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Annual Player Fee Meeting

January 26, 2013

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Meeting called to order at 9:14 AM – Board of Directors President Doug Andreassen

Moment of Silence: Held in memory of Mike Ryan who passed away during the year.

Roll Call – Board of Directors Vice President (Quorum)

Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2012 Annual General Meeting – Motion to approve minutes – approved as presented, no abstentions

Washington Youth Soccer Player Fee Proposal and Vote / Risk Management

Motion to adopt \$13.07 as 2013/2014 player fee for WA Youth Soccer

Perry Woodford, District 3 Commissioner – Explains the situation with background checks, stating that Washington State Patrol (WSP) is unclear if they will charge up to \$10 or if they will do background checks at a lower cost. WA Youth Soccer only checks WSP Judicial Backgrounds, which is why the Soccer Operations Committee (SOC) decided to do more thorough background checks. Consequently SOC initially asked for \$1 for background check changes and 6 months to prepare for background check changes. With all of the discussion regarding background checks, the SOC wanted to get the input from the Council on risk management.

Doug Andreassen, WA Youth Soccer President – Explains why WA Youth Soccer is looking into national background checks and where the proposed fee increase comes from. WA Youth Soccer has used WSP for background checks for years and with the current budget deficit in WA, WSP is now looking to increase cost of background checks; the charge will be between \$5-30. Risk Management now becomes the concern and it is clear that the current background checks that just look at WA backgrounds are not sufficient, thus the need for national background checks. The last few Risk Management issues have had violations in other states. Thorough background checks that reach across the nation and not just the state will do more towards keeping our players safe.

Ray Moffatte, Tacoma Pierce County Junior Soccer Association – Proposed motion that the player fee increase be \$1.93 to create a pool for a centralized risk management process for WA Youth Soccer.

Judy Andrews, Legal Council – Reiterates motion that the annual player fee be raised by \$1.93 for the 2013/2014 year to raise funds to be used for a centralized system for background checks of volunteers and that the system and the funds be reviewed by the SOC.

Motion to have annual player fee increase to \$14.00 – approved for the 2013/2014 playing season.





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Membership Advisory Committee Update & Nominations – presented by Jan Phillips and Hillary Beehler

MAC Election results – each candidate reached more than the majority of the available votes, all candidates are elected to the MAC.

Candidates for the MAC are presented: Phil Harold (District 1), Ellen Hawks (District 1), Wayne Jensen (District 3), Lloyd Hansen (District 4), Brian Dayley (District 5), Justin Pope (District 7), and Phil Spence (District 7). The idea is to have representatives from around the state help the committee determine what it means to be an association and help to start documenting best practices of associations to provide consistency.

Kasey O'Leary, District 4 Commissioner poses the question about the process if someone wants to appoint a person to the committee in 2 months. Judy Andrews, Legal Council, responds that since the committee members are officially elected at this meeting, there is not currently a process. It would be treated like a vacancy, so the committee would be able to bring in for a vacancy, following the nomination policy as close as possible.

Recreational Soccer – presented by Kim Calkins

Soccer is one of the only sports that most 5 and 6 year olds can get involved in. This year there is a big push to increase the membership base. The goals of 2013-14 are growth and retention.

The recreation sub-committee of SOC will be a working committee, launching local meetings in February. The goal is to build a relationship with select and regional sub-committees to build more of a collaborative effort between the groups, allowing for a unified front to our membership and potential membership.

With regards to coaching and parent education, there are resources online and moving forward WA Youth Soccer will have more of a physical presence.

Ray Moffatte, Tacoma Pierce County Junior Soccer Association President, asked the question about whether there will be a module on the laws/rules of soccer for parents, as it is a needed resource. Kim Calkins responds that this year WA Youth Soccer is emphasizing parent education and sideline etiquette. We need to educate on where people can sign up and what it means when they sign up and become a member of WA Youth Soccer.

TOPS Soccer

There are 20 growing programs and the first Special Olympics collaborative. TOPSoccer is planning a Coaching Education Summit for volunteers who want to coach TOPSoccer in June and volunteer appreciation. The goal is to work with more programs and continue to educate people that this program is available.

