



January 28, 2009 NYSWYSA BOD Meeting Minutes

Present	Position	Name	Present	Position	Name
Y	President	Mike Radecke	Y	Rochester Comm.	Roger Best
Y	1st VP	Rich Wagner	Y	Syracuse Comm.	Greg Firenze
Y	2nd VP	Matt Dimas		Southern Tier Comm.	Vacant
Y	Secretary	Curt Regruit		Twin Tiers Comm.	Vacant
Y	Treasurer	Brian Lang	Y	Registrar/Data Base Mgr.	Tim Mellander
Y	Binghamton Comm.	Kevin Arnold	Y	TopSoccer Coordinator	Scott Boniface
Y	Buffalo Comm.	Michael Russ	Y	SYRA	Bill Campbell
	ODP Administrator	Millie Blaakman	Y	Director of Coaching	Glen Buckley
	Office Manager			Director of Public Affairs	Sandy Ostebo

AGENDA ITEM	Responsibility	Status
ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 9:14pm.		

REPORTS & BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS	Responsibility	Status
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the December, 2008 meeting were approved without changes.		
FINANCIAL REPORT: Brian presented his report. Player registration payments from clubs are down relative to last year, but this appears to be more of a timing issue rather than a real reduction in the number of registered players. Player registrations are actually higher at this point than at the same time last year. There were no other questions or issues. Overall we are on budget at this time. Brian reviewed his proposed NYSWYSA policy for Per Diem Meals and Incidentals. Discussion about the details in the proposed policy ensued. Approval of the policy is tabled pending a final review of some points in the proposal.	Lang	
PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mike provided his report. Discussion ensued about Risk Management passes. New York State law makes it illegal to conduct a background check for individuals under the age of 18. Therefore, if a club requests a Risk Management Pass for a club member under the age of 18, the pass is issued without a background check and it is implied that the club is endorsing that individual as qualified.	Radecke	
1st VP REPORT: Rich provided an update on the State Cup logistics. He proposed using the Cortland site for State Cup for the next 2 years. Rich will pursue a formal agreement.	Wagner	
2ND VP REPORT: There were no adjudication issues to discuss.	Dimas	
DIRECTOR OF COACHING AND ODP REPORT: Glen presented his report. Participation in coach education courses has been reduced compared to previous years. Glen thinks it may be in part a result of the state of the economy.	Buckley	
OFFICE MANAGER REPORT:		
DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION & DATABASE/WEB SITE REPORT: Tim's report was presented. There were no questions or concerns.	Mellander	
TOPSOCCER: Buffalo TOPSoccer will host an event March 7-11 at Sahlens. Registration numbers look good. Rochester is half way through their winter session, which is being held at the All Star Sports Arena. Amherst Soccer Club is having discussions about running a TOPSoccer program at the Village Glen. They would like to team up with the Town of Amherst's recreation program for disabled persons and are continuing work on the program. Tom Bonus has verbally committed to initiating a program in the Syracuse area, at Lemoyne.	Boniface	

Scot is investigating procurement of a TOPSoccer banner that includes both the NYSWYSA and TOPSoccer logos.		
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH/OFFICE MANAGEMENT UPDATE: Curt provided an update.	Regruit	
ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY: Curt Regruit made a motion to adopt the proposed document. The motion was seconded by Brian Lang. Discussion followed about the USSF policies that already specify adjudication procedures that members must follow for instances of abuse. Any policy that NYSWYSA would adopt would need to ensure it is consistent with USSF policy. Curt Regruit withdrew the motion to adopt the document until Matt Dimas can review USSF policies and propose specific references that we'll need to use in our NYSWYSA policy document. We will target completion and approval of the NYSWYSA policy for the end of February or earlier.	Best	
CLUB ACCREDITATION PROMOTION PLAN: Curt Regruit will provide an update at the next board meeting.	Regruit/Buckley	
2009 DIRECTORS CUP: The report was presented as part of the President's report.	Radecke	
LIVERPOOL SOCCER ACADEMY: Matt Dimas made a motion to accept their application for NYSWYSA membership. It was seconded by Curt Regruit. Membership was approved by a unanimous vote.		
BLACKWATCH SOCCER CLUB: Mike Russ made a motion to approve the club contingent upon approval of their bylaws. Matt Dimas seconded the motion. There was discussion about the fact that the club is resident in Albany, NY but plan to draw players from Buffalo. Therefore, the club would appear to be part of Eastern New York and not NYSWYSA, in which case they would have to petition Eastern NY for membership, not NYSWYSA. Matt Dimas rescinded his motion to accept their petition for NYSWYSA membership following the discussion.	Russ	
POTENTIAL NEW CLUB: Matt discussed a group who wants to establish an academy for developing players. They would like to be members of NYSWYSA. They would intend to provide developmental training for players without playing in leagues. They might have the players play in minimal tournament play. Their mission is to provide quality training for players whose primary interest is in receiving more training vs. playing in too many games. Matt will tell them to proceed to assemble bylaws for presentation and submission for approval.	Dimas	
FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME: There were no issues to discuss.		

The board meeting was adjourned at 11:30 pm.