



New York State West Youth Soccer Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 18, 2004

The Board of Directors of the New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA) held their April 2004, meeting in Corning, New York. President Buiniskis called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

1. Roll Call:

Present: Anthony Buiniskis, President
Gary Acker, 1st Vice President
Bob Sokolinsky, 2nd Vice President
Susan Gurak, Treasurer
Suzanne Messina, Secretary
Angelo Grande, Risk Management Coordinator
Larry Evarts, Recreation Soccer Director

District Commissioners:

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

Office Staff:

Omer Doron, Executive Director
Dan Watson, Operations Manager
Glen Buckley, State Director of Coaching

Absent:

Teresa Doermer, TOP Soccer Director
Tim Mellander, Registrar

Guest:

Dave Matthews, Assistant ODP Administrator

2. Meeting Minutes:

- a. The March 2004 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and modifications were submitted by Tony and Roger Best. A motion was made by Roger Jank to approve the minutes with the modifications that were submitted. The motion was seconded by Sandy Ostebo and unanimously approved.

3. Financial Report:

- a. Susan reports that the NYSWYSA is in good financial shape at this time and that there is nothing unusual to report.
- b. Susan discussed key items on the Financial Report that she distributed to the Board Members.
- c. Susan asked that everyone be aware that the Registration Costs on page 3 are over budget due to the addition of the new RosterPro Registration Program and that this will be within budget next year.
- d. The Financial Report is available at the State Office upon request.
- e. A budget item for consideration next year will be the renewal of the NYSWYSA Office Lease Agreement. Susan was appointed to chair a committee to look at the rental agreements that are options



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for the NYSWYSA such as renewing the current lease or leasing elsewhere. Gary, Matt and Omer will serve on this committee, which will report back to the NYSWYSA Board of Directors in August 2004 at the Annual Planning Meeting.

4. President's Remarks:

- a. Tony requested that the Board move to Executive Session at this point in the meeting.
- b. Tony noted that everyone should have received a Pre-order Form for State Cup T-shirts.
- c. Tony requested that the Board decide whether to place a \$400 full-page advertisement in the Regional Program to congratulate the NYSWYSA teams that continue on to Regionals. Larry Evarts made a motion that the NYSWYSA take out the \$400 full-page 'advertisement of congratulations'. Bob Sokolinsky seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- d. Tony passed around a golf umbrella that bears the NYSWYSA logo that is to be sold at State Cup Weekend.
- e. Discussion regarding inclusion of sales tax in the price of the umbrella took place. The
- f. Bob Sokolinsky made a motion that the umbrellas be sold for \$25, which would include the New York State Sales Tax. Shane Cook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. 1st Vice President, Gary Acker — State Cup:

- a. Gary sent out a preliminary first-round schedule for State Cup.
- b. Gary will send out a finalized first-round schedule that will include the changes he receives from teams regarding the first-round schedule. Responses were missing because people were out of town during the school break.
- c. The contract for the State Finals' Weekend with Total Sports Experience (TSE) has been finalized. Trainers will be on site from Robert Wesleyan. The Gates Ambulance Service will be on stand by. The NYSWYSA will make a donation out of appreciation for the assistance of the ambulance service.
- d. The schedule for the State Cup Finals will be done this week. The schedules for the U16s and U17s have been adjusted to have a late game on Saturday and two games on Sunday to accommodate the players who are taking the SAT that weekend.
- e. The draw for preliminary rounds was attended by four people and went well.
- f. The Round One games are scheduled as follows: 9 in the Buffalo District, 7 in the Binghamton District, 12 in the Rochester District, 7 in the Syracuse District and 2 in the Twin Tiers District.
- g. Round two games will be scheduled as soon as possible following the round one weekend. It is not possible to schedule round two games until the round one games are complete, as it is not possible to determine in which districts the games will take place. The referees, therefore, would not be given the mandatory four-day notification period. The teams who could end up with round two games are already working on setting a round two schedule.

6. 2nd Vice President, Bob Sokolinsky, Adjudication:

- a. Bob did not submit a written Adjudication Report.
- b. Bob attended the Appeals Committee Session at the Boston Convention and he indicated that there have been no changes to the National Bylaws and Policies in regard to adjudication in any shape or form.
- c. The information that was provided regarding how to handle a hearing is very similar to what currently appears in the NYSWYSA Adjudication Manual.
- d. Bob will present a proposal for an addition to the Adjudication Manual at a future NYSWYSA Board of Directors' Meeting.
- e. Bob is still working on the paperwork for Performance Appraisals.



