



New York State West Youth Soccer Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 21, 2002

The Board of Directors of the New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA) held their April meeting in Corning, New York, on Sunday, April 21, 2002. President Buiniskis called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

1. Roll Call:

Present: Anthony Buiniskis, President
Karl Krech, 2nd Vice President
Suzanne Messina, Secretary
Tim Mellander, Registrar
Gary Acker, Risk Management Coordinator
Larry Evarts, Recreation Director/TOP Soccer
Millie Blaakman, ODP Administrator
Glen Buckley, State Director of Coaching

District Commissioners:

Roger Best, Rochester
Sandy Ostebo, Twin Tiers
Bob Sokolinsky, Binghamton
Matt Dimas, Southern Tier
Roger Jank, Buffalo District Commissioner

Office Staff:

Dan Watson, Operations Manager
Donna Mizerak, Bookkeeper

Absent:

John Pecchia, Treasurer
Kevin Perrigo, Syracuse District Commissioner
William Fahey, SYRA

2. Meeting Minutes:

Approval of the meeting minutes was moved to a lunchtime approval process.

Terry Doermer from Buffalo was present as a guest.

3. Financial Report:

- a. A copy of the Financial Report covering the financial period of September 1, 2001, through March 31, 2002, was distributed. A copy of the report is available upon request from the State Office.
- b. Tony requests electronic transmission of the documents in the future rather than sending information via U.S. mail.
- c. The first page of the Profit/Loss Budget versus actual, under expenses, under employee benefits and insurance, 5101040 was the first area of concern. The budget has already been exceeded in this area. The overall fiscal picture, however, is a good one. The cost over run appears to have been caused by changes in the benefits provider, which created an increase in the cost of benefits. The present figure that appears on the report at this time is actually valid for the remainder of the fiscal cycle. Another policy will be distributed on September 1. Tony requested that Dan ask Donna to prepare a brief report to the members regarding the cause for change in service providers, the cost, etc.



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- d. The second page, professional fees/Miscellaneous, was budgeted at \$2,300, and we are currently at \$6,645.
- e. The Registration Costs section, under supplies, was budget at \$1,200, and we are currently at \$2,643. Items that were purchased included a computer, a scanner, laminating machines, and laminating pouches. The Telephone/AOL budget was for \$600; we have spent \$100 to date on this item. It was determined that the State Registrar's telephone needs are partially addressed through this area and partially through other areas. There is a \$6,000 budget item for on-line registration, which is not currently occurring. The \$12,000 allotted for the Web Page for equipment and software items is misplaced in the budget. A cleaner method of identification of budget items is needed to determine what monies are actually being spent on.
- f. The \$4,365.71 that appears under Travel/Internal Staff Costs, Equipment and Rentals and Computer Equipment and Software, was not actually budgeted for. The purchase of beamers for the lap top projector that are used for the AGM, coaching sessions, and coaching courses that Glen has done incurred these costs.
- g. The Recreational Programs section, under Educational Programs, shows a budgeted amount of \$7,400 for educational supplies, but most of that money still remains intact at this time. The most recent supply order and other recreational expenses have not yet appeared.
- h. Tony requests that the Program Directors get together with Donna and John and determine correct categories for items in order to provide a clearer, more accurate picture
- i. The Coach's Association Cost, \$2,300 is over budget, because the items have been allocated to the wrong area. These costs should have been allocated to the AGM. The cost of t-shirts purchased for President's Cup was assigned to this area for use, as there is not a need to use them for President's Cup.
- j. Quinn and Fleck were an unexpected budget cost. Glenn originally felt that they were speaking without cost, but they have now indicated that there is a fee of \$500 each attached to their presentations. This will be charged to the Recreation Budget, because it is a recreational symposium.
- k. The Marketing section does not reflect that there is normally a lag of 30 – 60 days. The requests are primarily for rentals.
- l. The Scholarships and Sponsorships Section is a final figure, and all of these have all come in.
- m. The Budget is difficult to read because there is a time lag in the reporting of information, and some items are appearing in the wrong areas.
- n. Various items of concern in the budget were discussed and addressed.

ACTION ITEM—Dan will print out a report for the period of September 1 through now and then the budget for the entire year.

