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WSYSA Board of Directors Meeting

Dec. 15, 2007

Call to Order

Doug Andreassen called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at WSYSA Office at 10:45 am.

Roll Call

Present:

President Doug Andreassen
1st VP Brian Lawler (left at 1 pm)
VP Competition Gail Zimbelman
VP Development Mike Margolies (left at 1 pm)
VP Recreation Bryan Vasbinder
Secretary Cynthia Spencer
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District 3 Comm. Stu Snow
District 4 Comm. Laurie Myers
District 5 Comm. Todd Benner
District 6 Comm. Mike Terris
District 7 Comm. Ken Phillipson
WSYSA Exec Dir Todd McGann

Absent:
2nd VP Ryan Shannon
District 2 Comm. Shari Tumey

Staff and Guests
Brenda Heintz, office manager
Dave Schumacher, coaching director
Kasey O'Leary, District 4 Second Alternate Commissioner

Approval of Minutes

November 16th BoD Mtg

- Approved with the following changes:
  - Corrected spelling of Soccer Palooza

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COMMUNICATIONS

Jan Phillips informed the Board that Neil Callahan, SYSA president, passed away suddenly on Dec. 12, 2007 Neil was a well-respected volunteer and friend who will be greatly missed. Doug announced funeral / memorial

Mark Shuh, president of Lakewood Soccer Club out of North Country, had a heart attack.

OFFICERS REPORTS

VP - Competition's Report

Gail Zimbelman announced the live draw for the State Cup was very successful. Attendance was very strong. Gail distributed a written report describing WSYL and Championship Cup news.

1st VP's Report

Brian Lawler informed the Board that he received Committee Reports which are being edited and will be distributed to the Board via email.

VP Recreation's Report

Bryan Vasbinder recapped results of the Presidents Cup results by district. Feedback received regarding change in format was outstanding. Fantastic support provided by the office staff.

VP Development's Report

Mike Margolies reported that we're close to agreeing a national coaching clinic in WA for certifying DOCs and assistants.

Dave Schumacher informed the Board that:

- Diversity Committee is holding a coaching clinic on March 29, 2008 to educate coaches on ways to encourage and support diversity.
- ODP tryouts will be Jan 5 and 6 at Valley Ridge (off I-5 near Tyee Middle School). Registration will be available next week.
- Working with Marty to promote and support TOPSoccer with coach development.
- C-License clinic is proposed for 2nd & 3rd weekends of April, scheduled between TOPSoccer Symposium and SoccerPalooza.

President's Report

Soccer Summit in Spokane was very successful. Next remote location will be in Whatcom County, followed by Lewis County area in 2008. Will also organize one for the Tri-Cities area for 2008. Doug thanked Laurie Myers and Stu Snow for

their participation as scribe and moderator (respectively). Great feedback received from Eastern Washington, especially relating to recreational player issues.

Plans for Soccer Palooza are underway. Plan to bring "The Amazing Mr. Woo" (see YouTube), who holds the Guinness Record for juggling the soccer ball. Visit will be co-sponsored by the Sounders. Prior appearances included the World Cup. Mr. Woo will be here for 5-6 days, during which time we will arrange school visits and other public appearances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Entered Executive Session at 11:15 am.	
Director of Coaching Review	Margolies
Executive Director Review	Andreassen
Ended Executive Session at 11:52 am.	

Budget **McGann, Maitland**

Doug reminded the BoD that a special budget session will be held immediately prior to the Council meeting (8:30 am Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008) to allow Association representatives to review the budget and ask questions. Questions regarding the budget should be sent to George and Todd prior to the special budget session so that they have time to prepare responses.

Questions arose relating to:

- Budget for SoccerStart – funds will finance marketing costs to promote soccer into diverse communities, as well as costs of purchase equipment for remote registration (used for TOPSoccer too) and mobile goals, plus start-up programs in areas like Neah Bay and Renton valley. Funds also will be used to educate the public and fight bias / hate mail.
- Recommended player fee for 2008-2009: same as prior years = $11.07. Todd mentioned that an increase in US Youth fees is expected, therefore need to anticipate a future increase in player fees to absorb it.

Moved and seconded to approve the budget as presented. Passed unanimously.

George Maitland reported that the annual audit is almost complete. Copy of the annual report will be distributed as part of the Council Book.

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Premier Calendar **Schumacher**

Dave presented a recommended calendar and implementation plan for premier teams. (See attached.) Discussion ensued regarding need for state mandated restrictions on timing of tryouts after the end of state cups. Doug tasked Dave with developing a tryout schedule for presentation at Council.

It was moved and seconded to accept the calendar proposal as corrected, including dates presented for 2008 tryouts, as laid out in the attached calendar. No clubs or teams can hold tryouts (select and premier teams) prior to the published dates. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Entered Executive Session at 12:35 pm.
Hall of Fame nominees considered.
Ended Executive Session at 12:38 pm.

PDL Sanctioning **Andreassen**
Doug announced that PDL has agreed to join WSYSA as a state league for 2008 (as opposed to a District sponsored league). A joint announcement will be made before yearend. Doug commended Todd Lincoln, PDL administrator, for his efforts. Logistics regarding entry into the PDL for future years are under development.