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7. State Director of Coaching, Glen Buckley:

- a. A written report was submitted to all Board Members and is available from the State Office.
- b. Glen arranged a meeting with the clubs that are primary suppliers of players to the ODP — the Rochester Jr. Rhinos, the Syracuse Blitz, and some clubs from Binghamton to discuss the structure and operation of the NYSWYSA ODP.
- c. The outcome of the meeting was that Glen was charged with developing a new structure for the ODP so that the program will benefit all players. An effort will be made to structure the ODP so that fewer conflicts exist between the clubs and the ODP.
- d. Glen discussed difficulties that the ODP encounters such as venues to practice and play, attracting the highest quality player and conflicts with Club activities, as well as various strategies to eliminate conflicts for the Clubs and the players for the benefit of the players.
- e. Glen also discussed talking with the clubs that are primary suppliers of the ODP players to try to convince them to pool their resources to be more competitive, as they are not competitive in the Region I League for the most part at the present time.
- f. The Academy is operating successfully and may be the venue to combine the best from all areas to put together a team that is competitive at the Regional Level.
- g. Glen is suggesting 40 percent fewer indoor sessions for 13s and 14s, as well as 25 percent fewer outdoor sessions. Glen is also suggesting 60 percent fewer indoor sessions for 15s, 16s, and 17s, as well as 37 percent fewer outdoor sessions. This should greatly reduce the costs for players. However, this should be considered carefully before being implemented, as the Clubs already provides 70 percent of the training vs. 30 percent of the training being provided through the ODP. The reduction may actually hurt players rather than achieving our goal of helping them.
- h. Glen discussed a small mini-camp for three weeks in May for the younger players and the 15, 16, and 17s, as well as a mid-week session the first week of June before the tournament. On the boys' side, players will be scrambled for the Region 1 Identification Camp.
- i. Consideration is being given to identifying the players who can be successful at the Regional Level and sending only those players to the Region I Camp rather than sending teams, which amounts to 54 players each spending \$400 with few being selected to participate at the Regional Level.
- j. The number of coaching clinics that are offered continues to increase on a steady basis. There are 15 licensing courses being offered in the upcoming months, as well as a couple of workshops.
- k. The workshops and licensing classes that Glen has conducted over the past four or five years are written up and displayed on the NYSWYSA web site.

8. ODP, Sandy Ostebo

- a. Sandy Ostebo submitted a written report in advance of the meeting, which is available from the State Office upon request.
- b. Dave Matthews gave a brief overview of the ODP Mini-Camp that will take place this coming weekend. The PA West 90s and 91s will be joining the NYSWYSA 90 and 91 players for a day of friendlies on Saturday. Sunday will be a training day. Region I is sending two coaches from the boys' side and two coaches from the girls' side to the camp. The girls' side is actually sending a coach from the Regional Staff to meet with the girls over lunch to discuss her camp and college experiences.
- c. Dave now has access to the NYSWYSA Web Site to update information himself. Dave will take responsibility for removing outdated information from the web site within five days of the activity occurring.



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9. SYRA, Bill Fahey:

- a. No report was submitted.
- b. A request was made that the SYRA submit a written report for the next meeting. Tony indicated that he would pursue this request with the SYRA.

10. TOP Soccer, Teresa Doermer:

- a. Teresa distributed a report in advance of the meeting, which is available upon request from the State Office.
- b. Teresa's report indicated that California South has invited her to attend their TOPSoccer Fest on July 10, 2004. California South would pay for Teresa's hotel costs and transport her to and from the airport. Teresa has requested that the NYSWYSA cover her plane fare and incidental meal costs. Gary made a motion that the NYSWYSA cover the plane fare and incidental meal costs for Teresa to attend the TOPSoccer Fest at California South on July 10, 2004 and return with a report and pictures for presentation to the Board of Directors. Larry Evarts seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

11. Recreation Soccer, Larry Evarts:

- a. Larry distributed a Recreation Soccer Report in advance of the meeting, which is available upon request from the State Office.
- b. Larry indicated that the medallions will be arriving within two weeks and that any additional medallions that need to be ordered will be purchased at the same price.
- c. Larry rewrote the rules for the Chevy Cup, as Chevy will no longer be paying for the medallions. Farnsworth Chevrolet will be paying for them this year.
- d. Larry passed the Chevy Patch around for everyone to view.
- e. The recreation book orders have been filled and distributed.