- o. Gary Acker motioned that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, which was seconded by Karl Krech. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

4. Communications:

- a. A letter arrived this week from Steve Hodgens (of the Valley Junior Athletic Association a recreation program, comprised of 450 children, requesting affiliation for the organization with New York State West. A copy of the letter of request, along with the registration forms, was given to Sandy Ostebo. As the Club would like to meet the requirements of the affiliation process in the Spring so that they will be able to register players to play this Fall, the club is asking for assistance at this time in developing by-laws. Sandy Ostebo will assist the club in the development of their by-laws. Sandy pointed out that New York State West does not have a standard template for developing by-laws, but the New York State West By-laws are an excellent guide for clubs to follow when developing their own by-laws. Sandy sends sample by-laws to clubs who are in the process of trying to develop their own by-laws. Sandy Ostebo also indicated that he was told in Atlanta that the National Organization hopes to have a by-laws' template developed shortly for State organizations to use. Tim made a motion to grant the membership



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- request of the Valley Junior Athletic Association upon development of appropriate club by-laws. Larry Evarts seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- b. Sandy Ostebo has a club in his District with the same situation as the Valley Junior Athletic Association. The Campbell-Savona Soccer Association has not registered players in three years and does not have up-to-date by-laws. Sandy Ostebo made the motion that New York State West accept the Campbell-Savona Soccer Association as Club 615 pending approval of their by-laws. Roger Best seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The Campbell-Savona Soccer Club has been granted provisional membership with permanent membership dependent upon submission of up-to-date club by-laws.
 - c. Tony noted that we all have a copy of the Syracuse-area article—"Coach Earns National Honor." Roger Best asked the Rochester paper to print the article, but they indicated that they do not publish "club news". It was suggested that Tony approach Irene Galgon from the Syracuse newspaper to see if she would like to be a contributor to our web page.
 - d. Larry Evarts requests that the correct names and addresses of club presidents be sent to him for the files by the District Commissioners.

5. President's Remarks:

- a. Risk Management. Gary Acker's resignation from NYSWYSA's Risk Management Coordinator to accept the 1st Vice President post resulted in the Risk Management Coordinator's position being vacant. Upon researching possible candidates, Terry Doerrner was presented as a viable candidate. Terry works with handicapped children. She holds Masters Degrees in Special Education and Elementary Education. She is an employee of the Erie County Department of Youth as an on-going service coordinator for the families of handicapped children.
- b. Karl Krech moved that Terry Doerrner be appointed the new Risk Management Coordinator to replace Gary Acker. Larry Evarts seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- c. The SYASRA contact person is Bill Fahey. All events where officials are needed must contact Bill to fulfill that need. We have agreed to pay the referees certain amounts for State Tournaments, which does not include State events, such as the ODP Mini-Camp in Niagara Falls on the 11th of May. Tony is presently working with Bill to obtain officials for that event at a reduced rate. One person held the SYASRA and the SRA positions, which was Reinhold Spath. NYSWYSA needed our own contact, so Bill was brought on Board for NYWYSA. Tony will be meeting with the amateur president on Wednesday night to decide who the new State Referee Administrator is going to be. Reinhold's term expires on August 31, 2002. Referees are showing a 30 percent decline in the registered number of referees. The representative of youth (Tony) has had several conversations with the representative of the amateurs (Armand Capan, president of the amateurs, regarding this situation. The person Tony will seek to have appointed, as the representative is Curt Hamlin out of the Rochester area. He has been very active in the State Referee Committee, a very active administrator and referee, and is well respected by the amateurs. He will be our joint appointment for the Amateurs Association and the State Association).
- d. The Referee's Report will no longer be listed on the agenda, as he will only be attending meetings on an as-needed basis. He will provide a written report each month, but will not attend the monthly meetings as a voting member. He will request to be on the agenda as needed.
- e. Tony attended a regional meeting on Saturday, April 20, in Niagara Falls. The Regional planning process is going very well as we enter our second year. The Opening Ceremony will be held on Friday night, June 28, at the University of Buffalo, as NYSWYSA is not able to obtain the baseball stadium at a reasonable cost. Everyone on the BOD is invited to the VIP reception at the University of Buffalo. Roger will be assigning various members the job functions to begin on Saturday. Tony and Roger need to be notified by the members regarding dates and time availability in order to make reservations. A number of golf carts have been requested for the State Association. There will be a VIP reception at the Stadium from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. After the parade, the VIP area will be open for another hour so that everyone is not caught up in traffic. There will be a helicopter, skydivers, the Marine Corp Band. An invitation has been hand-



