



New York State West Youth Soccer Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 13, 2004

The Board of Directors of the New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA) held their March 2004, meeting in Corning, New York. President Buiniskis called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

**1. Roll Call:**

Present: Anthony Buiniskis, President  
Bob Sokolinsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
John Pecchia, Treasurer  
Suzanne Messina, Secretary  
Tim Mellander, Registrar  
Angelo Grande, Risk Management Coordinator

District Commissioners:  
Roger Best, Rochester  
M. Shane Cook, Binghamton  
Roger Jank, Buffalo

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

Guest:  
Susan Gurak, Treasurer Nominee

Absent:  
  
Gary Acker, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Teresa Doermer, TOP Soccer Director  
Larry Evarts, Recreation Soccer Director  
Glen Buckley, State Director of Coaching  
Matt Dimas, Southern Tier District Commissioner  
Sandy Ostebo, Twin Tiers District Commissioner  
Kevin Perrigo, Syracuse District Commissioner

**2. Meeting Minutes:**

- a. The January 2004 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and modifications were submitted. A motion was made by Roger Best to approve the minutes with the modifications. The motion was seconded by Shane Cook and unanimously approved.

**3. Financial Report:**

- a. John reports that the NYSWYSA is in good financial shape at this time.
- b. John discussed key items on the Financial Report that he sent to the Board Members prior to the meeting.
- c. The Financial Report is available at the State Office upon request.
- d. John is stepping down as Treasurer and was recognized by the Board for his many significant contributions to the organization over the years he has served. Susan Gurak



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has come to the meeting as a guest until a vote is taken to appoint her as the new Treasurer. Susan is the CFO at the Monroe Community College Foundation and a CPA. She has many years of experience in the accounting and finance world. She relocated to this area from Florida four years ago and has become involved in soccer because her oldest child plays soccer.

- e. Roger Best moved that Susan Gurak be appointed to fill the remainder of John's term as Treasurer of the NYSWYSA. Bob Sokolinsky seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

#### 4. President's Remarks:

- a. At the USYSA Adidas Workshop in Boston, a new fee increase was approved by a very close vote. The fee will increase 25 cents effective September 1, 2004 and another 25 cents effective September 1, 2005. The membership of NYSWYSA approved a fee increase in November of 2002 that took into account the possibility of this increase. Therefore there will be no fee increase passed onto the membership in September 2004. This is the first fee increase for U.S. Youth Soccer in 15 years. This has been caused by the loss of sponsorships. The expenses of the organization remain the same, registrations will remain steady, but the revenue stream will decrease significantly.
- b. In addition to the fee increase, programs will be held accountable for developing plans and reporting on the implementation of those plans to insure that programs are cost effective.
- c. Sandy sent Tony an e-mail indicating that he is requesting bids from insurance agencies to be sure that the NYSWYSA is getting the best possible price available.
- d. Tony reported that the USSF AGM in New York City accomplished very little last weekend. The budget was passed and a new member (Linda Hamilton) was elected from the pros to serve on the USSF Foundation Board. The remainder of the meeting was declared null and void because the meeting information was not sent in time to the membership in accordance with the bylaws.
- e. During the US Youth Soccer /Adidas Workshop in Boston. Tony had a discussion with Steve Hoffman, SDOC for CAL –South YSA regarding funding for their ODP. Steve mentioned how they (CAL-South) have assessed a \$10.00 per team tournament entry fee, for competitive tournaments, which was earmarked or the ODP program. **NO FURTHER ACTION WAS TAKEN OR CONTEMPLATED BASED ON THIS DISCUSSION.**
- f. At the NSCAA Convention in Charleston, South Carolina, a meeting was held with clubs considered to be of the elite super club level regarding issues of importance to them. This meeting was chaired by Tom Goodman (US Youth Soccer) with David Messersmith (President of US Youth Soccer) in attendance. Items discussed included the following:
  - Club passes rather than team passes (which the NYSWYSA has the capability to do with the implementation of RosterPro).
  - Expanded rosters (already implemented by the NYSWYSA).
  - Revision to travel policy (already implemented by the NYSWYSA).
  - Improvement in ODP process with the goal of reducing stress on players to make a decision and to lower the cost.
  - How best to implement SSG (Small Sided Games) which is now an issue being discussed by the Federation with the goal of “mandating it to all member affiliates.”
  - Regional Leagues.
- g. A meeting was held in Rochester to discuss these issues, as well as the development within the NYSWYSA of a Super Club of the best players across the State Association in all age groups in order to form teams that are competitive on the Regional and National



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levels. Further meetings on these subjects will be held as the steering groups develop proposals consistent with the ideals of the local leagues, clubs and the NYSWYSA.

- h. Tony requested that the Board move to Executive Session at this point in the meeting. Tony requested that Roger Best, with Shane and Sandy's input, prepare a proposal for modification of the NYSWYSA Bylaws to be presented at the next NYSWYSA BOD Meeting.

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

- a. A note was sent to the Clubs reminding them that the deadline for State Cup entry is March 19, 2004. The number of entries is low at this point because Clubs are waiting to compile the applications in order to send one check for the total amount of their entry fees.
- b. Gary has not yet finalized the contract for the State Finals Weekend with Total Sports Experience (TSE), but that should happen shortly.
- c. Tim has posted a banner that has run for the past three weeks on the web site regarding the entry deadline for State Cup.

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

- a. Bob did not submit a written Adjudication Report.
- b. Bob attended the Appeals Committee Session at the Boston Convention, and he indicates that there have been no changes to the National Bylaws and Policies in regard to adjudication in any shape or form.
- c. The information that was provided regarding how to handle a hearing is very similar to what currently appears in the NYSWYSA Adjudication Manual.
- d. Bob will present a proposal for an addition to the Adjudication Manual at the April Board of Directors Meeting.
- e. Bob is still working on the paperwork for Performance Appraisals.