12. Risk Management, Angelo Grande:

- a. Angelo distributed a Risk Management Report, which is available upon request from the State Office.
- b. Angelo indicated that the process will be slow at first, as he will be in touch with Rick Rosetti on a fairly regular basis until he becomes familiar with how to read the reports.
- c. Angelo has developed a spreadsheet that red flags cases of which Terry Raeder should be made aware.

13. Registration Information/Web Page, Tim Mellander:

- a. Tim mailed a Registration Report in advance of the meeting. A copy is on file at the State Office.
- b. Sandy demonstrated RosterPro to the Board.
- c. Sandy described problems that have been solved, as well as describing issues that are still being worked on.
- d. The invoice system for billing the Clubs for Registration, Insurance and Player Pass Fees is being fine tuned this week.

14. Audit Committee, Matt Dimas:

- a. Matt has requested that the District Commissioners confirm that the members from their Districts will continue to participate on the Committee.



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15. State Office, Dan Watson

- a. Dan distributed a State Office Report in advance of the meeting, which is available upon request from the State Office.

16. Omer Doron, Executive Director:

- a. Omer distributed his report in advance of the meeting.
- b. State Cup is being presented by OCN. This is a three-year contract that provides funds to be used at the discretion of the Board. During the first year, \$2 per player will go into the OCN Scholarship Fund (college) followed by \$3 per player during the second year. The criteria would have to be established and the player must be enrolled in the OCN Program.
- c. Full 90 has also been included in the NYSWYSA sponsorship of State Cup.
- d. Omer discussed the Risk Management Background Search Provider (Choice Point) and will research alternatives for provision of this service.
- e. Oswego has earned a free Youth Module—the NYSWYSA is just awaiting a letter from the Club stating that they will conform to the small-sided games' model.
- f. Omer has no new progress to report on the library.
- g. Omer discussed the status of discussions being held with the Rochester Raging Rhinos and the Syracuse Salty Dogs. Several issues are unresolved with the Rhinos, but Roger Best has agreed to meet with them to try to facilitate a resolution. The brochure for the Salty Dogs was passed around for review.
- h. The Chevy Event will be held in 2004 rather than 2005. The event will be held in Cheektowaga.

17. Unfinished Business:

- a. Roger Jank requested clarification regarding utilization of certified referees (Grade 9) for recreation, as recommended by Bill Fahey. Although some clubs are choosing to utilize Grade 8 Referees instead, other clubs have been awaiting information to begin utilizing the Grade 9 Referees. However, information from Bill Fahey has not been forthcoming. Tony will check with Bill Fahey and Curt Hamlin to obtain information to be forwarded to the clubs.

18. New Business:

- a. Roger Best passed out proposed by-law revisions—deletion of the non-attendance fee for the AGM and a change to the Risk Management policy. Other issues are also addressed in the revisions that Roger distributed. By-law revisions were also distributed by Sandy Ostebo. The Board is asked to review the proposals and bring their suggestions back to the next meeting.
- b. A motion was made by Matt Dimas to change NYSWYSA BOD Meeting dates to Sundays for the remainder of the year. The motion was seconded by Larry Evarts and approved unanimously.
- c. Bob Sokolinsky indicated that the Rochester Holiday Inn Airport is no longer available to the 2004 AGM weekend so he has arranged for the 2004 AGM to be held at the Holidome in Rochester, which Glen has booked for the NYSWYSA for that time frame.
- d. Discussion took place regarding utilization of a common Medical Release Form. Several were viewed, and it was determined that it would be best to let teams utilize the forms that conform to standards, yet also best fit the needs of the players and the parents.
- e. Bob Sokolinsky requested that he be placed early in the agenda for the next meeting to discuss a “bad standing” policy proposal.



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19. Good of the Game:

- a. Roger Jank made a motion to eliminate the \$20 Indoor Surcharge Fee to begin with the 2004-2005 indoor season. Sandy Ostebo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- b. Roger Best proposed that Lyndonville Youth Soccer Association be approved for NYSWYSA membership. He indicated that all paperwork is in order. Jamesville-Dewitt Soccer Club and Moravia Soccer Club were also proposed for membership approval. Sandy Ostebo made a motion that these Clubs be approved for membership and Shane Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Sandy Ostebo made a motion that APW Youth Soccer Club be accepted for membership pending review of the bylaws and approval of their paperwork. Shane Cook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- d. Roger Best suggested that the NYSWYSA do something for Doug May, a former ODP coach and active coach within the NYSWYSA, as he is very ill. The NYSWYSA recognized Doug's significant contribution to the world of soccer and wish him well.

20. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Messina
Secretary