



New York State West Youth Soccer Association
Annual General Meeting
November 17, 2002

The Board of Directors for New York State West Youth Soccer Association (“NYSWYSA”) held their Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) in Rochester, New York, on Sunday, November 17, 2002. President Buiniskis called the meeting to order 10 a.m.

1. Roll Call:

Present: Anthony Buiniskis, President
Gary Acker, Vice President and Cup Administrator
Bob Sokolinsky, 2nd Vice President
John Pecchia, Treasurer
Sue Messina, Secretary
Millie Blaakman, ODP Administrator
Larry Evarts, Recreation Director/TOP Soccer
Teresa Doermr, Risk Management
Tim Mellander, Registrar
Glen Buckley, State Director of Coaching
Bill Fahey, SYRA

District Commissioners:

Roger Best, Rochester
Roger Jank, Buffalo
Shane Cook, Binghamton
Matt Dimas, Southern Tier
Sandy Ostebo, Twin Tiers
Kevin Perrigo, Syracuse

Office Staff:

Dan Watson, Operations Manager
Sandy Ostebo, Interim Executive Director

Peter Clark, East Side Soccer, made a motion to amend the agenda to move Item 3b, the Treasurer’s Report, to be combined with item 5b, Budget Resolution for 2000-2003. The motion was seconded by Pat Janovich of the Delaware Soccer Club. The motion was unanimously approved.

Copies of the Policies and Amendments that were approved by the Board of Directors over the past year, as well as the minutes of last year’s meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting. Copies were also available in the meeting area. Peter Clark made a motion to accept the AGM minutes from last year. Joe Kearney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. President’s Report:

- a. President Buiniskis reported that New York West is making good progress. The State Coach of the Year that was selected at the Meeting last year—Dan Shonicker—went on to become Regional Coach of the Year. In Atlanta last February, Dan was selected as the 2002 Girls’ US Youth Soccer Coach of the Year.
- b. Over the past year, Glen Buckley has conducted many youth clinics across the State.
- c. Last summer, NYSWYSA hosted the US Youth Soccer Region I Championships in Niagara Falls.
- d. The Rochester Junior Rhinos U-15 Boys Elite Team came to the Snicker’s Region I Championship Tournament as a wild card team to replace the first place team from Pennsylvania that had been disqualified. The Rochester Junior Rhinos Boys Elite Team won first place at the



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- Snicker's Region I Championship Tournament, which qualified them for the Snicker's National Championship competition, which they won. The Rochester Junior Rhino U-15 Boys Elite Team became the Snicker's National Youth Champion by winning the National Tournament.
- e. This year the New York State West Youth Soccer Association became 20 years old. At the dinner last night, the founders of the organization were honored.
 - f. John Galli resigned during the past year as 2nd Vice President and Cup Chairman due to business considerations. Gary Acker, who was appointed to complete John's term, will be up for election later in this meeting.
 - g. Karl Krech retired this year due to family considerations. Bob Sokolinsky was appointed to replace Karl and will be up for election later in this meeting.
 - h. Last year NYSWYSA organization registered around 80,000 players. The organization must expand services and staff to meet the needs of the players. At the Planning Meeting in August, the Board of Directors appointed Sandy Ostebo to act as an Interim Executive Director. A job description will be written to determine the responsibilities of this position so that a search can be conducted to fill the position. This will be a full-time paid position, and the individual will work out of the Corning Office.
 - i. The organization replaced the Logical Solutions Registration Software with a more up-to-date program that is being evaluated by our Registrar. Input from the membership will determine what components will be put into place. We hope the program will be available by the second quarter to a few clubs to be piloted.
 - j. NYSWYSA has changed the Risk Management process. The form is available from the web site and has been adapted to address some of the issues brought forward by our Club and League Presidents.
 - k. The Risk Management process has been revamped to include the ability to conduct on-line background checks with the information that has been provided. Approximately 75% of Risk Management submissions include a background check before the pass is issued. The effort to keep our players safe is greatly improved by this process.
 - l. The Recreational Programs will continue to be the focus of attention for the organization, as this is the number that is growing most rapidly. More festivals will be pursued on the recreational level.
 - m. Soccer Start, or Inner City Soccer, is another area the organization is pursuing. Tony requested that Clubs collect used shoes to donate to the inner city programs.
 - n. Our financial position over the past year has been good. Expenditures were not as high as projected, and the organization has minimized some expenditures. These monies are being channeled back to the membership through activities for youth or youth volunteers.
 - o. Tony proposed a fee increase to cover projected increases in expenses throughout the upcoming year, such as increases in our insurance rates and an increase in the national rate.
 - p. Tony gave an overview of the events of the Coaches Workshop and Awards Dinner.
 - q. Kevin Arnold made a motion to approve the actions taken and policies approved by the Board of Directors of New York State West Youth Soccer Association over the past year at Tony's request. The motion was seconded by Peter Clark. The motion was passed unanimously. This would include the expanded roster size of 22 from 18 for ages U-13 and above, as well as continuing to follow the policy approved last year for U-12 and below, and an increase in fees by \$1 across the board as of September 1, 2003, and an additional \$1 for a travel pass.
- 2. 1st Vice President and State Cup Administrator (Gary Acker):**
- a. Gary's report is in the book that was distributed.
- 3. 2nd Vice President and Adjudication (Bob Sokolinsky):**
- a. Bob's report on Adjudication and his report on the Audit Committee were included in the handouts.



