



New York State West Youth Soccer Association
Planning Meeting—August 24, 2002
Board of Directors' Meeting—August 25, 2002

The Board of Directors of the New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA) held their annual planning meeting in Rochester, New York on August 24. The Board of Directors then held a formal meeting on Sunday, August 25. President Buiniskis called the August planning meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 24.

1. Roll Call for Saturday, August 24:

Present: Anthony Buiniskis, President
Gary Acker, 1st Vice President
Karl Krech, 2nd Vice President--past
Suzanne Messina, Secretary
Tim Mellander, Registrar
John Pecchia, Treasurer
Teresa Doermer, Risk Management Coordinator
Larry Everts, Recreation Director/TOP Soccer
Millie Blaakman, ODP Administrator
Glen Buckley, State Director of Coaching

District Commissioners:

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

Office Staff:

Dan Watson, Operations Manager

Absent:

Bob Sokolinsky, Binghamton District Commissioner

2. Opening Remarks:

Tony Buiniskis sent out an agenda in advance that included his opening remarks a copy of which is on file in the State Office.

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3. Financial Report:

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- a. A copy of the 2002 Actuals, which is a projected amount through August 21 plus some additional things based on information about volume. John will adjust his figures based on today's discussion and will then revise and send out a new report for the BOD to review. Corrections and changes are to be returned to him so that John will adjust his figures based on today's discussion and will then revise and send out a new report for review. Corrections and changes are to be returned to him so that he can compile a final draft of the 2003 budget within the following week.



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A copy of the report is available upon request from the State Office and will be presented at the AGM in November.

- b. President's Cup--\$5,000 had been budgeted, which will be actualized. We need to determine whether or not we are going to have one next year.
- c. State Cup—NYSWYSA, Regionals, and Nationals—
 - Expenses for Regionals were 100 percent reimbursed.
 - Gatorade—what was projected came in. This reflects cash only.
 - Additional EMT bill will arrive in the amount of \$1,200. We may be \$200 over.
 - Some of the referee expenses were higher than expected due to having an assessors at each game.
 - Costs were still lower than last year. Anything that has not been submitted will cause discrepancies to the 2003 projected budget amounts.

We do make money back from Regionals from referees that we provide. Referees receive a minimal amount; NYSWYSA covers the rest. As the host, NYSWYSA is responsible for rooming for the officials, Adidas, and Snickers. Niagara Pioneer will be reimbursing NYSWYSA for that amount.

Nationals—A State Association representative is required to be present for the whole event at Nationals. The U15s Rochester Junior Rhino's team dinner the night before competition was covered NYSWYSA, and we should budget for that in the future. We may want to consider how to subsidize more. Southern Cal, for instance, gives each team \$10,000.

Overall, we have a small surplus for the year. One of the projected cost increases will be t-shirts, as we may upgrade based on complaints received.

- d. Coaching and Instruction. This is the last year for the Kellogg's sponsorship and also for Tide. Recreation runs in a deficit. It is basically funded by NYSWYSA.
- e. ODP. Cost is \$1,000 to \$1,100 player. Two thirds of the costs are due to hotels for Region I. There is a possible increase of 5 percent to 7 percent per year. We are not able to adjust the numbers, as the expenses are based on the Region. Unless Region I assist or we can come up with sponsorships to defray expenses, the Region based costs will continue to be a negative, as many are unhappy with the Region I ODP Boys Camp operations.

New Jersey, Virginia, and New York are very unhappy with the Regional ODP camp operations. The Regional Directors have established a three-person committee to review the problems. The concerns will be discussed at the Region I Fall meeting. There is not indication of what the outcome will be at this time.

- f. State Office. Budget was right on target. The number of registrations should be looked at. As of September 1, there will be a \$5 charge for coaches' registration.
- g. Membership Communications. Costs to be addressed at the AGM will be increases in dues for insurance and affiliation dues to the Federation.
- h. TOP Soccer. NYSWYSA had a grant for the Binghamton District. The budget was within \$300 of the estimated budget. An increase in expenses of over \$8,700 can be expected.