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- delivered to the Governor in hopes that he will attend this event. This is the largest youth event that will be held in the State this year—even larger than the Empire State Games. Members should plan to arrive on Thursday night or early Friday morning, as help is needed in many areas.
- f. The USSF AGM this year is August 7 – 11 and is being held in San Francisco. Tony will be attending. Tony would like to have at least one other individual from NYSWYSA attend. Please let Tony know as soon if you are able to attend.
 - g. The NYSWYSA AGM will be held November 16-17, 2002, in Rochester. Arrangements are being made to hold the Coach's Workshop at Total Sports. Glen will take care of the Saturday Coaches' Workshop—setting up the venue, arranging for the clinicians, and working with the local soccer community to provide the players for demonstration purposes. Bob Sokolinsky will be working with Glen to coordinate and locate a hotel for the AGM and the dinner. Larry Evarts indicates that the Holiday Inn Airport would like to become involved in the AGM. A packet outlining the Holiday Inn's proposal is included in Larry's report. The information has also been given to Bob. Bob's assignments for the AGM will include the menu, the hotel, and the invitations. Glen and Bob will work through Dan with the State Office for any other assistance they need in distribution of information to the membership. The RIT Inn utilized for the 2001 AGM met the needs of NYSWYSA in terms of adequate space for the dinner and the meeting, but the bar area was somewhat small. Glen also suggests that Amy Wambaugh be obtained as the speaker for the AGM. Tony will send a formal letter to Amy requesting that she speak at the 2002 AGM.
 - h. Information will go to the vendors as soon as Dan has final confirmation of the location.
 - i. The ODP Tournament that is in June will be held at Rider College. The President's dinner will be held on Saturday evening, and Gary Acker indicated that he would be able to attend in Tony's absence.
 - j. Tony asks that the Board consider purchasing the Chevy van that NYSWYSA currently has on loan from Chevrolet. NYSWYSA receives a brand-new Chevy van every year for the term of this contract. We usually turn the van in with between 18,000 and 22,000 miles. These are the largest Chevy Venture vans that are made, and they come fully equipped. Retaining the van will give NYSWYSA the opportunity to deliver materials to various venues and have the vehicle readily available at the State Office to be used as needed. It could be used for other trips that the Board takes versus having to rent a vehicle. A decision needs to be made in five months.

6. Review of League Bylaws--Karl Krech.

- a. Al Caruso filed a complaint against Buffalo and Western New York Junior Soccer League. Deliberations have taken place regarding questions about whether their rules complied with USSF and NYSWYSA right after the AGM in 2001. It took until April 7 to achieve the desired change in the Club's by-laws to comply with USSF and NYSWYSA. At Tony's request, Karl has contacted eight other leagues that did not appear to be affiliated with NYSWYSA and asked them for a copy of their by-laws. Karl contacted the Clubs indicating that he would provide the Clubs with positive, helpful, and constructive suggestions if their by-laws needed to be revised. This also hinges on item 8, which has two forms of membership. This may or may not impact what will occur with the leagues in question. Has received a response from 5 of the 9 leagues. One league requested that NYSWYSA provide the league with a detailed explanation of why NYSWYSA believes they have jurisdiction over their league in that regard. In almost every case, the leagues will need to be asked to clarify, through a change in their by-laws, that they practice what is referred to as "open" or "inclusive" membership. Even where organizations claim that they are not affiliated with NYSWYSA, the by-laws indicated their entire member clubs must be organizations affiliated in good standing with NYSWYSA. In almost every case their appeals procedures do not reference our State adjudication process. So, at the very least, in each and every one of the cases of these organizations that belong to the league, which claim in at least two cases not to be affiliated with NYSWYSA, the Club members must be affiliated with NYSWYSA in good standing. It only makes sense that any appeals and protest procedures should be carried out



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in accordance with the NYSWYSA adjudication policy. Karl has received responses from Rochester, the Upstate Premier League, and two or three others. Karl will send the remaining three letters if he does not hear from them in the next week to ten days. Any action will be predicated on their responses to any invitation to become an associate member of NYSWYSA. Twin Tiers sent theirs to Sandy Ostebo, who will forward it to Karl. There are 8 travel leagues—Upstate Premier League, Buffalo and Western New York Junior Soccer League, Rochester District Youth Soccer, Wayne Finger Lakes, Central New York, Broome County Soccer Association, Tompkins County Fall Soccer League, Southern Tier Travel, and Twin Tiers Travel League. NYSWYSA is required, as a National State Association, to verify that our members are in compliance with Federation policies and by-laws. Once the inconsistencies of the leagues are addressed, NYSWYSA can then pursue the same non-compliance within member clubs. The establishment of by-law templates should greatly facilitate the progress of the leagues and member clubs in bringing their by-laws into compliance. Seven of the nine leagues under discussion do not appear to be affiliated within their by-laws. Gary, Karl, Roger, and Dan will review the list of clubs and leagues to determine which clubs are actually clubs and which clubs are leagues. Players from Eden are requesting travel passes, but they have not registered through Southern Tier. They have registered through Sahlen's Indoor Soccer Park. This is part of the Sahlen's Soccer League. Matt is unable to give them a pass without a copy of their stamped roster. The Board concurred that they are not registered until they appear in the Southern Tier District or whatever District they are geographically located within.