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

- a. A written report was submitted to all members via e-mail.
- b. Glen asked Tony to discuss distance-learning modules provided through the English Futbol Association—a computer based training program. The NYSWYSA attorney will send the contract with Omer for review.
- c. Roger Best made a motion that Glen Buckley's car rental fee and gasoline for an 11-day trip to England, not to exceed \$700, be paid by the NYSWYSA, as he will be traveling to English Soccer Clubs to establish links for the NYSWYSA. Angelo Grande seconded the motion. The motion carried with 7 yea votes and one abstention.
- d. The Board of Directors will receive a written report from Glen and receipts will be submitted from the trip before reimbursement takes place.
- e. Glen will be meeting with various Districts, such as the Binghamton District on April 27, 2004 from 6 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., to provide a Coaches' Clinic.
- f. A suggestion was made that Glen provide coaching exercises on line for coaches to utilize.



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**8. SYRA, Bill Fahey:**

- a. No report was submitted.

**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. 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. A previous action of the NYSWYSA Board of Directors to donate \$2,000 (in equipment or apparel) to the Flower City Soccer League for their Soccer Start Program was reaffirmed. SCORE (the official uniform sponsor of the NYSWYSA) will supply equipment or apparel and submit an itemized list for expenditure of those funds.

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

- a. Angelo distributed a Risk Management Report, which is available upon request from the State Office.
- b. The Risk Management Process is being reviewed by legal counsel to be sure it is clear, and to determine whether any members of the Board of Directors had any questions or concerns.
- c. A copy of the Risk Management Procedure will be sent to Curt Hamlin and Bill Fahey for informational purposes.
- d. Changes should be sent to Angelo and Omer by Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at which time the documents will be finalized.

**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 is receiving a lot of positive feedback about RosterPro from Clubs.
- c. A web address has been set up ([rosterpro@newyorkstatewest.org](mailto:rosterpro@newyorkstatewest.org)) that goes directly to Tim, Sandy and the two developers at Demosphere.
- d. Tim receives fewer questions each day and feels that people are now able to understand and work with the program without assistance.
- e. The new system has also facilitated quicker approval of Out of State and Out of Country Players because a worksheet is now provided for people to complete when applying for these two items.
- f. The web site is working well. It is being utilized frequently and the advertising banners are working well.
- g. The Boston Adidas National Workshop covered items that our web page already offers such as e-Travel Forms.
- h. Tim will be adding specific language to the Permission to Travel Forms regarding conforming to the policies of the NYSWYSA.



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- i. Tim also wanted to point out that many people utilize the wrong forms when traveling. They need to be sure they know what organization is hosting the event to be sure they are utilizing the correct form.

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

- a. The Audit Committee Report did not submit a report.

**14. State Office, Dan Watson**

- a. Dan distributed a State Office Report in advance of the meeting, which is available upon request from the State Office.
- b. U.S. Club Soccer is utilizing the same age matrix as the NYSWYSA.

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

- a. Omer distributed his report in advance of the meeting.
- b. Regarding the Youth Module Guidelines, Omer would like to have the group determine how this information should be disseminated.
- c. Omer added a survey to the Youth Modules mailing to obtain feedback regarding the library.
- d. Omer discussed clarifying the process for Youth Module payments.
- e. Omer requested clarification on the \$50 fine for non-attendance at the NYSWYSA AGM in November. After a lengthy discussion, a suggestion was made to have the \$50 fee be refunded for the November 2003 AGM and to have a bylaw revision be submitted to abolish the \$50 fine for non-attendance at the AGM. Roger will write the proposed by-law revision.
- f. Omer discussed the Full 90 Contract. Sue motioned to accept the Full 90 Contract with the proposed revisions. Shane Cook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- g. Omer requested a decision regarding the Varsity Communications query about whether to go with four-color ads with an additional Chevy Event for the following years for the van that we're getting, or to use six-color ads in our publications. The four-color ads with a Chevy Event are the more cost effective option. Sue made a motion that the NYSWYSA go with four-color ads and a Chevy Event. Roger Jank seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. An effort will be made to move the event to other Districts because it has never been held outside of the Rochester District.
- h. Omer discussed the Rochester Raging Rhinos Marketing Package with the BOD. Shane Cook made a motion that \$3,500 be allotted for the Rochester Raging Rhinos Marketing Package. Roger Best seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- i. Omer updated the group on the OCN Contract. They will be "presenting" at the State Cup, as there cannot be a sponsor. Omer will work on the portion regarding how the sponsorship monies can be spent and report back to the BOD.

**16. Good of the Game:**

- a. Angelo motioned, on behalf of Matt Dimas, that two new Clubs be approved—Southwest Cattaraugus and Enchanted Mountain. The bylaws for the two clubs have been approved. Roger Best added the Henrietta Junior Comets Soccer Club. Sandy Ostebo has already reviewed the paperwork for this club.



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- b. Bob Sokolinsky seconded the motion to accept these three Clubs and the motion passed unanimously.

**17. New Business:**

- a. Bob Sokolinsky submitted a proposal for a policies and procedures for dealing with “bad standing”. Bob asked that the BOD review the policies and procedures and send him suggestions so that he may formally submit a document for approval on this issue.
- b. Bob also sent out for review a document to outline what the Executive Director’s position should entail, as he would like to have the document reviewed and open this for discussion at the next BOD meeting.
- c. Tim Mellander suggests that an Indoor Policy discussion take place at the next BOD meeting for consistency in registrations.
- d. Tony suggests that meeting dates need to be revisited, as it may not be possible to get a quorum together for Saturday meetings.

**18. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Messina  
Secretary