



New York State West Youth Soccer Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 11, 2004

The Board of Directors of the New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA) held their January, 2004, meeting in Corning, New York. President Buiniskis called the meeting to order at 10:03a.m.

1. Roll Call:

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

District Commissioners:

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

Office Staff:

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

Absent:

M. Shane Cook, Binghamton District Commissioner
Sandy Ostebo, Twin Tiers District Commissioner

2. Meeting Minutes:

- a. Approval of the minutes will be tabled until everyone has a chance to review them and respond to Sue with corrections. Larry Evarts motioned that the minutes be sent out electronically and returned to Sue by Wednesday of next week for correction. Roger Best seconded the motion.
- b. The meeting minute tapes will be sent to the Temporary Agency on Monday following each meeting. The transcribed version should be sent to Sue on Friday of that week. As the agency becomes more familiar with the material, it should take less time to produce the document. The first set of minutes took nine hours to transcribe and was 38 pages in length.

3. Financial Report:

- a. John reports that the NYSWYSA is in good financial shape at this time.
- b. John is meeting with an investment manager to determine what type of investment vehicle would be most beneficial to the organization for the \$100,000 appropriated to be placed in a fixed income vehicle.
- c. The tax paperwork for 2003 is approximately 90% complete.



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- d. Omer's relocation expenses were recorded under miscellaneous expenses in error and will be moved to the appropriate area on the financial statement.
- e. The Financial Report is available at the State Office upon request.

4. President's Remarks:

- a. NYSWYSA is officially a SCORE State as of January 1, 2004.
- b. Discussion took place regarding termination of the Adidas contract. One of the major concerns with Adidas was the company's inability to provide equipment in a timely manner.
- c. The referees' contract was approved by the Executive Board last Sunday evening and has been submitted to the referees for ratification and approval, which may occur at the State Referees' Committee Meeting on Sunday in Rochester. The referee fee information for State Cup will be sent out to the teams that have applied as an attachment to the rules.
- d. When Millie resigned as ODP Administrator, Sandy Ostebo was appointed by Tony and approved by the Board to become the ODP Administrator. Millie's departure, coupled with Sandy being out of the country, has created some confusion in the ODP Program. Since the program is in need of additional assistance, Sandy has sent a letter requesting that the Board approve Dave Matthews as the Assistant ODP Administrator. He has been involved in the program for quite some time, has written the practice schedules and assisted with securing venues, and is very willing to assist in any way. Roger Best moved that Dave Matthews be appointed Assistant ODP Administrator for the remainder of the 2003-2004 seasonal year. The ODP administrator, the assistant administrator, the state director of coaching and the executive director will develop a plan by August 1 to be presented to the board in its planning meeting in August. The motion was seconded by Bob Sokolinsky. John recommends that the approval stipulate that Dave would not be appointed a head coach while holding the position of Assistant ODP Administrator, since this could be seen as a conflict of interest—especially in terms of distribution and handling of funds. Duties include scheduling of facilities and practices, hotels for Regionals, the mini-camp, etc. The motion passed with 10 voting in favor of the motion, one person voting against the motion.

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

- a. Gary received a contract proposal for State Cup from Total Sports Experience in yesterday's mail, which he will review.
- b. The State Cup rules have been posted to the web site.
- c. The weekend of May 15 and 16 is the first preliminary round weekend for State Cup for all teams that must play a preliminary game. This will allow teams to reserve the weekend and plan their league schedules around the games.
- d. All State Cup forms are currently listed on the web site—application, commitment form, etc.
- e. The group agreed that Omer should review the policy language to correct the age group information wherever the language reads "under 12" to "under 13".

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

- a. Bob did not submit an Adjudication Report.
- b. Bob indicated to the group that he is prepared to present the adjudication training to groups whenever they are interested. He suggested that Commissioners look at



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scheduling the training during a league meeting where presidents from many different clubs will be in attendance.

- c. Bob is reviewing all of the paperwork and will be ready to discuss annual performance reviews at the next meeting.

7. State Director of Coaching, Glen Buckley:

- a. A written report was not submitted.
- b. There are several “D” and “E” licensing courses being offered in the next few months.
- c. Qualified coaches are now available to assist in teaching these courses.
- d. Glen is strongly encouraging Clubs to send coaches for training.
- e. Glen also discussed the overall general improvement in the number of players that are selected from the Regional Pool.
- f. Discussion ensued regarding the best time to send out the ODP mailing, such as when the school ball season begins, as parents will pass the word at practices and games.
- g. Glen discussed putting the names of the “D” and “E” licensed coaches in NYSWYSA on the web.
- h. Glen also briefly touched on the “online” library.

8. SYRA, Bill Fahey:

- a. No report was submitted.
- b. Contract negotiations are drawing to a close, and the Executive Board felt the final version was fair and equitable.

9. 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 was especially appreciative of the assistance she received with TOP Soccer programs from ODP coaches.
- c. TOP Soccer is being added to the National Youth course.

10. 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 feels that Recreation Clubs will progress much more quickly if NYSWYSA steps in and helps them with the registration process.
- c. Larry suggested looking to see what the clubs needed in terms of registration support and try to provide that assistance.

11. Risk Management, Angelo Grande:

- a. Angelo distributed a Risk Management Report, which is available upon request from the State Office.
- b. Angelo requested that the Districts consider appointing someone within each District to work on promoting and advertising the Risk Management Seminars.



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12. 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.
- b. Tim requested the assistance of the District Commissioners to have each Club acquire their number so they can access the new registration software.
- c. A brief discussion took place regarding web site access, which only Tim has. This will be expanded to include Omer.
- d. RosterPro is ready to go. Everything has been transferred to the new system.

13. Audit Committee, Matt Dimas:

- a. The Audit Committee Report was pleased with the performance of the auditing firm currently being utilized by NYSWYSA and is recommending that we continue to use this firm.
- b. Matt Dimas made a motion that NYSWYSA continue to utilize Mengal, Metzger, Barr and Company to review the records and conduct other financial activities for NYSWYSA. John Pecchia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

14. State Office, Dan Watson

- a. Dan distributed a State Office Report, which is available upon request from the State Office.
- b. Travel arrangements for the USYSA Convention in Boston were discussed to set finalization process in motion..

15. Omer Doron, Executive Director:

- a. Omer discussed the marketing plan that he has been working on.
- b. A discussion followed regarding funding for the less advantaged.
- c. The on-line catalog with SCORE was also discussed.
- d. Omer also touched on advertising and sponsors.
- e. The pitfalls of a phone-a-thon are being reviewed and discussed.
- f. Briefly discussed sponsorships.
- g. Discussed appropriate fundraisers.
- h. Discussion took place regarding a budget for the projects that Omer is currently pursuing.
- i. John made a motion to move \$5,000 from the Contingency line to Omer for developing a library. Larry Evarts seconded the motion, which passed unimously.

16. Old Business:

- a. The new registration program had already been discussed.
- b. New publications will be reviewed shortly.
- c. Discussed transportation arrangements for the Boston Convention.

17. New Business:

- a. John Pecchia announced that he is retiring from the Board and would like to recommend Susan Gurak will be filling the remainder of John's term of office.



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- b. Susan is employed fulltime as the CFO of a community college foundation, as well as being a CPA. She's also into soccer! So are her children.
- c. Changed the mileage reimbursement from 80 miles round trip to 40 miles round trip.
- d. Region I is talking about raising the fees by 50 cents.

18. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Messina
Secretary