ACTION ITEM Every Commissioner will give Tim a list of Clubs within their District that indicates which is a club and which is a league before the next meeting. This information should be broken down into travel leagues and recreational leagues. A travel league has at least four teams from different clubs that must have player passes to play, and a recreation league is comprised of teams within a Club or Clubs. If they are on the Club list, please indicate what the number is. Tim will then break the list up differently so that the information makes more sense.

7. State Cup

- a. Gary distributed an updated schedule and projected budget for State Cup. There were a couple of mistakes that have been corrected, but times have not been changed. Gary has received no complaints about the schedule to date.
- b. Tim will post the corrected information to the Web page; all teams will receive the corrected copy in the mail with a revised date on the top of the schedule.
- c. Fields are now labeled by letter rather than number. NYSYSA will be utilizing nine fields. Gary visited the fields last weekend and found them to be in excellent condition despite the rain and the heat. Restrooms with changing booths are located right at the facility, as well as a reasonably priced concession area. The concession area has walk-in cooler and will provide bags of ice from their icemaker. There are also picnic tables available for people to eat at. There is an overhang in front of the building to place tables for registration where the tables and the paperwork will be protected from the weather. Gary has a separate room just for the BOD where work can be completed away from the crowds. Consequently, no tent will be needed and materials can be kept under lock and key. The facility will have golf carts for the members, and boards will be provided to post the score sheets on. NYSWYSA will have a tent available for the referees close by the picnic area. Parking is abundant, and hard shelters are available in case weather dictates that people should take shelter. There will be six alternate fields approximately a mile away from this facility. These fields will be prepared and lined in case of an emergency. Three trainers will be on site at all times, as well as two EMTs and an ambulance.
- d. Gary reviewed the budget comparison for last year's State Cup with the projection for this year that he passed out earlier in the meeting. Gary projects that State Cup will generate a profit this year. Gary requested information regarding referees food, as part of their contract is meal tickets. It was determined that the referees receive \$5 in meal coupons.



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- e. Board accommodations are at the Hampton Inn, which is very close to the fields. Board members should plan to arrive on Friday night, May 31, with check out on Sunday morning, June 2.
- f. Gary requested that the Board establish a policy regarding payment of referees for State Cup Play-Down games for consistency. Some Districts have paid the fees for the teams that are competing; some Districts require the competing teams to pay the fees.
- g. No NYSWYSA items will be sold at this venue, as it is not in the realm of the NYSWYSA by-laws and constitution. Accountability became an issue several years ago regarding sales at tournaments, which is why the sales were eliminated. This will be discussed at a later date to determine whether or not it would be beneficial to sell tournament t-shirts in the future.
- h. Gary pointed out a change in this year's rules. The rules say that a properly registered team must compete in the District in which a majority of its players are residents. A majority is considered to be 50 percent plus one. That changed from stating that a team plays in the District in which seven of the players are residents. A team called during the past week that read the previous rules in January, and they are in compliance with those rules. The team, however, does not have 50 percent from one District. Gary advised the team that the majority of the players are from Binghamton District, so that is where the play down should take place.
- i. Teams have requested that Glen check to see if teams that play at 8 a.m. be allowed to have the coach and/or manager register the teams and then have the referees check the player passes on the field of play to eliminate having the players show up at 7 a.m. for an 8 a.m. game. The players have to sign the blue roster according to the National rules for the tournament, which would require the players to arrive an hour prior to the game. Players who have not yet arrived at 7 a.m. can stop by the registration table to sign the form before proceeding to the field of play.
- j. Gary will contact each Board member separately to determine when they will arrive and distribute duty assignments.
- k. College coach handouts will be available for ages 16, 17, and 18. NYSWYSA will provide copies of the Blue Form, which does not contain addresses or telephone numbers. College coaches who are interested in a player must go through the team coach to obtain information regarding that player. College coaches must supply identification at sign in to verify that they are a coach and whom they are representing.
- l. Tim Mellander shared Web Page plans for State Cup. Micah will take pictures and keep the Web Page up to date on a continual basis. A phone line does not exist at the site of State Cup, so a laptop, a telephone modem, and a cell phone will have to be utilized for hook up. Directions to the Fields are available on the Web Page. Field letters are also on the map for clarification.
- m. Gary has sent a contract for the rental of fields to the facility, which he will return to Tony as soon as it has been mailed back to him.
- n. T-shirts are ordered, but have not yet arrived. The t-shirt logo was forwarded to Charlotte (the Region I Marketing contact), who forwarded it on to the Snicker's and USYSA offices for their approval. Dan will send out copies to the BOD electronically.

