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WSYSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Aug. 24, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Delayed

District 6 Comm. Mike Terris (arrived at 9:45 pm)

Absent

2nd VP Admin Ryan Shannon
District 5 Comm. Todd Benner

Guests

North County YSA President Ron Lambalot
WSYSA Coaching Director Dave Schumacher
La Liga Hispana Rainier Youth Soccer Club President Ed Davila
Soccer Start Chair Sue Boettcher
Diversity Committee Chair Tracy Murphy
Brenda Heintz, Office Manager

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 14, 2007 minutes approved as submitted (with one abstention from Jan Phillips).

AGENDA

PROPOSALS

Diversity Committee

President Doug Andreassen introduced Sue Boettcher, Ed Davila and Tracy Murphy to present plans to the Board that will be presented this weekend at Soccer Start for encouraging multi-cultural diversity in youth soccer.

Vision: Create a multi cultural soccer program integrated within the soccer community that welcomes every child who desires to play.

Mission: Facilitate the opportunity for every child to play soccer regardless of ethnicity or financial means.

Proposal:

- Have every youth soccer association and club have a diversity director on their board by the fourth quarter of 2007.
- Each association and club will create one or more multi-cultural program
 - a. Mobile Clinic Program – on-going clinics
 - b. Amigos Playing Program – jamboree games on Saturdays for children ages 6 – 9.
 - c. Kids Out Playing Soccer – middle school
 - d. La Liga En Fuego – host a late spring / summer District league (May – August) with limited travel
- Rename La Liga Hispana to Amigos FC and integrate their program into the associations where higher density Hispanic populations
- Introduce education programs in Spanish (WSYSA)
- Offer Bonzi on-line registration in Spanish.

Discussion surround the needs of underserved communities go beyond Hispanics. The consensus was that we should reach out to all but need to start somewhere with a pilot program to help us understand the needs of the community and establish trust. Since the Hispanic community reached out to WSYSA, the pilot will start there.

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Doug indicated that the program and a budget will be developed following Soccer Summit after receiving feedback from the membership. Funds are available from US Youth Soccer and WSYSA has budgeted funds for Soccer Start, which is intended to fund outreach programs.

OFFICER REPORTS

1st VP Brian Lawler reported that the Disciplinary training session was held last Saturday with 16 people participating. Pat McNulty and Joe Carroll walked everyone through the new rules.

Secretary Cynthia Spencer reported that the next window for rules changes is now open and will close September 30. Proposals reviewed this fall can be proposed for implementation as early as next spring.

Coaching Director Dave Schumacher reported that WSYSA has received fewer requests for clinics this year than normal (approx 85 vs 100 on average). Some of the decline is due to local associations hosting their own clinics. US Youth Soccer redefined the “D” license course, requiring an extra 1.5 days of training. The shift is controversial nationwide, increases costs and time commitment to attend the training. The new D license is now a “mini C license” course.

VP Development Mike Margolies announced there are three parent clinics planned for parents with children playing U11 and under.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Soccer Summit

Goal is to be here to listen to what our membership wants (forward looking, not a time for bashing). The Summit was promoted through Bonzi system with emails and outreach. Staff has put tremendous effort into the event. Goal was 100 attending, 110 have RSVP'd.

US Soccer Federation Academy

Todd McGann attended the national Federation meeting last week. \$1.1m has been dedicated to this program to pay for coaching and leagues. Goal: 80 clubs from 20 states (including MLS youth teams). Belief is kids are playing too many games, therefore limiting the players to 30 games a year (only three sanctioned tournament and high school play prohibited).

Dave Schumacher described the goal of the Academy is to jump start the identification of players who will feed into the national program. Premier clubs have been invited to participate. Washington Premier and Crossfire have

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accepted invitations. Competition is for BU16 and BU18 teams only. These teams have dropped out of our state leagues to participate.

Implications:

- Tryouts will take place this weekend for these teams.
- Leaves gaps in state leagues (based on state league rules since happened after Aug. 1, league schedules will stand, teams will not be replaced).
- If the Academy collapses, what happens to the teams returning to the state leagues.
- Financially very tough for the sponsoring organizations. Competing against MLS sponsored teams, which are 100% subsidized by the MLS program.

AGM Update

Doug announced that all the packets distributed by Dale Warren prior to the AGM have been retrieved, largely through the efforts of George Maitland.

