



New York State West Youth Soccer Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 22, 2004

The Board of Directors of the New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA) held their August 2004, meeting in Corning, New York. President Acker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**1. Roll Call:**

Present: Gary Acker, President  
Bob Sokolinsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Suzanne Messina, Secretary  
Tim Mellander, Registrar  
Larry Evarts, Recreation Soccer Director

District Commissioners:  
Roger Best, Rochester  
Roger Jank, Buffalo  
Kevin Perrigo, Syracuse  
Matt Dimas, Southern Tier

Office Staff:  
Omer Doron, Executive Director  
Dan Watson, Operations Manager  
Donna Mizerak, Bookkeeper

Absent:  
Susan Gurak, Treasurer  
Teresa Doermer, TOP Soccer Director  
M. Shane Cook, Binghamton District Commissioner  
Glen Buckley, State Director of Coaching

**2. Meeting Minutes:**

- a. The June 2004 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and modifications were submitted in advance of the meeting. A motion was made by Tim Mellander to approve the minutes with the modifications. The motion was seconded by Matt Dimas and unanimously approved.

**3. Financial Report:**

- a. Susan was not available to present the Financial Report so Donna shared that the State Association's financial condition is good. Some bills are still outstanding and will become part of the report as soon as they are received.
- b. Bob made a motion that a task force including the Treasurer, Executive Director and Donna be created to review the budget format and provide a more user-friendly structure while retaining the information that is necessary to the organization and stay within New York State Laws.
- c. Larry Evarts seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.



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**4. President's Remarks:**

- a. Gary shared that the NYSWYSA is part of a group of State Associations that developed a legal fund to put forth a grievance against the U. S. Soccer Federation regarding voting strength. The first line of appeal, however, is to the Federation itself.
- b. Gary distributed a copy of the grievance to the Board. The grievance was heard on August 14, 2004 and the Federation denied it.
- c. The Region I Presidents had a conference call on Thursday (August 19, 2004) night to discuss the situation. The attorney hired by the State Associations was a former USOC Attorney that did not represent the group well. A discussion took place regarding filing an appeal to the USOC, which is very expensive. A discussion also took place regarding choosing to ignore the voting strength and try to force the U.S. Soccer Federation to adhere to their policies, procedures and bylaws. According to the U.S. Soccer Federation Bylaws, the State Associations must oversee all soccer activity within their association regardless of what the level of soccer.
- d. Examples of violations would be referee assaults that are handled by U.S. Club Soccer rather than referring the violations to the State Associations.
- e. Gary discussed other alternatives.
- f. Gary will be attending a Presidents' Meeting and a State Directors' of Coaching Meeting in Dallas on September 10-12, 2004. Gary will report the outcomes at the next Board of Directors' Meeting.
- g. Gary provided the NYSWYSA Board of Directors with an update of the Regional Competition. There were some incidents involving fans that had caused others on the sidelines to comment. In one incident, one of the teenage fans punched a parent, the parent punched the fan back, another teenager stepped in to break the two up, and the parent took a bite out of the second kid's cheek. It took approximately a half hour to break up the fight. Both parties ended up in the medical tent for treatment where another fight took place.
- h. A number of the incidents involved teams from the NYSWYSA so Gary contacted the Club to address the issue.

**5. State Cup, Gary Acker:**

- a. State Cup will be held at Total Sports Experience in Rochester in 2005, as the contract was for a two-year duration.

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

- a. Bob indicated that a hearing is coming up shortly that was a reschedule from a previous meeting. The hearing will be Sunday, August 28, 2004 at the State Office. Due to the number of times this hearing has been rescheduled, it will be held, whether the individual attends or not, to determine the outcome of the case.
- b. Bob is trying to identify benchmarks regarding Risk Management. Unfortunately, the NYSWYSA is the leader in this area, so other data is not available.
- c. Individuals who are denied a Risk Management Pass will appear in the National Data Base as long as the Adjudication Committee Chairperson submits their names on the monthly DAR (Disciplinary Action Report). None were submitted last month; five or six will be submitted this month.
- d. An in-depth discussion took place to determine what the disciplinary action would be for coaches who do not have a Risk Management Pass on the sideline.



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- e. All coaches must have a Risk Management Pass to be on the sidelines.
- f. Gary will talk with Bill Fahey about referees checking Risk Management Passes, as it appears that there are still cases where this is not happening.
- g. More discussion will take place on this topic at the next BOD Meeting.

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

- a. Glen was unable to attend the meeting. His report from Saturday is available upon request from the State Office.

**8. ODP:**

- a. Sandy Ostebo resigned as ODP Administrator and Twin Tiers District Commissioner to spend more time with his family.
- b. Gary will not appoint an ODP Administrator at this time. He will take some time to evaluate the needs of the program and the individuals involved before making a determination. Gary will be interviewing Dave Matthews, who is the Assistant ODP Administrator, to determine whether he would be the best individual to fill the position.
- c. Matt Dimas moved to cast a single unanimous vote to accept with regrets the resignation of Sandy Ostebo from the positions that he held with the NYSWYSA. The motion was unanimously approved.
- d. The Board of Directors decided that the value of the computer that Sandy was using should be determined in order to provide him with a purchase price should he desire to retain the computer. The specifications will be given to Tim who will obtain a price quote and provide the State Office with that information so that it can be passed on to Sandy.

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

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

**10. Recreational Soccer, Larry Evarts:**

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

**11. Registration Information/Web Page, Tim Mellander:**

- a. Tim mailed a Registration Report and Registration Numbers in advance of the meeting. A copy is on file at the State Office.

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

- a. Each year the organization will conduct a budget review. Matt Dimas will follow up to make sure this takes place.

**13. State Office, Dan Watson**



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

**14. Omer Doron, Executive Director:**

- a. Omer distributed his report in advance of the meeting, which is available upon request from the State Office.
- b. Omer presented an overview of the library. Materials can be signed out for 14 days.
- c. The Girl Scout Soccer Clinic is a Fun Day that Omer was working on setting up with Sandy so Omer is somewhat stalled on the activity. Omer wanted to involve the ODP or an elite group from the Corning area. Stations would be set up so that the girls could earn a badge at the end of the day.
- d. Omer discussed the merchandising arrangements. Initially, merchandise will be available through the ODP Teams.

**15. New Business:**

- a. Gary will chair the committee in charge of investigating the signing of the office lease or exploring other actions. Dan and Omer will start working on looking at potential sites and comparing prices.
- b. Appointment of the SRA, the position currently held by Curt Hamlin. We will receive the information as soon as it becomes available.
- c. A motion was made by Bob Sokolinsky to table the vote for 1<sup>st</sup> VP until the September BOD Meeting.
- d. Matt Dimas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- e. Dan reviewed the two quotations received from insurance companies, and the pros and cons of each company.
- f. Larry made a motion to retain Pullen Insurance. Roger Best seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**16. Good of the Game:**

- a. The US Youth Soccer Convention is in Salt Lake City from February 17-20, 2005.
- b. Bob Sokolinsky made a motion to increase the fee for returned checks to \$30. Larry Evarts seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- c. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2004 at 10 a.m. at the State Office in Corning.

**17. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Messina  
Secretary