8. President's Cup

- a. Tony canceled President's Cup upon receipt of numerous e-mails from commissioners regarding the number of entries and concerns about making the teams involved aware in a timely manner so they could arrange alternate plans for that weekend.
- b. Larry Evarts has proposed that we utilize these resources toward a recreational event along the lines of what we are already pursuing with some of our sponsors, such as Chevrolet and Kellogg.
- c. Coaches polled by Glen indicated that they were not willing to travel to Binghamton. People will only play in their local area, since coaches and teams seem to view the event as just another tournament.
- d. Roger suggests a survey on the Web Page to determine whether this event should be continued.
- e. Glen suggests inviting teams from out of New York State and Canada at no charge to afford an opportunity for NYSWYSA teams to play quality out of state teams within their local area, or conduct a small-sided game tournament sponsored by Chevrolet.



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- f. Alternatives to President's Cup will be pursued at a later date.

9. Proposed By-Law Change—Sandy Ostebo

- a. The purpose of this by-law was to address a situation that came up because of a recent revision of our own by-laws where we took out reference to leagues and other members. Sandy sent these to everyone via e-mail for review for this meeting. Two areas of concern were addressed based on feedback—leagues versus clubs and the feeling that votes should be weighted based on size of club.
- b. The change in 2b was to read from at least four different clubs. Technically speaking, that could be either recreational or travel. A league is perceived as competition of teams from different clubs where traveling is involved and have already registered individually with a home club. Whether the league is recreational or travel, there has to be some governing documents regarding how they conduct play among the different club teams.
- c. Section 5.2 was changed to reflect a weighted vote. Teams with 4 – 10 teams would get one vote, 11 – 13 teams would get two votes, 13-60 teams would get three votes, and 61 or more teams would get four votes.
- d. Sandy proposed that the Article 2 membership proposal be taken off the table. Matt seconded this proposal.
- e. Sandy proposed to amend the Article as he has mentioned above from Section 2b--that membership involves that at least four different clubs, and with a weighted vote as listed in Section 5.2. The amendments to the proposal were seconded by Roger Jank.
- f. Tim requests that the end of Section 4 contain a statement that Associate Members shall submit a list of all Club members that participated in activities. Since 5.2 states that teams will weight votes, Tim suggests that a list should be submitted by August 31 of each year of who participates in their league, or the votes should be weighted by Club. To determine the weighting, the Board needs to decide whether they want to know how many teams are in a league or how many clubs are in a league. An additional clarification to the by-laws is needed in this area to read, "New York State West" clubs when determining number of teams to weight the votes. Section 4.4 will now read, "Each year by August 31, every Association Member shall submit a list of all New York State West club members and teams.
- g. If a league turns down the opportunity to become an Associate Member, will they be placed in bad standing? Whether these leagues become Associate Members or not, they must follow the by-laws, as their by-laws read that the members of the leagues must be members in good standing with NYSWYSA. Failure to associate would mean that the teams in the League are not covered under NYSWYSA insurance, because they are playing in a league that is not sanctioned. If the clubs that belong to a league are members of NYSWYSA, the league is also required to meet and maintain the same standards in terms of the rules and regulations of NYSWYSA. NYSWYSA is the governing body for youth soccer within the boundaries of Western New York, and as such is required to promulgate the rules and regulations that govern that sport within this area for all members, clubs, leagues, teams, players, coaches, etc. NYSYSA cannot sanction the play of a league that is not a member and does not follow NYSWYSA guidelines. Leagues that choose not to affiliate will be sanctioned, will not be insured, and will not provide eligibility for State Cup play.
- h. Karl Krech made an amendment to the proposal of Section 5.2 to reflect a weighted vote to have the proposal read that each league get one vote. The amendment was seconded by Matt and unanimously approved.
- i. Sandy made a motion that the by-law proposals be accepted as: 2b—will have the addition from at least four teams from at least four different Clubs; Section 4.4—to say that each year, by August 31, every Associate member shall submit a list of all NYSWYSA members that participated in its activities during the past fiscal year; and Section 5.2 will read that each delegate in attendance at the AGM shall be accorded one vote. The motion, as amended, was seconded by Matt and unanimously approved.



