



New York State West Youth Soccer Association  
Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
November 18, 2006

The New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA) held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 18, 2006 at the Airport Marriott Hotel in Rochester, NY. President Mike Radecke called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

### **Introductions**

President Radecke introduced State Office Operations Manager and Risk Management Director Dan Watson, Director of Coaching Glen Buckley, ODP Administrator Dave Matthews, Director of Public Affairs Sandy Ostebo and the following attending NYSWYSA Board Members:

- Rich Wagner – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Matt Dimas - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Southern Tier District Commissioner, Adjudication Committee & Audit Committee Chairman
- Teresa Doermer - Recreation & TopSoccer Director
- Tim Mellander - Registrar & Data Base/Web Site Management Director
- Kevin Arnold – Binghamton District Commissioner
- Roger Best - Rochester District Commissioner & Acting Secretary
- – Syracuse District Commissioner
- Rich Wagner – Twin Tiers District Commissioner
- Brian Lang – Treasurer
- Michael Russ – Buffalo District Commissioner
- Greg Firenze – Syracuse District Commissioner

Mike announced receipt of a \$500 Soccer Start grant from Region 1, initiated by Teresa Doermer. Check Presented to Delaware Soccer Club.

### **1. Credentials Report**

172 of the 512 available membership votes (10% {52} needed for a quorum) were represented. Therefore, a quorum was present to conduct business with a simple majority of 87 votes required to pass an item.

### **2. Agenda Approval**

A motion by Peter Clark (Eastside S. C.) and seconded by Dan Phelps (Greece Cobras S. C.) to accept the agenda was approved by a voice vote of the membership in attendance.

No changes to the minutes were requested.

### **3. November 13, 2005 NYSWYSA AGM Minutes**

The minutes stood as presented to the membership.

Peter Pigeon, from Delaware Soccer Club motion to approve minutes. Seconded by Jay Butz. Unanimous approval.

### **4. Reports of Officers**

#### **a. President Mike Radecke:**

Mike announced the new board members.

A resource plan has been developed since last AGM. A marketing agreement reached with Varsity Communications to assist us with marketing. A marketing and sponsorship agreement was signed with the Rochester Rhinos. This is a multi-year agreement to market our assets that brings additional revenue to the association with year-to-year upside potential.



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NYSWYSA renewed the agreement with Pullen Insurance: Details of the coverage provided to members is posted on the NYSWYSA web site.

A new Director of Public Affairs position was created this year. Sandy Ostebo was assigned this position.

Mike Radecke reported that NYSWYSA will use a third-party firm in the coming year to see how we might optimize the state office efficiency.

The new Striker West Newsletter was implemented this year.

Policies were updated for play at the U9, U10, U11, & U12 level.

Policies for registration and insurance were revised.

Status of NYSWYSA: Full 90 will no longer be a sponsor within 6 weeks from the end of this AGM. The relationship with Varsity was enhanced. There is still a lot for NYSWYSA to accomplish.

Work is under way on a template for Coaches Conduct that clubs can use if they desire.

More volunteers are needed to help manage NYSWYSA services. We are still looking for a Southern Tier Commissioner.

We need 2 non-board members for the association Nominating Committee.

Education: 6 Associate Directors of Coaching were hired to improve service provided at the local level.

Vision for NYSWYSA:

- Improve communication.
- Membership retention & development of new members.
- Examine other options for the AGM, Coaches Workshop and AGM/Awards event.
- Re-energize State Cup.
- Market & sell NYWYSA assets.

**b. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Rich Wagner:** His report accepted without questions. Dave Steffen was introduced as the 2007 State Cup chairman

**c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Matt Dimas:** Matt reported the implementation of teleconferencing for adjudication hearings. His report accepted without questions.

## 5. Reports

**a. State Director of Coaching:** The report was accepted without questions.

- **Small Sided Games:** 7 out of 9 NYSWYSA leagues will play 9v9 in 2007. 1 more will begin 9v9 in 2008.
- **Associate Directors of Coaching:** The assignment of 6 associate directors will improve the association's ability to offer more and better quality clinics in each district.
- **Club Passes:** RDYSL will trial club passes for the U17 and U19 age groups in 2007.

**b. Olympic Development Program (ODP) Administrator:** Report accepted without questions.

**c. Registration & Data Base/Website Management:** Report accepted without questions.



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- d. **Recreational Soccer, TopSoccer & Soccer Start:** Reports accepted without questions.
- e. **State Office:** Report accepted without questions.
- f. **State Youth Referee Administrator:** Report accepted without questions.

**6. New Business**

- a. **Financial Report 2005-2006:** The Balance Sheet report was presented by Treasurer Brian Lang. An accounting firm prepared the Financial Report. Gary Levine (Rochester District Youth Soccer League {RDYSL}) asked how much money is in the State Association's Reserve Fund? Mike Radecke responded that it is approximately \$300,000. Nick Pianella (BC United S. C.) asked what the reserve is for and how is the amount determined? Sandy also stated that the \$37,000 deficit for 2004-2005 came out of the Reserve Fund.

- b. **Budget & Budget Resolution 2006-2007**

A motion was made by Jay Butz (Syracuse) and seconded by Hugh Goodridge (Baldwinsville) to accept the proposed 2006-2007 Budget. The motion was approved unanimously by a show of hands by the attending membership.

Question from Gary Levine, President RDYSL: Gary asked how the \$.50 fee increase voted on last year for registration and insurance is accounted for in our budget. Sandy Ostebo explained that upon renewal of our Pullen Insurance contract, Pullen did not increase our fees due to our low insurance claim rates. The primary reason for last year's fee increase was to cover expenses. No fee increase is being requested for 2008.

- c. **2006-2007 Budget Narrative:**

ODP revenue was up but not as much as anticipated. Player registration revenues increased slightly. Expenses were moderately reduced in 2005/2006. Mike Radecke presented a breakdown of how the association spends registration fee dollars. There will be no registration fee increase for 2006-2007.

- d. **Election of Officers (2 year term)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Dave Steffen (Clarence SC) nominated Rich Wagner and Terry Dempski (Hiawatha SC) seconded the nomination. Since he was the only candidate for the position, Rich Wagner was elected 1st Vice President by acclamation.

**Treasurer:** Tom Idziak (Buffalo Western NY SC) nominated Brian Lang and Peter Pigeon (Delaware SC) seconded the nomination. Since he was the only candidate for the position, Brian was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

**8. Good and Welfare:** Mike Radecke recognized Sandy Ostebo for his long-term service to NYSWYSA.

**9. Adjournment**

President Radecke thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM.