



New York State West Youth Soccer Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 24, 2003

The Board of Directors of the New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA) held their August meeting in Rochester, New York, on Sunday, August 24, 2003. Tony Buiniskis, President, called the meeting to order at 8:37 A.M.

**1. Roll Call:**

Present: Anthony Buiniskis, President  
Gary Acker, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Bob Sokolinsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
John Pecchia, Treasurer  
Suzanne Messina, Secretary  
Tim Mellander, Registrar  
Larry Evarts, Recreation Director  
Teresa Doermer, TOP Soccer Director  
Angelo Grande, Risk Management Coordinator

District Commissioners:

Sandy Ostebo, Twin Tiers  
Roger Jank, Buffalo  
Roger Best, Rochester  
Matt Dimas, Southern Tier

Office Staff:

Sandy Ostebo, Interim Executive Director  
Dan Watson, Operations Manager

Absent:

Millie Blaakman, ODP Administrator  
Glen Buckley, State Director of Coaching  
Kevin Perrigo, Syracuse District Commissioner  
Shane Cook, Binghamton District Commissioner

Tony Buiniskis nominated Angelo Grande to the position of Risk Management Coordinator to replace Teresa Doermer, who was nominated TOP Soccer Director. The NYSWYSA Board of Directors unanimously approved the appointments.

**2. Meeting Minutes:**

The May 2003 Meeting Minute's adjustments were discussed and approved. The July 2003 Meeting Minutes were discussed. Any changes should be sent to Sue as soon as possible. The Board decided that the tapes of meeting minutes will be transcribed in the State Office and then sent to the Secretary for editing and formatting. The minutes will then be sent to the Board of Directors for approval.

**3. Financial Report:**

- a. The Financial Report was reviewed yesterday (August 23, 2003) at the NYSWYSA Annual Planning Meeting and the adjustments have now been incorporated.
- b. The NYSWYSA is operating within the proposed budget and operating in the black.
- c. A discussion took place regarding budget amendment procedures/policy for clarification purposes.
- d. Sandy will develop a policy statement to provide a budget amendment procedure that requires the approval of at least two individuals to allow the budget to be exceeded in any area.
- e. This procedure will allow the process to occur electronically.
- f. John conducted research regarding the upcoming audit and has found that not-for-profit organizations such as the NYSWYSA are not required to have an audit conducted, but rather can choose to have their books reviewed under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The firm of Megel, Metzger, Barr and Company has a great deal of expertise in this area. They provided him with figures regarding the cost of a conducting a review rather than an audit to determine whether the financial statement of the NYSWYSA is in order. This review should be done each year.



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- g. John also indicated that an amendment to the bylaws must be made to change the wording from “audit” to “review”.
- h. This item was tabled until the next meeting.
- i. Matt Dimas requested a motion from Board to approve the firm of Mengel, Metzger, Barr and Company to conduct the review and to authorize Matt and the Audit Committee to send a letter to the firm requesting them to perform the task. The motion was seconded by Bob Sokolinsky. The motion was approved unanimously.

**4. President’s Remarks:**

- a. Tony’s Report was distributed prior to the meeting for review and is available from the State Office.
- b. Tony indicated that a contract had been signed with Score beginning January 1, 2004. Cost, delivery, and customer relations were all factors that weighed in the decision to switch to Score.
- c. Score requires less lead-time in ordering, provides quicker delivery turn around, and will provide the organization with some organizational equipment, such as polo shirts for teams for Regionals, free of charge.
- d. Tony briefly discussed the US Youth Soccer Bylaw Proposals that were presented at the AGM. Many of the States were unhappy at the lack of response to the needs of the States. Many of the States feel that decisions are made without adequate input from the membership. Due to the weighting of votes for the States, the State Associations have little ability to impact change in any way.
- e. Tony indicated that the ODP is doing very well this year. More players were selected for the Regional Pool than have been in a long time.
- f. District ODP Tryouts will be held this year in Buffalo, Syracuse, and Rochester. A final tryout will be held at Total Sports Experience in Rochester the weekend following the District tryouts.
- g. An Assistant to work with the ODP Administrator seems to be necessary at this time. Tony nominated Sandy Ostebo to assist the ODP Administrator. The Board unanimously approved this appointment.

**5. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Gary Acker — Snicker’s State Cup:**

- a. Snicker’s State Cup Format was discussed at length. It was decided that it would be best to leave the current format in place for at least another year for continuity while other suggestions are investigated.
- b. The contract for the Final Four Games is out for bid at the moment. Gary has received bids from The BC United Soccer Complex in the Binghamton District, Total Sports Experience in the Rochester District and the Wilson Youth Soccer Association in the Buffalo District. Gary is also expecting a bid from the West Seneca Soccer Complex in the Buffalo District. More information will be available at the next meeting.
- c. One weekend will be designated as the weekend for Snicker’s State Cup Play Down Games to alleviate difficulty in scheduling.
- d. Gary will set up a meeting in September of the Snicker’s State Cup participants from this year to discuss minor rule modifications that need to be made. The format for Snicker’s State Cup Championships will be discussed by this group to obtain suggestions for future modifications.
- e. Gary, John Pecchia, and Tony Buiniskis will serve on the Committee to negotiate a new contract with the Referees’ Association.

**6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Bob Sokolinsky, Adjudication:**

- a. Bob distributed a copy of his report in advance of the meeting for review, which is available from the State Office.
- b. Bob intends to devote more time this year to the education of the membership regarding adjudication issues.
- c. Bob made a motion that a list of coaches who have been suspended be posted on our web site. Larry Evarts seconded the motion. The list can be generated from the Discipline Action Reports that are filed. The Board of Directors approved the motion unanimously.



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**7. State Director of Coaching, Glen Buckley:**

- a. Glen distributed a report, which will be available from the State Office.
- b. Tommy Goodman will be running the National Youth License Course in Seneca Falls.
- c. Glen is also working on the details of the November 2003 Workshop and will keep the group posted as the details unfold.
- d. Glen reported it was the most successful year he has seen with the ODP. More players are trying out at the younger age groups. Additional tryouts will be available in Buffalo, Syracuse, and Rochester.
- e. The final ODP Tryout weekend will be held at Total Sports Experience in Rochester.
- f. More players were selected for the Regional Pools this year (19 players this year compared to 12 players last year).
- g. The NYSWYSA now has more coaches on the Regional Coaching Staff.
- h. The NYSWYSA ODP has invited other teams from New Hampshire, Vermont, and Connecticut to participate in a series of friendly matches to provide more competition for the ODP Teams.
- i. Glen distributed an ODP Staff List, which indicates that all coaches have a minimum of a "D" Coaching License.
- j. Glen also discussed beginning the State Academy this year. Players and parents will receive books and be educated in the game of soccer including health and nutrition. Homework assignments will be given.

**8. Recreation Soccer, Larry Evarts:**

- a. Larry distributed a Recreation Soccer Report, which is available at the State Office.
- b. Larry discussed looking at setting up a Fall Recreational Tournament in the Binghamton District. The Recreational Tournaments are all held in Rochester at this time and Larry is seeking to expand offerings throughout the NYSWYSA.
- c. Larry indicated that he has enjoyed working with the Board as the TOP Soccer Representative.
- d. Tony Buiniskis moved that the position of Recreation Soccer and TOP Soccer be separated into two Board positions because the programs have grown too large to be managed by one person. Roger best seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously.
- e. Tony Buiniskis moved to appoint Teresa Doermer to the position of TOP Soccer Representative and then move Angelo Grande into the Risk Management position. Larry Evarts seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

**9. TOP Soccer, Teresa Doermer:**

- a. Teresa discussed the report she submitted, which is available from the State Office.

**10. Risk Management, Angelo Grande:**

- a. Sandy's Report contains the Risk Management information for this meeting.
- b. Angelo Grande indicated that he is very pleased to be on the Board of the NYSWYSA and is looking forward to working with everyone.

**11. Registration, Tim Mellander:**

- a. Tim distributed the Registrar's Report, which is on file at the State Office.
- b. Tim sent out updates from the web page.
- c. Tim and Sandy are still working out the logistics of the new on line registration software. Teams for the fall will use their Logical Solutions Software until the new software program can be utilized.

**12. Web Page Information, Tim Mellander:**

- a. Tim mailed his report to the BOD for review. A copy is on file at the State Office.
- b. The web site experienced 226,000 hits and 28,200 pages views for the month of August. The daily average for the month was 10,799 hits and 909 pages.

**13. Audit Committee, Matt Dimas:**



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- a. Refer to **Item i** in the **Financial Report**.

**14. State Office, Dan Watson:**

- a. Dan sent out a report, which is available at the State Office.
- b. Invested in Mailing Program and folding machine to do mailings much more quickly. Currently looking for someone to replace DonnaLynn Ostebo-Risk Management. Terri Raeder is interested in the position. Will be looking for someone to take over Terri's responsibilities.
- c. Committee will be getting together some Sunday in Rochester to discuss the AGM/Workshop.

**15. State Office, Sandy Ostebo:**

- a. Sandy sent out a report for review prior to the meeting, which is available at the State Office.

**16. Old Business:**

- a. Bob made a motion to put the Euro Futbol SC in bad standing for registering only 2 players, as a Club must register 20 players to be able to host a tournament. The motion was seconded by Roger Jank. The ensuing discussion revealed that membership can be maintained with any number of players registered, but registering less than 20 players prevents the Club from voting at the NYSWYSA AGM.
- b. Bob Sokolinsky withdrew his motion.

**17. New Business:**

- a. Board of Directors Meetings will be held on the second Sunday of each month for the 2003-2004 year. The next meeting will be held at the NYSWYSA State Office on Sunday, September 14, 2003 at 10 a.m.
- b. February and November are non-meeting months, as the Board attends the USYSA Convention in February, and the NYSWYSA AGM is held in November.

**18. Future Workshops/Conventions:**

- a. The Region I Fall Meeting is October 17-19, 2003 in New York City.
- b. The NYSWYSA Workshop and AGM/Awards Dinner will be held November 21-22, 2003 at Total Sports Experience and the Airport Holiday Inn respectively. Hotel arrangements have been made at the Airport Holiday Inn.
- c. The 2004 Adidas Workshop will be held February 19-22, 2004 in Boston, Massachusetts.

**19. Good of the Game:**

- a. A review of the small-sided games section of the by-laws resulted in a decision to leave the wording as is.
- b. The Indoor Policy has been reviewed, will be rewritten by Roger Jank and then sent to the indoor facilities for review. The policy will not go into effect until February 1, 2004.

**20. Adjournment:**

The motion to adjourn was made at 11:23 a.m. and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Messina  
Secretary