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10. Recreation and TOP Soccer—Larry Evarts

- a. Larry distributed a report to Board members for their review.
- b. Chevy Cup is very successful. Larry has a 50-foot trailer coming this year, with the soccer ball and the kick wall.
- c. Larry is still communicating with the Rhinos for the age group for the winning ticket.
- d. Tide America Cup—Matt left at the end of March. Larry will still work with the Rhinos for the winning ticket.
- e. Larry met with East Rochester to discuss issues such as Risk Management for coaches, Youth Module Courses, the May 4 Recreational Symposium, and made suggestions for improvement of their forms.
- f. Larry sent out information about the Recreational Symposium to 116 clubs, 18 coaches from the original list, and the Board members. Larry also asked each Recreational President in that letter to send in the registration disk and the money to your local District Commissioner.
- g. Larry will apply for the Chevy 2000 TOP Soccer Grant. Chevy awards 10 grants to State Associations.
- h. Larry will make a presentation to the Greece Rotary on Wednesday, April 24, at noon. They are interested in the Rochester area and donating to the TOPS Soccer Program.
- i. Larry will hold a public meeting on May 6 at the Holiday Inn, which is free of charge, for another meeting on TOPS Soccer and try to get that off the ground. Two of the people on the committee have children with disabilities—one is a schoolteacher; one is a printer. He will do all of the flyers at no cost.
- j. The April 6 TOPS Soccer meeting was canceled due to a lot of sickness. That meeting has been scheduled for May 11.
- k. Larry has a new individual lined up to run a team out of the Syracuse area—Sarah Cornish.
- l. Soccer Start is a program other State Associations have been working hard on. This program will become a corporation.
- m. There is a report from Holiday Inn from Kimberly Canner, who wants to become involved in the program. In her proposal, she has asked that she become a sponsor of a number of activities, such as Men's Coach of the Year and Women's Coach of the Year Award for both Travel and/or Recreation, or do it as Volunteers of the Year. They would award the individual a plaque plus a gift certificate of about 5,000 points, which is valid in any Holiday Inn in the United States.
- n. If the hotel becomes a "chain member", they offer free conference rooms to individuals or organizations they are sponsoring.
- o. Larry attended a Soccer Smart Summit Program in Dallas, Texas. This program is designed for kids living in communities and inner cities that do not have existing clubs and/or leagues to help them focus on a soccer program. It is a difficult program to administer, areas of cities are entered that many do not feel comfortable going in to. For instance, a representative from Alaska, John Ross, who lives in Fairbanks, who travels 300 miles to the next closest town to administer this program.
- p. Once the Board members are in place, the Soccer Smart Summit Program becomes a separate entity.
- q. Region I had a working dinner session. Discussed successful programs and issues that were addressed, which is outlined in Larry's report.
- r. Larry would like to develop a mechanism whereby any TOPS Soccer Grants that are filled out be funneled through the State Office so that we get a copy to look at. Forms are being filled out incorrectly, and the Grants will then be disbursed elsewhere.
- s. When Grants are awarded, TOPS Soccer requires that forms be filled out and sent back in to TOPS Soccer. Larry would like to see the same system put into place for the Soccer Smart Program.
- t. Larry made a motion that NYSWYSA take care of the monies that TOPS Soccer in Binghamton has overspent. The Director was willing to pay the money out of his own pocket, but Larry feels



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that the budget overrun was in part due to the way items in the Budget were charged and feels that NYSWYSA should cover these costs. Finances have been revamped so that overspending does not occur in the future. The question was called by Tony and unanimously approved.

- u. Gary requests that all TOPS Soccer players be registered so that they receive all of our mailings. Larry indicates that they will be registered, because they are not eligible for the Uniroyal equipment money unless they are registered.

11. Adjudication Policy—Bob Sokolinsky

- a. Bob proposed that a change be taken off the table to be reviewed and approved, but has found an omission has occurred between a mediation and the adjudication process. Once a mediation agreement is made, there is no right to appeal. It should be stated as such in the Mediation Section of the Adjudication Manual.
- b. Bob would like this to read, “A mediation agreement, made within the mediation process, will be placed in writing and signed by each party. A decision made by mutual agreement within the mediation process is not cannot be appealed.
- c. Bob feels that Karl and he should meet, discuss this more fully, and present this change at a later date.
- d. Adjudication Change Number 2. A memo was sent to the State from Jim Cosgrove establishing a disciplinary action report requirement by the State to submit whenever there are people in bad standing or there are people or clubs in bad standing for over a four-month period. This change to the Adjudication Manual establishes that fact in writing within the structure of the manual and gives the Clubs and Leagues some guidance should they have people that they put in bad standing. They now have a procedure to follow in these cases. It is written that the Adjudication Chair should be the one monitoring this. Bob has included copies of the report and the forms, along with the directions. Bob added a page of manual changes so that we have a record of the changes and when they were made, and he moved the reference list since most of this is referenced from US Soccer By-Laws, Policies, Statements, etc.
- e. Karl moved that the Adjudication Manual Change 2 be moved to become Adjudication Manual Change 1, and that once it is approved, that the changes be reflected in the written body of the document, as well as on the web site. Matt seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- f. Bob had a hearing between two teams that had a brawl. Bob asks that the Board review what Bob required the Clubs to do to shape up their behavior. Teaching of the respect for the game is obviously not being done, and he hopes these behavior modifications will generate some changes in attitude. Bob is requiring an “E” license by a certain date, requiring that rosters contain numbers and coaches names, as well as having numbers on the shirts.
- g. Bob has developed a procedure statement based on items in writing only on how to accept Eastern New York teams into the District.

