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WSYSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Jan. 25, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Doug Andreassen called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at the Bellevue Marriott at 7:20 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present:

President Doug Andreassen
1st VP Brian Lawler
VP Development Mike Margolies
VP Recreation Bryan Vasbinder
Secretary Cynthia Spencer
Treasurer George Maitland
District 1 Comm. Jan Phillips
District 2 Alternate Comm. Santa Kriebel
District 3 Comm. Stu Snow
District 4 Comm. Laurie Myers
District 7 Comm. Ken Phillipson
WSYSA Exec Dir Todd McGann

Late arrivals

VP Competition Gail Zimbelman (7:33 pm)

Absent:

2nd VP Ryan Shannon
District 5 Comm. Todd Benner
District 6 Comm. Mike Terris

Credentialed Guests

Dave Schumacher, Coaching Director
Brenda Heintz, Office Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dec. 15, 2007 BoD Mtg

- Approved with the following changes:
 - Corrected spelling of Dave Painton's name

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COMMUNICATIONS / OFFICERS REPORTS

Ken Phillipson reported he solicited input from District 7 about flood damage to see if the local associations (Cowlitz and Grays Harbor Counties) needed assistance from the state. Response was there is some damage but no assistance is currently needed.

Board moved into Executive Session to hear a report from Brian Lawler, **2nd VP Admin**, at 7:24 pm to discuss issues that could have legal implications.

Moved out of Executive Session at 7:30 pm

VP Development Mike Margolies shared that he just returned from National Convention where he spent seven hours in diversity training sessions (among other things). Mike told the board that he's soliciting input from KingCo 4A, KingCo 3A and WestCo re change in experience of HS girls soccer teams attributable to shift of league season. Acknowledging that the information is anecdotal, the responses were very positive to date. Coaches reported significantly fewer knee injuries and lower numbers of non-contact injuries. A full report will follow once more coaches have responded.

VP Recreation Bryan Vasbinder reported feedback on the President's Cup tournament from the tournament was positive and notes were collected for enhancements next year.

Treasurer George Maitland announced that insurance refunds to the Associations were issued last week. Requests for help from local volunteers center on how to run a club.

Secretary Cynthia Spencer shared the association counts and list of MARs for the Council Meeting.

VP Competition Gail Zimbelman announced that final date for girls LPT is still open. For girls State Cups, following requests for an off weekend between semi-finals and finals, the tournament dates were adjusted so semi-finals will be the last weekend of April. U11 State Cup is this weekend, all going smoothly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Meeting: President Doug Andreassen announced

- **Budget Meeting – 8:30 – 10 am.**
Full board is asked to attend. Open Q&A session.
- **Council Meeting – 10 - ?**
Council votes on the player fee, which is proposed equal to prior year(s).

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Rules Revisions: Steve Scranton and the Rules Committee completed a review and recommendations. Stu Snow (and his ad hoc committee) now is responsible for review. A report is forthcoming.

Cynthia Spencer reported that Steve Scranton submitted by-law change proposals to allow implementation of the recommendations.

Financials: George Maitland provided copies of the December 2007 financial reports. George and Todd McGann highlighted line items that were unusual (lower Commissioner's Cup receipts).

NEW BUSINESS

- **Membership / Player Passes** – Doug shared a proposed policy for creation and distribution of membership pass / player passes to all players and team personnel. Discussion surrounded implementation issues and application to small sided matches (U7 and U8 teams). Doug reiterated that the requirement for player passes initiated with US Youth Soccer with the intent to implement nationally.

Ken Phillipson commented that dual registration (state and association) should be eliminated at the same time as passes are implemented. Gail Zimelman added that player cards nationally do not require signatures; therefore we should eliminate that from our cards.

Mike Margolies indicated the need for club / association coach credentials that are not specifically tied to a single team. Directors of Coaching or alternative coaches sometimes need to attend matches but are not listed on the team roster so not officially allowed on the sideline.

Commissioners were encouraged to share the policy with their associations. Will bring it back up at March meeting.

- **Registrar Certification** – With implementation of Bonzi, it was initially concluded that a State Registrar and Association Registrars were no longer needed. Experience indicates they are needed. Doug requested Laurie Myers review Registrars Handbook and update it; Mary Warren also reviewed.

