

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
November 19, 2000
Holidome, Rochester, New York
Meeting Minutes

The Annual General Meeting was called to order by President Tony Buiniskis at 10 a.m. Secretary Millie Blaakman read Roll Call. One hundred sixty nine club delegates were represented either in person or proxy.

Buiniskis asked present members for a moment of silence to remember those members who served our NSA and organizations that were no longer with us.

On a request by Buiniskis to approve modifications to the meeting agenda, a motion was made by Pete Lautensack and seconded by Ed Harwood. The motion was unanimously approved.

Buiniskis called for questions from the floor from the 1999 AGM meeting minutes. No questions were raised. A motion made by Joe Carney (Rochester Jr. Rhino's) to approve the minutes as presented was seconded by Peter Clark (Eastside Soccer). On a call to vote, the minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee: The audit committee is to be represented by a member from each district. Districts that are underrepresented on this committee are Rochester, Binghamton, Southern Tier, and Twin Tiers. Buiniskis asked for persons interested in serving on this committee to contact your respective District Commissioner.

The year 1999-2000 was a busy year for NYSWYSA. The State hired Glen Buckley as the State Director of Coaching, and leased an office location in Corning that will enable us to better serve the organization in years to come at favorable rental rate.

Charles Brewer made the motion to approve the actions taken and policies set by the Board this past year. Bill Campbell seconded the motion, and subsequently the motion was unanimously approved.

TOPSoccer: Larry Evarts

Evarts explained the TOPSoccer program as being an outreach program for physically disadvantaged children, which enables them to participate in the game of soccer. State funding for TOPSoccer pays for registration cost, and provides equipment at no cost to the parents. Rochester and Buffalo are starting a TOPSoccer program while Twin Tiers started one in the fall 2000. Binghamton has a program already in process.

ODP: Glen Buckley

ODP tryouts started early this year instead of the Springtime. Winter Training will start in January to better prepare the participants for Region I's ODP Tournament and Region I's Identification Camps.

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Election of Officers (two year terms)

A motion was made by Antonio Barbano elect John Pecchia as Treasurer for NYSWYSA. Fred Hainsworth seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gary Acker to elect John Galli as NYSWSYSA's 1st Vice President. The motion was seconded by Suzanne Messina and the motion carried unanimously.

State and President Cup: John Galli

Chevrolet-President's Cup will be held August 3-5, 2001 at SUNY Brockport and Brockport High School facilities. The playdown format each team will be guarantee 2 days games within district home or away basis to qualify for the State finals. Cup entry fee is \$175 for teams making it to the Cup final. For teams not advancing to the Cup final the fee is \$100. Registration Deadline for the Chevrolet-President's Cup is June 1. Cup Playdown completion must be completed by July 22. Yellow roster form is not required this year; required document is the state roster and signed player passes.

Snicker's State Cup

State Cup will be held at Binghamton University and other fields in the area June 1-3, 2001. Entry fee is \$275 per team. Entries must be submitted in the form of one check per club for all teams entering Cup play. Additionally, all entry forms must be signed by the Club President in addition to Coach and Managers, including e-mail addresses for coach and manager. Registration and entry deadline is April 1, 2001, with District Playdown to be completed by May 20, 2001.

Snicker's Region I US Youth Soccer Championship will be held in Fort Niagara in the years 2001 and 2002.

Financial Report: John Pecchia

Pecchia reviewed the 2000-2001 proposed budget with the membership to include sponsorships for 2000-2001 being Kellogg's, Adidas, Tide and Days Inn, Nokia, Pillsbury, Gatorade, and Holiday Inn. A motion to accept the 2000-2001 budget as proposed was made by Peter Clark and seconded by Patti DiSanto. The motion passed unanimously.

Recreation: Larry Evarts

Evarts announced the dates for various recreation tournaments. The Kellogg's Jamboree Tournament will be held on June 30th and hosted by Central Square. The Tide American Cup will be held on June 23rd-24th, hosted by West Seneca, and the Tide Soccer Challenge will be held on July 28-29th, hosted by Red Creek.

State Referee: Bill Fahey

The mentor program in Buffalo is on Hold. There is a demand for more referees. If you are interested in becoming a referee, Fahey encourages people to contact him at 716-349-3800, or by contacting your District Commissioner.

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Risk Management: Gary Acker

Acker explained the new policy this year for State Passes. The Volunteer/Disclosure form that needs to be completed and forwarded to Acker for processing is located on the website (www.nyswysa.org). Please allow 7 days for processing a State pass. This State pass is issued at no charge.

State Operations: Dan Watson

Watson explained that the State Office has information on insurance, ODP, Coaches Clinic, AGM, State & Presidents Cup, and is available to answer questions regarding the programs offered by NYSWYSA. District Commissioners are also another source of information. The State Office carries out policies as set forth by the Board.

New Business

Adjudication Manual - Karl Krech

NYSWYSA Adjudication Manual is complete. This manual serves as a guide for resolving all disputes (alleged infractions of rules and procedures, protests, appeals, etc.) within NYSWYSA. The provisions of this Manual comply with US Soccer Bylaws hearing and appeal procedures, and alleged misconduct toward game officials. The booklet will be on the website in the very near future.

On a motion by Peter Clark to approve the manual as written, seconded by Peter Lautensack, the motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Millie Blaakman
NYSWYSA Secretary