The BOD spent the remainder of the day in small group sessions to discuss issues for presentation at the BOD meeting on Sunday, August 25. Sunday's BOD meeting was called to order at 8 a.m.



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2. ODP:

- a. Glen Buckley distributed materials. There are nine new staff members, in addition to 22 currently on board who want to train and are qualified.
- b. Glen expressed a strong desire to make ODP cheaper for the players and parents. Some State Associations actually have a separate group that deal with ODP that report back to the State Board occasionally. Some State Associations fund all but \$400 of the cost for players—the State Association pays the rest. One State utilizes the profits from State Cup to fund ODP. In New Jersey, the indoor facilities donate all indoor ODP gym time. Delaware pays \$700 per ODP player per year. Eastern New York designates part of the registration fee from players as ODP funds. NYSWYSA used to subsidize ODP. That subsidies ended due to discussions that occurred at the AGMs. It is now time to revisit this issue, as we will need to provide ODP training year round in order to be competitive. The staff at the younger age groups will also have to be expanded.
- c. Glen has recommended that the revenues generated by ODP be funneled back into the ODP budget for each year. Sandy Ostebo made a motion that all revenues generated by the ODP Program be funneled back into the ODP program at the beginning of each fiscal year. Gary Acker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Glen will pursue having ODP parents run a fund-raising booth at the AGM. Millie, Glen, and Dan will work on the process and report back to the Board.
- d. A discussion took place regarding the Region I Camp and the concerns generated by lack of instruction provided to players for NYSWYSA, who have paid for the instruction. NYSWYSA will pursue these concerns at the Fall Region I meeting and will consider running a camp for the players within the State rather than sending them to Region I.



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- e. Certified Travel will no longer handle the ODP arrangements. Millie is able to make arrangements at a much more reasonable rate with fewer problems.
- f. Glen will continue to work on a deal with Score for 2004.
- g. Glen's report is on file at the State Office for review.

3. Indoor:

- a. Indoor play regulation was discussed at length.
- b. Four out of fourteen indoor facilities actually register players. The rest deal with players who are on teams that have registered through NYSWYSA through their Clubs.
- c. Tony Buiniskis requested that Matt Dimas and Sandy Ostebo develop a procedure for affiliation for commercial indoor facilities. If they do not affiliate, they will be reported as non-sanctioned facilities and non-sanctioned events will not be covered by insurance. Matt and Sandy will develop the policy for governing indoor play, and the BOD will seek to fill the Indoor Commissioner position. This will be an appointed position for which a resume must be submitted.

4. AGM:

- a. Glen Buckley distributed a handout for Friday and Saturday activities for the AGM Coaches' Clinic, which will be available on the web page. The cost for the clinicians should be around \$2,000 for the entire weekend. Members of the Coaches' Association can attend at no cost.
- b. Bob will negotiate with the hotel for meeting rooms for sessions such as the Host Tournaments meeting.
- c. Terri will check to see if Fran Sepler will allow us to video her sessions to have available in the office.
- d. A tentative schedule will be available on the web.
- e. Dan indicated that we have more vendors than we have had in the past. BOD members have referred additional vendors this weekend.
- f. Bob Sokolinsky invited Abby Wambaugh. She has not responded. Louise Waxler of Washington Freedom has also been invited. John Ellinger was also invited.
- g. Larry Evarts will do another mailing to the recreational presidents looking for nominees for awards. Dan is contacting Bill Fahey to obtain a nominee for the referee award.
- h. Bob Sokolinsky, Roger Best, and Larry Evarts have volunteered to be on the Awards Committee. The hotel is set up for the Association meeting on Friday and time prior to the AGM on Sunday with a larger room reserved for the Awards Dinner on Saturday night. The Holiday Inn Airport was booked, so the meetings will be held at the Airport Marriott.

5. Coaches' Education.

- a. License Programs continue to be offered. Larry and Glenn will pay to have the U.S. Soccer Quick Series game rulebooks issued as part of some of the license programs.