Soccer for Success

One of biggest benefits of program has been connecting it to the youth membership base. The program targets low-income, minority elementary students and provides an after-school soccer program. Only 1/34 of the players have ever played a team sport





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outside of Soccer for Success. WA Youth Soccer is providing an opportunity to a population who otherwise would not have access to soccer and encouraging them to join our membership. At Family Engagement Events we introduce a local club to connect the kids with.

Testimonial of Travis Goodlet, Gildo Rey Elementary School P.E. Teacher and Soccer for Success Head Coach

The Gildo Rey program has a lot of Spanish and Marshallese speaking students. Kids ask every day if it's "soccer day" and when soccer starts again. These kids aren't coached in any of their sports - they don't know what it's like to show up two nights a week, get an extra high five, have a mentor, or what it's like to have structure. Soccer is a huge vehicle for the kids and their development. It would be helpful if the program was able to get more equipment for bad weather. The goal is to keep connecting the Soccer for Success kids with local programs so they can play outside of school. These kids are losing weight, opening up, and talking after not speaking for two years.

Surveyed kids - 1 out of 34 kids say they play in any kind of team sport outside of the program

Testimonial of Valinda Horstman, Auburn Youth Soccer Association

Auburn Youth Soccer Association was very interested in getting involved from the beginning. They attended the Family Engagement Nights - sort of like graduation for program session where the players get a jersey for 80% participation. At the end, the local Association contact was introduced for parents who are interested in signing up for soccer clubs. Auburn encourages building programs and partnering with WA Youth Soccer and Soccer for Success to get involved to see recreation soccer registrations go up. When the measurements were taken the day after the Family Engagement Event, the kids were still wearing their jerseys that they received the night before.

While talking about the budget, keep in mind that these programs can make a huge difference in the community and with each child who participates. WA Youth Soccer is really focusing on developing recreational soccer.

Lance Calloway, Whatcom Youth Soccer Association President - Poses the question about how much it costs to run a program, and what happens once the grant money is gone and an Association wants to continue with the program.

Terry Fisher, WA Youth Soccer CEO - Responds that WA Youth Soccer is looking to offset costs with in-kind donations of equipment and use facilities provided through schools. Long term, the goal would be to have the only cost be labor with sponsors donating the rest. How we build sustainability is about how we build community partnerships.

Small Youth Soccer Association in District 3 and Labor and Industries

A minor was being paid to help the mod program set up fields and provide field marshals. In September 2012, the minor injured the shoulder. The parent called L&I who opened an investigation which found the organization to not be compliant with rules. The organization has retained 2 attorneys to assist with the investigation. The





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organization is being charged over \$7,000 for calendar year 2011. The organization is paying. Discussions will soon begin for the organizations 2012 year. Being a volunteer organization does not absolve us of our responsibilities. Has the State office helped give you the tools you need to run your businesses? Do you see the State's involvement as help or budding in? We have the power to make changes. Talk to Jeff Schneider of Maple Valley with any questions.

Good of the Game

Perry Woodford, District 3 Commissioner – Commented on the January 16th Recreational Cup Committee conference call where the goal was to have the rules for State Cup available for the Annual Player Fee Meeting. Perry noted the passion, desire, motivation, and the fact that there were no dismissed questions. He recognized that the Board does have our interest at heart, as well as the same concerns. Perry noted that the Board is trying to help.

Perry Woodford, District 3 Commissioner – Acknowledged Wayne Jenson from Kent for the work he has done in the last 5 years.

Terry Fisher recognized WA Youth Soccer staff and their dedication to supporting our organization and membership.

Doug Andreassen, WA Youth Soccer President – Congratulations to John Dawson for winning the Region IV Administrator of the Year from U.S. Youth Soccer.

Upcoming Board Elections

For the 2013 Annual General Meeting, seven Board positions are up for election, including the positions of spots of Jan Phillips, Mark Schuur, Exequiel Soltero, Sylvia Young, Daren Mancini and Chris Wood.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:19 PM