ACTION ITEM: Dan will send copies of the Discipline Report to Board Members and District Registrars.



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12. Registration—Tim Mellander

- a. Rule 2206 was approved by the NYSWYSA Association four or five years ago. This rule outlines the rules for multiple-roster of players and how you come about becoming a secondary player. A misconception exists on the part of some individuals that can fill up a second team full of 100 percent secondary roster players. The rule clearly states the same information contained in USYSA Rule 205—the team must have seven players to be a team. Seven players on any team must be primary to that team.
- b. Tim and the Eastern New York registrar are sorting out Eastern New York registration issues.
- c. Tim spent a good deal of time on Good Friday in the Demosphere office talking with Jay Baker about Roster Pro. He showed Tim a lot more about the program than he had before. It has, therefore, paid to hold off and wait before purchasing the program, but it might be time to jump in now and purchase what NYSWYSA needs.
- d. The two Districts that are the most prepared to handle this type of program are Binghamton and Buffalo. Tim will use these two Districts as the pilot area.
- e. Tim discussed the Registration Report from the Office, which was as of April 18, and there was one from Tim with a comparison of registrations side by side. Reviewed teams that have entered into State Cup that the State has no registration data on file.
- f. Two years ago, the rules changed regarding player passes so that only the District Registrar can produce a player pass. Two districts are now allowing the clubs to produce their own rosters and passes
- g. Discussed the system utilized in Rochester regarding rosters and passes since the area is so large. The task in Rochester is monumental, so the requirement needs to be made that the clubs bring the disk with them to the league registrar in order to get their rosters and their passes back.
- h. Some of the leagues that are issuing NYSWYSA passes are the very same leagues that claim they are not affiliated with NYSWYSA.
- i. It was determined that the District Registrars will address this issue first. Clubs will be notified that anyone who has not turned in their data by Friday at 6 p.m., April 26, will not be allowed to enter any teams in State Cup.
- j. Web Page information—the statistics indicate that the web page utilization has increased at a steady pace. The statistics also indicate that the users of the web page also are traveling farther through the web pages than just the home page. The pages that are utilized most frequently are tournaments, ODP, and State Cup information.

13. ODP—Mille Blaakman

- a. Outdoor training started the week of April 29. Outdoor fees have been collected and are turned in today.
- b. Yesterday was the deadline for collection of outdoor fees. They have been collected from a total of 10 pools. The U-19s had been collected previously.
- c. Mini Camp is May 10 and 11.
- d. Millie's report was distributed to the Board for review.

14. Indoor Policy

- a. The indoor policy was removed from the agenda, as Kevin was not present.

15. State Director of Coaching—Glen Buckley

- a. Glen's report was distributed to the Board for review.
- b. U-9/U-10 Policy is in place. Glen has met with the travel leagues in the NYSWYSA area to review the policy and develop continuity within the Districts in implementing the small-side games materials.



