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WASHINGTON YOUTH SOCCER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (CONCURRENT)
January 21, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Doug Andreassen called the meeting to order by teleconference at 7:10 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present:

President Doug Andreassen
1st VP Laurie Myers
VP Development Dave Miller – joined at 8 pm
VP Competition Gail Zimbelman – joined at 8 pm
Secretary Cynthia Spencer
Treasurer George Maitland
District 1 Comm. Jan Phillips
District 2 Comm. Larry Mana'o (left at 8:15 pm)
District 4 Comm. Kasey O'Leary
District 5 Comm. Troy Maxcy
District 6 Designated Representative Jeff Hulse
District 7 Comm. Ken Phillipson

Excused
District 6 Comm. Mike Terris

Absent:
VP Recreation Bryan Vasbinder
District 3 Comm. Stu Snow

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

Guests
Jan Glick
Yolanka Wulff

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Jan. 9, 2009

- Approval was deferred until next meeting pending Doug's input.

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AGENDA / COMMUNICATIONS

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report

Cynthia Spencer reported that the proposals to revise the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws were timely submitted by the Board of Directors for consideration at the 2009 AGM. No other proposals to change the Bylaws were submitted. The proposals were submitted to the Operating Documents Committee for review.

1st VP – Administration Report

Grievances and Hearings were held.

- Boundary grievance was agreed by the two associations in District 1 and ready for submission to the District 1 Board.
- A grievance related to coaches in Pierce County is pending.
- Hearings related to coaches, referee and parent

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Membership Cards (Star Images)

Doug reported meeting with WSYSA's attorney who has drafted a response to Star Images that will be sent by Doug reiterating our position that no use of any proprietary trade secrets was discussed.

Brain Injury / Concussion Proposed Legislation

A meeting will be held with WIAA, Sounders FC, Seattle Seahawks and two other sports organizations, plus WSYSA tomorrow night to respond to the proposed legislation that would require any student athlete who sustains a concussion or head injury in a practice or game be removed from competition.

Doug asked the Board for input on the practical implementation aspects of the proposed legislation. Board members responded positively that it is a good proposal, however, expressed concern that it is sometimes difficult to know that a concussion has occurred (may not see a collision involving the head). Further concern regarded how the head injury is defined and who determines whether the injury has occurred. Current WIAA rules are similar but include a checklist for coaches to use in determining whether the injury should require sidelining the player.

Commissioners recommended that referees be included in the meeting.

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Constitutional Convention

- Council Agenda / Facilitation Notes
  - Rapidly introduce the major themes at a strategic level
    - Separation of governance from management (separation of Board of Directors from Operations)
    - Roles and responsibilities (Board and Commissioners)
    - Seamless soccer
    - New senior staff roles
  - Guide to changes will be provided (providing linkage from old documents to new and highlighting new elements not covered in old bylaws / articles)
  - Open the session to Town Hall-style questions
  - Discussion centered on the process for electing directors and the safeguards built into the system (code of conduct and conflict of interest rules apply under the Bylaws, plus staggered terms of office and term limits, etc.)
- Proposed restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws
  - Updated drafts were distributed to the Board by email and submitted for consideration at the AGM.
  - Discussion centered on details of the revised drafts, providing initial feedback and anticipated concerns regarding where further redrafting is needed.
  - Proposals will be published to the membership prior to the January Council meeting to get approval of the Council to proceed.
- Job Description and hiring process for Executive Director
- Strategic Plan will be posted on the website this week.
- Nominating Criteria – consistent with what was announced previously and published on the website in November.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought before the Board.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME

- Dave Schumacher reported that five ODP teams went to ODP regional championships in Phoenix. Three teams made the finals (92 Girls lost in KFtPM, 94 Girls and 95 Boys), all played to Cal South teams (lost). Boys 92 team went to the Portland Showcase and won the tournament.
- Dave Miller announced that this weekend is the final weekend of the preliminary round for Commissioners Cup. Gail announced that Tami will solicit help from the Board.
- Region IV will host the new Regional Championships for states with less than 30,000 players and developmental teams from larger states at TriCities, WA in June 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

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