Brian Lawler told the Board that there are two choices for the Executive Board to sanction Dale Warren:

1. Call Dale in for a hearing and allow him time to defend himself.
2. Vote to sanction him but suspend the penalty until he is notified and allowed time (30 days) to request a hearing.

Agreed that the Executive Board will meet following tonight's Board meeting to vote.

FC Crush

Doug recapped the response developed for the FC Crush team. Several members of the Board indicated they had not seen the draft. Doug agreed to recirculate it.

Scholarships

Todd shared the work of the Scholarship Committee, distributed draft Guidelines for Establishing a Scholarship and draft Scholarship Application. Committee consists of Laurie Myers, George Maitland, Todd McGann and Alan Coelho (chair).

Two scholarships will be awarded per District. Discussion ensued about standards for participation in WSYSA, etc.

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REPORTS

Financial Report

George Maitland shared the July financial reports (both cash and accrual basis). We are ahead of budget, but not quite as good as looks. Rosy picture is attributable to staff and Commissioners efforts to collect old receivables.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit

George Maitland recommended changing financial auditors for this year. After interviewing four firms, we received bids from two firms which are both significantly lower than the firm used last year. George recommended Mahrt & Associates, a firm with significant non-profit experience whose principals have soccer backgrounds. Bid was \$10,400, compared to \$18,000 last year. It was moved and seconded to appoint Mahrt & Associates. The motion passed unanimously.

Player Insurance

George Maitland announced that the player insurance policy was up for renewal this year. His expectation was that the cost for 2007-08 would significantly rise. Surprisingly, we were able to renew the policy for 2007-08 at the same cost. George moved that we refund the \$35,000 saved back to the Associations, representing 29¢ per player. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

State Cup Dates / Locations

Gail informed the Board that the finals for the fall league cups will be the first two weekends in March, hopefully at Starfire complex. Confirmation of dates and locations will be confirmed by Gail in a separate email, along with dates for the spring league's state cups.

Presidents Cup will be held in Tumwater and Olympia under the auspices of WSYSA (not run by a district). Dates for statewide finals are Dec. 8 and 9, 2007.

Dave indicated that there is discussion among the premier clubs to push the state cups out to late spring at the same time as the new HS-age girls cups, then implement two season play (10 games in fall, 10 in spring) for pre-HS age players.

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Coaches Handbook

Coaches handbooks were printed with a significant number of errors that were found after the fact. Some of the handbooks were distributed, but it was concluded by the state office that the remainder should not be circulated due to the number of errors. The errors have subsequently been corrected on electronic copies. A new pdf will be posted to the website early next week. Email and a press release will be distributed acknowledging the errors and indicating that the updated handbook is on the website.

Errors, which include President Cup dates, fee deadlines, fee amounts, etc., are attributable to inadequate performance by a former employee who approved printing without reviewing a final proof. Cost to print handbooks is \$13,900.

Ken moved to approve funds to reprint the handbooks. Laurie seconded. Discussion ensued surrounding whether the handbooks would actually get distributed (since the timing would be after most coaches meetings and start of fall season). Shari recommended we discuss this with the association presidents tomorrow night at the Soccer Summit dinner.

Motion to reprint the handbooks failed.

WSYSA name change

Todd informed the Board that the Secretary of State website shows WSYSA as "The Washington State Youth Soccer Association." It was moved and seconded to remove "The" from our official name. Motion passed unanimously.

Region IV Workshop

Workshops are scheduled for Hawaii. Joelle distributed a very cryptic summary of the topics to be covered. When pushed for detail, none was available. Cost to send a group to the events will exceed \$10,000. Absent receiving indication of substantive content, Doug recommended we send Todd McGann, Marty Torres (since Washington is hosting a regional TopSoccer event later this year), Roberto Alvarez (for referee meetings) and possibly Gail (if necessary for state cup draw / Regionals / national leagues).

Players on two teams

Commissioners shared concerns arising from parents trying to roster their children to two teams (fall and spring), including having girls play on boys teams and token boys on girls teams to place them in fall boys leagues.

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Discussion ensued regarding handling this situation through the Associations and including it as a topic at Soccer Summit. Ken Philipson moved that we create a policy that GU15-18 players entered in WSYSA Premier League, WSYDL and Inter-district leagues are ineligible for fall league play. Seconded by Laurie.

After discussion, it was moved and seconded to table the motion. Motion was tabled.

GENERAL – FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME

Doug recognized Todd McGann for participating in over 90% of the list of items included in his email to the Board and Associations.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia J. Spencer
WSYSA Secretary

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