

**NEW YORK STATE WEST YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING**

June 2001

The Board of Directors for New York State West Youth Soccer Association (“NYSWYSA”) held their June meeting in Binghamton, New York, on Saturday, June 2, 2001. President Buiniskis called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present - Anthony Buiniskis, President
John Galli, Vice President & Cup Administrator
Karl Krech, Second Vice President
John Pecchia, Treasurer
Millie Blaakman, Secretary/ODP Administrator
Larry Evarts, Recreation Director/TOP Soccer
Gary Acker, Risk Management
Tim Mellander, Registrar
Bill Fahey, State Youth Referee Administrator
District Commissioners:
Roger Best, Rochester
Louise Freeman, Southern Tier
Roger Jank, Buffalo
Sandy Ostebo, Twin Tiers
Kevin Perrigo, Syracuse
Bob Sokolinsky, Binghamton
Office Staff:
Dan Watson, Operations Manager
Guests:
Curt Hamlin, Referee Association
Excused - Glen Buckley, Director of Coaching

MEETING MINUTES

Krech made the motion to table approval of March 2001 meeting minutes until the next meeting. Best seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. Blaakman will resend the minutes electronically to the Board members.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – BUINISKIS

Buiniskis discussed the imposed \$.50/youth player fee increase effective September 1, 2001 with Board members. Executive Committee Members will discuss potential fee increases and report back to the Board members via teleconference, which is to be arranged by June 20, 2001. Watson to coordinate teleconference. Pecchia and/or Galli will prepare financial scenarios with various fee increases for purposes of discussion. Buiniskis will prepare a letter detailing the imposed fee increase, and NYSW’s position on this increase. Watson to mail Buiniskis’ letter out by Thursday, June 7 to Club Presidents. Additional topics of discussion included charges for services provided, including, but not limited to Coaches’ Passes and Permission to Host Tournament Applications.

Positions up for election for the 2001 - 2002 season are Commissioners from Districts 1 (Buffalo), 3 (Syracuse) and 5 (Southern Tier), as well as Secretary, Second Vice President, and President. Buiniskis requested that Board members advise him by the end of the weekend if they will not be running for re-election. Additionally, Buiniskis requested District Commissioners provide Watson of the dates they will be running elections in their respective districts. The office will send out election notices to Club contacts by June 25th, and elections are to be completed by August 1, 2001.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – BUINISKIS (CONTINUED)

Buiniskis has reserved a block of hotel rooms for the USYSA Workshop in Atlanta, February 14 – 17, 2002. Buiniskis will be traveling to the USSF Annual General Meeting, July 19-22, 2001 in Atlanta. Buiniskis' expenses will be paid for by Region I due to his position on Region I, while Galli and Ostebo will also be attending.

TREASURER'S REPORT – PECCHIA

The financial report was presented, reviewed, and approved by members of the Board. Additionally, Pecchia has been working on a proposal for NYSW to be self-insured. More information on this will be presented at July's BOD Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **SNICKERS US YOUTH SOCCER REGION I CHAMPIONSHIPS - BUINISKIS**
The Regional Championships will be held in Niagara Falls in 2001 and 2001. The 2001 tournament commences with Opening Ceremonies scheduled for Friday, June 29th, with finals scheduled for July 3rd. Buiniskis informed Board Members that the headquarters hotel is the Holiday Inn Select in Niagara Falls. Blaakman will send an email out to those that need directions to the hotel. Buiniskis stated to all Board Members that everyone would be needed at this tournament.
- **COACHING - BUCKLEY**
Buckley's report was distributed to and reviewed by all board members. Buckley presented fee increases for the coaching programs for 2001-2002 (copy attached).
- **ODP – BLAAKMAN**
Blaakman's report was previously sent to Board members for this meeting. A copy of this report is on file at the State Office.
- **REFEREE - FAHEY**
Fahey reported that there are 1,513 registered referees in NYSW (up by 32), with an increase in membership from 3 districts while the other districts showed a decrease. Fahey made a motion for State Cup to be held at the soccer complex in West Seneca for 2002 and 2003. Sokolinsky seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- **TOPSOCCER – EVARTS**
Evarts presented his report to the Board and gave his report on the TOPSoccer Summit that was held April 27-29, 2001 in Colorado. A copy of this report is on file at the State Office.
- **RECREATION SOCCER – EVARTS**
Evarts presented Board members with his report on the following tournaments:

Tide American Cup	June 23-24	Host Club West Seneca Soccer Club	U8-U19
Tide American Cup	July 14-15	Host Club Churchville Soccer Club	U8-U10
Kellogg's Jamboree	June 30	Host Club Central Square Soccer Club	

A copy of this report is on file at the State Office.
- **RISK MANAGEMENT – ACKER**
To date, Acker has processed 6,000 Coaches passes. A service fee is being charged for a reprint of a coach's pass.

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- **REGISTRATION – MELLANDER**
Mellander presented his registration report to the Board for review. To date there are 43,037 paid registrants. A copy of this report is on file at the State Office.

Mellander brought to the attention of the Board that there are a few clubs that have not been active in 2+ years. This topic was tabled until the next meeting when Ostebo will present a draft procedure for a by-law amendment to be made to this process.

- **STATE OFFICE – WATSON**
The new network system has been installed. With the installation of one last computer, the network will be complete. Staff will be trained on the new system next week. Office staff finished the last Youth Module on May 23; preparations are going full speed for the Snickers State Cup, Regionals, and the ODP Tournament.
- **CHEVROLET PRESIDENT'S CUP – GALLI**
Forty-seven applications were received by the June 1st deadline for entry into the Chevrolet-President's Cup. Ostebo made a motion to cancel the tournament this year due to lack of interest, and Sokolinsky seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval. The State Office staff will prepare and send a letter from the State (including their entry refund) with an explanation for the tournament's cancellation.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME

- *SoccerFest 2001* will be hosting the AGM at the Rochester Marriott on Sunday, November 18, 2001. Sokolinsky is working on securing a guest speaker for the Awards Dinner for Saturday evening. Buckley is working on a venue for the Symposium.
- New Clubs presented for approval by Sokolinsky were:
 - Windsor Youth Soccer Club (#431)
 - Lansing Soccer Club (#415)
 - The Family Sports Palace Indoor Center

Sokolinsky has all the paper work. A motion was made and seconded to approve the clubs as a new member of NYSW. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Ostebo's proposal for hosting tournaments was reviewed. A copy of this is on file at the State Office. Ostebo's research reveals that no other state he contacted charges for Permission to Travel (see attached copy).
- Mellander requested an upgrade to his current computer hardware and equipment, which is several years old and outdated. Best made a motion to approve funds to upgrade Mellander's computer. Evarts seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Buiniskis made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Best. The motion was approved. The meeting ended at 10:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Millie P. Blaakman
Secretary
NYSWYSA