Motion was made and seconded to sanction the PDL league for 2007. Motion passed unanimously.

Lobbyist Report **McGann**
Working on proposals for to formalize consistent Labor & Industry treatment of referees. Young referees (under 14) cannot legally be treated as independent contractors, nor covered by L&I insurance. Discussion ensued about who should pay for the lobbying effort (WSYSA or the referee associations). Doug agreed to share the concerns with the State Referee Committee.

Governing Documents Process Analysis **Andreassen**
Doug presented a report from Steve Scranton to simplify the process of managing the organization. Stu Snow announced his ad hoc committee will meet early in January to review the proposal.

Office Staff
Two new staff members are hired:

- Hillary Beehler – receptionist / administration assistant
- Tia Jones – Member Services Administrator

Disaster Relief
Ken Phillipson was tasked to determine what impact the recent floods had on fields (most in District 7), with a view to using field development funds to assist local areas with recovery. He agreed to report back at the next Board meeting

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

District 1 – Jan Phillips reported glitch in system regarding the Ethics review process.

District 3 – Stu Snow reported that his clubs / associations want copies of all rule changes as soon as possible following the vote to allow time to absorb the changes.

District 4 – Laurie Myers announced Neah Bay is moving forward to form a new club in time for spring leagues (with SoccerStart support). Working to establish a league with area communities, ie: Forks and Clallam Bay.

GENERAL – FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME

Following individuals were recognized and commended for their efforts:

- Tammy Snow and Bryan Vasbinder for delivering equipment and supplies to Vancouver following the President's Cup.
- Jake Hanek for organizing technical support for the live State Cup draw
- President's Cup volunteers for wonderful results developing the new format.

Todd reported tremendous response and positive feedback related to WSYSA's new scholarship program.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:28 pm

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ATTACHMENT 1: PREMIER & SELECT CALENDAR 2008-09

To: Doug Andreassen, WSYSA President
From: Dave Schumacher, WSYSA Director of Coaching
Subject: Washington Youth Premier and Select team Calendar

Below is the calendar and recommended implementation:

Tryouts 2008/2009 Age Groups

Tryouts for 2008 will take place after the conclusion of each respective State Cup

U-11/12 Boys & Girls: After Challenge Cup: February 1, 2008
U-13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 Boys: After Championship Cup: March 14, 2008
U-13, 14, 15 Girls: After Championship Cup: March 14, 2008
U-16, 17, 18, 19 Girls: After Championship Cup: May 16, 2008

League Season 2008: Fall (September to November/December)

U-11 to U-15 PDL Boys
U-13 to U-19 WSYL Boys
U-11 to U-14 PDL Girls
U-13 to U-14 WSYL Girls

League Season 2009: Spring (February – April)

U-11 to U-14 PDL Boys
U-11 to U-14 PDL Girls
U-15 PDL Girls
U-15 to U-19 WSYL Girls

State Cups 2009

February: U-15 to U-18 Boys Championship Cup
April & May: U-12 to U-14 & U19 Boys Championship Cup
April & May: U-12 to U-19 Girls Championship Cup
April & May: U-11 to U-19 Challenge Cup

Tryouts 2009/2010 Age Group

No select team of any level will be allowed to hold tryouts until the conclusion of the last state cup game (championship for all genders.) Dates will be announced after championship cup final dates are determined.

There shall be a minimum of a five (5) day grace period following the final State Championship Cup and the beginning of tryouts.

League Placement Tournaments 2009

Summer
July & August: League placement tournaments (WSYL) will take place during July with final event taking place the first weekend in August.

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ATTACHMENT 2: VP COMPETITION CUP REPORT

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ATTACHMENT 3: PRESIDENT'S CUP REPORT

2007 Dairy Farmers of Washington President's Cup Champions

GU11	FWSA FWU Extreme	BU11	SYSA Blue Arrows
GU12	GRJSA TUSK Wild Cats	BU12	TPCJSA Surf
GU13	FWSA FWU Fury	BU13	SYSA Chili Peppers
GU14	LWYSA Kickers	BU14	TPCJSA FPSC Stampede
GU15	SYSA Ravens	BU15	FWSA FWU Ravens
GU16	TPCJSA FPSC Fusion	BU16	SSCYSA SK Vipers
GU17	NYSA Stars	BU17	GSYSA Harbor Vipers
GU18	NYSA Orcas	BU18	SYSA Hawks
GU19	KPYSA SK6 Gladiators 89 (Ladybugs)	BU19	GHYSA B. Peck

1. Round of applause for Amy and Todd who offered their energy and expertise to make the tournament as flawless and exciting for game 1 as it was for game 8. Kudos for Brenda who was the "go to" person, over and over, all day, Saturday. Thanks also to Bryan Vasbinder and Ken Philipson for being the weekend volunteers at Olympia High School. Stadium announcers Dave Paintons and Ryan Vasbinder were outstanding all weekend long! In addition, honorable mention goes to Doug Andreassen who exhibited tremendous eye/hand coordination bestowing the Champion and Finalist medals during the award ceremonies.