Doug announced plans to hold Registrar certification training at Soccer Palooza and appoint a State Registrar. Training will focus on formation of teams (as opposed to registration of players). Further training sessions will be held around the state for those who cannot attend Soccer Palooza.

- **New WSYSA Logo** – Doug presented a new logo using the name Washington Youth Soccer (a business name) and the Sticky character from US Youth Soccer. The design is intended to be fun and attractive to kids, as well as tie in with US Youth Soccer (which is requesting the state associations

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update their logos to include the character). A new website WashingtonYouthSoccer.org will be set up. Motion was made and seconded to accept the new logo. Motion passed unanimously.



- **Soccer Start** – Sue Boetcher regrettably resigned as Soccer Start chair following receipt of numerous racist emails and implied threats to her family. Strong support exists for the program on both sides of the state. A number of names have been proposed to move Soccer Start forward. Dr. Chichone (Whitman College, Walla Walla) is working with WSYSA to establish policy and develop programs.
- **Field Development Fund Application** – George and Todd developed an application procedure for Board review with the Budget and Finance Committee to receive and review applications, which will then be referred to the Executive Board. The Board agreed to review the proposal and vote on it in March.
- **Positive Coaching Alliance** – Bryan Vasbinder shared information about a nonprofit organization founded at Stanford University with the mission to transform youth sports so sports can transform youth. Bryan requested we review the curriculum offered and consider adopting it. Similar to coaching effectiveness, the program is used by some Little League associations in Washington.
Doug requested the Board review the program and consider adoption at our March meeting. Jan invited Bryan and Dave Schumacher to attend the District 1 meeting in February to present the idea to her District.
- **U19 State Cup** – National rules allow U19 teams that have not played in sanctioned leagues, therefore teams can be formed with college players. Dave Schumacher indicated that U19 players are not released from universities until May 1. If we defer starting Championship Cup play for U19s until mid-May, our state champions would be more competitive at Regionals. Discussion surrounded logistics of tournament timing and impact on existing teams.

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Dave Schumacher agreed to solicit feedback from U19 team coaches on proposed changes to Championship Cup.

- **Girls Spring League schedule** – Dave commented on concerns received from teams about proposed schedule and differing spring breaks. Todd, Gail and Dave agreed to meet off-line and review the schedule, adjusting if necessary.
- **PDL** – Doug announced that the PDL is rejoining WSYSA as an official state league (adopted by the PDL members last night).

OLD BUSINESS

- **Zero Tolerance Against Abuse Policy** – Pam Cople investigated the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association policy following a request from District IV last year to adopt a policy. Doug requested the Board review the policy distributed and be ready to discuss at our March meeting.
- **Soccer Summits** – Working to find dates and locations for summits in
 - Outreach locations:
 - Bellingham
 - South (Ken asked to find location)
 - TriCities
 - Recreation Summit – formed a committee to design a program for the 2nd weekend of August in the Seattle area. Tapping key recreation volunteers from around the state to develop to target recreational coaches and club administrators.
 - Premier Summit – timing to be determined with Dave Schumacher. Location will be in central Puget Sound.
- **Tusk ethics review:** Executive Board will meet by conference call at 7 pm Wednesday, Jan. 30. (Everyone except Cynthia indicated they could make it.)
- **MLS Update** – Chris Henderson will return to Seattle as the team's first official employee. WSYSA has been invited to help Sounders and the MLS market the new team. League leading club (Galaxy) has 14,000 season ticket holders. Our new team already has over 11,000 season tickets reserved. Discussions continue surrounding WSYSA's involvement with the team's youth program.

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GENERAL – FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME

- Laurie Myer and District 4 are proud to announce that Neah Bay is officially a soccer club.
- Dave Schumacher announced three ODP teams went to regional ODP tournament in Las Vegas. Two of the teams made it into the semi-finals (both had to play Cal South).
- Dave indicated that a new module in Bonzi is being implemented that will allow scheduling clinics. Todd elaborated that the module will collect and database information that provide great resources to coaches.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia J. Spencer
WSYSA Secretary

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