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- b. Glen has materials designated for “D” and “E” courses.
- c. Glen will put together his own package for the Youth Modules to be sent to the printer. He will review the Fleck and Quinn book, as well as the booklet already in place.

6.State Cup

- a. Recommendations were made to change the format of State Cup in terms of play downs and scheduling, which Gary will publish on the web site.

6. Recreation and TOPS Soccer

- a. Larry Evarts discussed the summer recreation program.
- b. Binghamton District has a new TOP Soccer contact—Dennis Chavez.
- c. Refer to the report Larry distributed, which is on file at the State Office.

7. Risk Management

- a. New Risk Management forms will be developed by Terry Doehmer.
- b. The new forms will include name, address, former convictions, and volunteer position, driver's license, and social security number, name of club affiliation.
- c. A new procedure will be developed. The State Office will generate the pass for a coach/manager and affix Terry's signature stamp to the pass. The pass will then be mailed back to the organization or individual that must then laminate the pass for it to be considered valid. Tim will post the corrected information to the web page; all teams will receive the corrected copy in the mail. Forms sent to District Office with \$5 processing fee. Incomplete forms will be returned to sender. Completed forms will be forwarded to Terry Doehmer on Friday afternoons. Terry reviews forms, copies forms, runs checks on forms when necessary, and returns the forms to the State Office with a designation that the pass is to be generated. **The State Office will generate the pass for a coach/manager and affix Terry's signature stamp to the pass. Pass will then be mailed back to the organization or individual that must then laminate the pass for it to be considered valid. Tim will post the corrected information to the web page; all teams will receive the corrected copy in the mail.**The State Office will generate the pass for a coach/manager and affix Terry's signature stamp to the pass. The pass will then be mailed back to the organization or the individual that must then laminate the pass for it to be considered valid. 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.
- d. Terry will work on the forms to have them ready for review at the next NYSWYSA BOD meeting.

8. Registration

- a. Committee needs to be put in place so that Demosphere can work to make an online registration form for us.



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- b. Proposed rule changes include Rule 1.105. This is not currently applied to a NYSWYSA competition. Roster limitations have been set at 22 with the exception of State Cup. U-11 and under is 18.
- c. Multiple rostering is not legal in larger areas, such as Rochester, but is utilized in the smaller areas such as Binghamton. The multiple rostering will be placed before the membership at the AGM in November. Rochester District Youth Soccer League does not allow multiple roster of players in their league. This directly impacts smaller clubs.
- d. Rule 22.10 is a player movement rule. The rule limits teams to rostering a maximum of three previously registered players to a roster. Sandy Ostebo made a motion to limit all NYSWYSA teams to roster a maximum of three previously rostered players. Roger Jank seconded the motion. Motion passes with 12 in favor and three abstentions.
- e. Permission to Travel is needed to travel outside of NYSWYSA in outdoor play, but Permission to Travel is needed to travel outside of the team's DISTRICT in indoor play. Tim moved that Permission to Travel forms only be required when traveling out of NYSWYSA regardless of the season. Millie Blaakman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. Sandy Ostebo moved to drop U-12 from State Cup and not send a U-12 team to regionals. Tim Mellender seconded the motion. Motion passes by a majority vote.
- g. USSF 213. Updated contact information is needed from every club. It is necessary that all clubs be in compliance. Insurance and registration information should be tied to compliance of 213.

9. Executive Director Position

- a. Due to the increase in workload at the State Office, as well as for the Commissioners, the Executive Board has determined that it is time to search for, and hire an Executive Director for the Organization.
- b. Oystein (Sandy) Ostebo was appointed Interim Executive Director to assess the needs of the office and make recommendations. He will also develop a job description and make salary recommendations regarding this position. Sandy will provide the Board with his findings at the January 2003 meeting. His interim position will start on the first Tuesday following Labor Day. He will also determine how more of the BOD's work load can be transferred to the Office and make recommendations to that end.

9. Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 15, at 10 a.m., at the New York State West Office in Corning.

10. Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Roger Jank, seconded by Gary Acker at 1:55 p.m., and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Messina
Secretary