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- c. Binghamton has not shown up at any of the League meetings, so they do not have any of the information.
- d. Glen's feedback is that clubs and coaches do want to move forward with the small-sided games venue, but they do not want to be the enforcer.
- e. Glen would like the Board to approve a premier league run by NYSWYSA so that NYSWYSA can have a positive effect on player development, should the current league find themselves unable to comply with current rules and regulations. Some States run all of the leagues in their States, so there is a precedent for doing this.
- f. Glen has drawn up a promotion and relegation system to join the Premier League.
- g. Glen is encountering a lot of concern regarding double roster of players.
- h. Glen is teaching three licensing classes per weekend and has licensed 300 people from September 1 through the end of February. Well over 600 licenses have been issued to date. An additional 200 licenses will probably be issued before the end of the year.
- i. Feedback forms on the courses are available at the State Office if anyone wishes to review the forms. Only two of the 600 forms have negative comment on them, so Glen is very comfortable with how the courses are going.
- j. Large numbers are signing up for courses. There were 33 signed up for an "E" license in Buffalo and 45 people for a youth module at the Recreational Symposium. This should cover the costs of the speakers.
- k. Registration for the National "D" is a residential for four days, with an enrollment of 21 at last count, with still a lot to come. Glenn will be running that course himself, as there are no other instructors available. He will not be able to accept many more at this point. He is trying to bring in somebody to help him.
- l. Glen will also be offering C licenses. USYSA has taken over all licensing of youth license level from U.S. Soccer. There is some crossover, because U.S. Soccer is still doing "C" licenses, "B" licenses, and "A" licenses on a residential basis. However, those States whose Director of Coaching or its instructional staff has been sanctioned by U.S. Soccer can now do their own "C" license. This means Glen does not have to keep bring in two U.S. Soccer instructors to do it—he can do it himself.
- m. There has been no indication of how much the "C" manual will cost that will have to buy from them. It currently costs \$125, but rumor has it that the cost will increase significantly. The books only cost \$10 to produce.
- n. Glen will run a "C" course at the end of the summer, early fall, or probably in the spring of 2003.
- o. Glen has become increasingly involved with the Regional activities of U.S. Soccer. Glen actually wrote the Region I position statement on small-sided games, which was voted on, and then was distributed. All other Regions included U-12s in their proposal; Region I proposed U-13 and up. A total of four Regions are now on the same page regarding small-sided games.
- p. Tony would like everyone to consider dropping U-12s from State Cup starting in 2003. This is in line with what other States, as well as the National Directors of Coaching are recommending in the interest of player development.
- q. The Center of Excellence is an excellent developmental program, but the program is not taken advantage of the same reasons people indicate that they do not participate in ODP. NYSWYSA will set up a Center of Excellence for Clubs that want to host them on their own. This was done a couple of times last year, and it was very successful.
- r. Glen discussed conducting a State Academy for the older players. The Center of Excellence will address the development needs of the younger players; the State Academy will address the developmental needs of the older players. The best players from the District Premier teams will attend the Soccer Academy and then play in a Club sponsored Y League.
- s. Buffalo is also fighting for premier players, as there are not enough to go around. Four top-level premier clubs in Buffalo are trying to come together to place players with the other clubs who have enough players at that age group rather than having barely enough on a team or turning the players away.



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16. Reports

- a. The trip report from Cincinnati was eliminated from the agenda, as the report has already been given. Dan provided a report in everyone's packet for review.
- b. Millie, Larry, and Sue did not receive copies of the by-laws, but everyone else has received a copy.
- c. The new stationery is now here. Dan has boxes of the stationery available at the Office. Tim made a template, which also works very well. Tim will mail that to everyone once he determines that all of the sponsors are correct. The new note pads did not yet arrive.
- d. Tony reported that the trip from Cincinnati brought to light new and improved methods of completing mailings. The first mailing that we did was notification of a coaching session for Glen that went out in Ohio South stationery envelopes. Tony requested that Dan investigate what procedures they use so that we can complete mailings of this nature right from our State Office.
- e. Dan indicated that a local, non-profit mailing permit is currently being applied for. We used to have one out of Buffalo, so NYSWYSA is working on the same arrangements from the State Office. The Corning area is much smaller, however, so the rate will not be as good. The new printer and the new copier that we have enable NYSWYSA to do direct printing on envelopes instead of labels. The new Access database enables utilization of all data collected in mail merges, which will save a great deal of time.
- f. Tournament Hosting applications for our member clubs come in to the State Office. Tony is concerned about the Syracuse Blitz Tournament for 2002, which is being held at the Hall of Fame, which is New York State East. Tim will contact Eastern New York to find out who has the Permission to Host for this tournament. As a member of NYSWYSA, a Club cannot get a Permission to Host a tournament in another State. Tony will then pursue the matter.

17. Good of the Game:

- a. Roger made a motion to accept two new Clubs. They are Club #128, Stars and Stripes, and Club #129, Holland Soccer Club. The paperwork has been given to Tim. The motion was seconded by Tim Mellander and unanimously approved.
- b. Tony has two other new Clubs. Kevin Perrigo sent in all of the information for the Syracuse Fusion. The President is Brian Hurley, and the contact person is Jim Riale. He has the by-laws, a list of the Board of Directors. They will be submitted to the State Office. The Motion to accept this Club was seconded by Gary Acker and unanimously approved. One Club that was granted provisional membership pending Sandy's discussions with them regarding their By-Laws, the Valley Junior Soccer Association. The Club now has an approved set of by-laws in place. Approved at last meeting pending documentation receipts.
- c. Risk Management forms will now come to Dan in the State Office.
- d. Dan has copies of a Referee Officials Registered as of 4/18/02 Report. Dan will make these available for anyone who is interested in obtaining a copy.
- e. Binghamton Club Risk Management issue was discussed.



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18. Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m., at the New York State West Office in Corning.

19. Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Karl Krech, seconded by Gary Acker at 3:45 p.m., and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Messina
Secretary