2. Due to snow postponing the GU11, BU11 and BU15 semi finals, those teams held their semi and final games in Shelton on Saturday, December 8. Since December weather creates problems in itself, the possibility of hosting the finals in November is being investigated.

3. Overall, the tournament was a phenomenal success. The feedback from coaches, players and families was incredibly positive – even for those traveling up from D5 through Chehalis. The transition to a stadium event finals venue was highly regarded and most appreciated. For many, it was their first experience with the festive, pomp and circumstance surrounding a match.

4. While the President's Cup this year was first-rate, it will be even better next year! The challenge of not having direct contact with the venue sites affected both volunteer staffing and created some unfortunate logistical circumstances. We are looking to secure Starfire for the 2008 President's Cup Finals.

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5. Mark your calendars … the 2007 recap & 2008 planning meeting for the President's Cup is January 21st @ 6:00 pm. Interested parties invited & encouraged to attend.

ATTACHMENT 4: TOPSOCCER REPORT

Dec 2007 TOPSoccer Report to WSYSA BOD

November 2007

Snohomish hosts Shoreline for end of session games

- SnoTOPS hosted a fun afternoon of games and activities for their end of session party. There were Halloween themed soccer activities for the players as well as a very spirited game for the more capable players. A fun-filled day to wrap up the SnoTOPS session.

Thurston County

- Attended the inaugural Thurston County TOPSoccer session on Oct 28 and again on Nov 4, 11. St. Martin's gym is working well for this new program with approximately 15 players. Rob Walker was instrumental in sending out the initial emails to get volunteers as buddies and coaches. Pat Muir enlisted the assistance of Ken Phillipson, who encouraged a lot more buddies to join in the fun. They now have the happy task of breaking into groups to help the older and/or more capable players develop their skills.
- The team has decided to name themselves the Thurston County TOPSoccer Angels in honor of St. Martin's Saints Soccer team. The use of their gymnasium at a minimal charge is much appreciated.
- Thurston County is scheduled through June to use the gymnasium on most Sundays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Tacoma

- Tacoma started their third session on Dec 9 at Bellarmine Preparatory School. The donation of the use of Names Gym and the "built in" coaches and buddies from the school (students with a great deal of soccer experience who also need community service) will make this a win-win program for all.
- At this point there are over 40 buddies who are committed to helping out in some way.
- This program needs parents to step up to help with outreach so that more players will join.

- As of now there are only 4 sessions planned. At that time the progress of the program will be evaluated and determine the best time to continue.

Presidents' Cup

- Attendance was down for whatever reasons this President's Cup. Too late in the year? Unfortunately we have no way to predict ahead of time how many players will attend.
- We called the coaches up who called the players up and gave them T-shirts and medallion as well as a ***Play On!*** **The TSHIRTS and medals are awesome, by the way. Thank you.** One player was more excited about receiving his own newspaper that he did not care about the shirt or medal. He started reading it standing there in front of everyone without returning to his seat. It was way cool.
- Since player attendance was down we offered pizza and beverages to buddies, then siblings, then parents as well. Every slice of pizza and pitcher of pop consumed.
- Pictures included in this report.

Meetings with Doug and Todd

- I met with Doug and Todd at two separate meetings where I was assigned the following tasks which have been accomplished.
    - List of disabilities with which we deal
    - Breakdown of how Special Olympics is organized from the national level
    - Database of organizations for outreach purposes
    - Suggestions for future TOPSoccer specific Tournament
    - Suggestions for a TOPSoccer DOC
    - Special Education Database
    - List of documents and in which languages to be translated into
    - Suggestions for reorganizing the TOPSoccer committee
    - Suggestions for a volunteer to attend the sessions to register players

Risk Management

- Working with Pam to change buddy RM clearance to 12 instead of all ages.

Buddy of the Year

- Finalized the paperwork. Applications ready to be placed on state webpage. Sent out the packet to the program administrators.

Symposium

- Amy and I have finalized the registration form. It will be live and on the state webpage the first week of January. I will be taking promo flyers to Pittsburgh with me that is the same ad for the Play On. It is awesome.
- Agenda is closer to being finalized
- Decided on nice three-ring binders with all the necessary documents and power point presentations in the binders

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- Sam Snow will attend and present the first US Youth TOPSoccer Coaches Certification at the Regional or state level
- Sack Packs provided by Region IV
- Jolene Nielson, Regional IV Director to attend
- Crystal Yant, Region IV Referees to attend
- Looking into polo shirts for our administrators
- Working number is approximately 50 attendees but we may go over this number

WSYSA TOPSoccer Presidents' Cup
Dec 8, 2007

Warming up and stretching

GOAL!!!!!!!!!!!

Hayden can now sometimes play unassisted!

Some players helped by making sure the cones were…..flat? right color? After they checked each and every one, they were "go to go!"

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ACTION SHOTS

SOME OF THE GANG!!!!!!!!!!

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