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4. AGM Attendance:

531 Votes Possible
372 Votes Present (70%)
248 Two-thirds Vote
187 Simple Majority

5. State Director of Coaching (Glen Buckley):

- a. Glen's report is in the book that was distributed.
- b. Kevin Arnold asked when the Academy would actually be functional. Glen indicated that would occur next Fall.
- c. Dan Phelps requested guidance on goal sizes for 11 and 12 year olds. The goal should match the size of the field—maybe one or two sizes down. Tony will have Sandy get that information and have it posted to the web site.
- d. Mike Cheatham recommended that NYSWYSA invest in a list server. Tim Mellander clarified why that is not a viable choice for NYSWYSA.

6. ODP Administrator (Millie Blaakman):

- a. Millie's report is in the book that was distributed.
- b. Glen is working to eliminate political frustrations with ODP at Tony's direction.

7. Registration (Tim Mellander):

- a. Tim's report is in the book that was distributed. Information about our database is listed in the report.
- b. Tim discussed the consolidated database that is being considered.

8. Web Page (Tim Mellander):

- a. Tim explained why a list server is not practical for our organization and discussed the e-newsletter. The remaining information is in the report in the book that was distributed.
- b. Pete Hilyard inquired about a scheduler that works being a part of the new registrar program. Tim indicated that the program probably will not accommodate that need.

9. Recreation, TOPSoccer (Larry Evarts):

- a. Larry's report is in the book that was distributed.

10. Risk Management (Teresa Doermer):

- a. Teresa's report is in the book.
- b. The Club should keep a list of Risk Management passes that have been issued to your club. It is possible to check registration with NYSWYSA, but it will save a great deal of time if the Club maintains a list.
- c. Risk Management Policy was discussed.

11. SYRA (Bill Fahey):

- a. Bill discussed the need for qualified referees and the passed out information about the Referee Mentor Program. There is a substantial need for more referees. Mom and Pop courses are also available through the Referee Association.



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12. Elections:

- a. Gary Acker was nominated elected 1st Vice President for a 2-year term.
- b. John Pecchia was nominated and elected Treasurer for a 2-year term.

13. Treasurer (John Pecchia):

- a. John Pecchia reviewed the 2002-2003 Statement of Operations with the membership. John then presented the 2003-2004 budget to the membership.
- b. A motion to accept the 2003-2004 budget was made by Peter Clark and passed unanimously.

14. Item 5C

- a. The individual who wished to pursue the establishment of an advisory committee is not present and the individual representing him pulled the item from discussion.

15. Increased Maximum Roster Size

- a. A proposal to increase roster size within the boundaries of NYSWYSA from 18 players to 22 players for U-13 and above was made. Only 18 players would be allowed to dress for each game.
- b. The expanded roster size would not be in effect for Snicker's State Cup Competition. Teams entering Snicker's State Cup Competition must adhere to the 18-man roster rule throughout the year.
- c. This proposal would go into effect on September 1, 2003.
- d. An amendment was made to have the proposal go into effect immediately.
- e. The motion carried unanimously.

16. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 12:15 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Messina, Secretary