising to support the local clubs.

Commissioner Topics

- Casey announced that Louis Bond is moving to Illinois and will be greatly missed in District IV and Washington Youth Soccer.
- Jan Phillips announced that Ron Lambalot was elected as the new District 1 Commissioner.
- Troy Maxcy announced that District 5 is moving forward on its reorganization
- Mike Terris announced that Spokane's five clubs have consolidated to reduce the layers of administration. He also informed the Board that over 400 kids participated in U-11 tryouts last week.
- Jan Phillips announced that Seattle Youth is close to a vote on reorganizing its structure to consolidate select soccer into a single organization.

GOOD OF THE GAME

- Dave Schumacher announced filming of the first video for online coaching lessons occurred last week. These will support the coach training modules already available our website.
- Troy Maxcy complimented the Board on completing the Constitutional Convention process and the Board's commitment and fortitude to see it through.
- Doug lauded the Soccer Palooza team lead by Tracy Murphy and the staff, and the support provided by Troy Maxcy and Mike Terris in carting materials from Washington Youth Soccer offices to the hotel venue today.
- Evelyn Gill of US Youth congratulated the Board on leading the way for other states with the Constitutional Convention and pledged support from US Youth.
- Jim Cosgrove of US Youth shared his pride in the Board for taking on the challenge to reinvent the organization to better serve the youth of Washington State and maintain the vibrancy of youth soccer in Washington and provide the tools and education needed by coaches, youth and referees.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia J. Spencer
Secretary
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