



New York State West Youth Soccer Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 19, 2004

The November 19, 2004 New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA) Board of Directors' (BOD) Meeting was held at the Henrietta Holiday Inn (Holidome) in Rochester, New York. Acting President Bob Sokolinsky called the meeting to order at 9:08 PM.

**1. Roll Call:**

**Present:**

**NYSWYSA Board Members:**

Bob Sokolinsky, Acting President  
Susan Gurak, Treasurer  
Tim Mellander, Registrar & Data Base/Web Site Management Director  
Larry Evarts, Recreation Soccer & Soccer Start Director  
Roger Jank, Buffalo District Commissioner & Indoor Soccer Director  
Roger Best, Rochester District Commissioner & Meeting Scribe  
Kevin Perrigo, Syracuse District Commissioner  
Matt Dimas, Southern Tier District Commissioner, Adjudication Committee & Audit Committee Chairman  
Dan Watson, Twin Tiers District Commissioner, Risk Management Director & State Office Operations Manager

**NYSWYSA State Office Staff:**

Omer Doron, Executive Director

**Guests:**

Mike Radeke, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Candidate

**Absent:**

**NYSWYSA Board Members:**

Teresa Doermer, TOP Soccer Director  
Dave Matthews, ODP Administrator

**2. September 18, 2004 Meeting Minutes:**

Roger Best made a motion to approve the September 18, 2004 NYSWYSA BOD Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Roger Jank and approved unanimously.

**3. October 31, 2004 Meeting Minutes:**

Susan Gurak made a motion to table approval of the October 31, 2004 NYSWYSA BOD Meeting Minutes until the next NYSWYSA BOD Meeting because the version containing latest corrections provided to Sue Messina was not available for review. Larry Evarts seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**4. Executive Session:**

Bob Sokolinsky requested a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and an internal grievance, which was so moved by Matt Dimas, seconded by Susan Gurak and approved unanimously.

**5. Appointments to the NYSWYSA BOD:**

• **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Bob Sokolinsky appointed Matt Dimas to fill the vacant position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President subject to the approval of the BOD. Susan Gurak made a motion to approve Matt for the position, which was seconded by Roger Jank. A concern was raised about a replacement to fill Matt's current position as Southern Tier District Commissioner. Matt indicated that he



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would begin the search for a suitable candidate. Bob called the motion to question and it was approved by a majority vote with one abstention (Matt Dimas).

• **Binghamton District Commissioner:** Bob Sokolinsky appointed Kevin Arnold to fill the vacant position of Binghamton District Commissioner subject to the approval of the BOD. Matt Dimas made a motion to approve Kevin for the position, which was seconded by Larry Evarts. The comment was made that Kevin has been very active in the soccer community and visible at many NYSWYSA events. Bob called the motion to question and it was approved unanimously.

• **President:** Bob Sokolinsky submitted his resignation as NYSWYSA President effective January 1, 2005. He stated that past Twin Tiers District Commissioner, ODP Administrator and Interim Executive Director Sandy Ostebo would be the most qualified person to fill the position. After discussions with Bob, Sandy said he would accept the appointment for the remainder of the current term that expires November 2005. He further agreed to serve another 2-year term beyond that, but only if needed and elected by the NYSWYSA Membership.

Bob Sokolinsky appointed Sandy Ostebo to the position of NYSWYSA President effective January 1, 2005 subject to the approval of the BOD. Roger Best made a motion to approve Sandy for the position, which was seconded by Matt Dimas. In the ensuing discussion, a concern was raised that the membership might reject his appointment. Bob said he would alert Sandy of this concern and discuss it with him. He then called to question the motion, which was carried.

• **Top Soccer Director:** Teresa Doermer previously submitted her resignation as the Top Soccer Director effective the date of the NYSWYSA AGM (November 21, 2004). Teresa agreed to continue on as the Top Soccer Coordinator after the AGM. Matt Dimas took the "Action Item" to investigate whether the NYSWYSA can pay a stipend to Teresa in her new role.

Bob Sokolinsky appointed Larry Evarts to the position of Top Soccer Director effective November 21, 2004 subject to the approval of the BOD. Roger Jank made a motion to approve Larry as the Top Soccer Director, which was seconded by Susan Gurak and unanimously approved. Larry will continue to also hold the position of Recreation Soccer & Soccer Start Director.

• **Registration Director, Risk Management Director & Indoor Soccer Director:** Bob Sokolinsky completed the discussion of appointments to the NYSWYSA BOD by reminding the meeting attendees that the NYSWYSA Bylaws, Article IV Board of Directors, Section 1 Management of the Corporation, Paragraph 1.2 states that "the directors of Risk Management, . . . , Indoor Soccer, Registration & Data Base/Web Site Management shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Officers and District Commissioners for two (2) year terms at the first BOD meeting following the AGM." The position of Indoor Soccer Director will probably be eliminated, but it is understood that this would require a Bylaw change.

Before moving on to the next agenda item, Bob recommended the BOD support Mike Radecke in his candidacy for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, which was met with a favorable response. He also requested people to start looking for candidates for NYSWYSA Secretary because current Secretary Sue Messina submitted her resignation on October 31, 2004. Sue agreed to continue carrying her present duties until a suitable replacement is found.

Kevin Perrigo stated that Mike DeSalvo from the Syracuse District expressed an interest in the Secretary position. Kevin was advised to inform Mike that he must submit a resume to Nominating Committee



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Chairman Roger Best. Bob encouraged people to seek other candidates and requested Tim Mellander to post the position on the NYSWYSA Website. He also requested the Nominating Committee to have a report for the November 21, 2004 NYSWYSA AGM with its recommendations for candidates for the two NYSWYSA BOD positions (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Treasurer) up for election at that meeting.

**6. Treasurer's Budget Review:**

Susan Gurak performed a "dry run" of her proposed **NYSWYSA Budget Review** for presentation at the November 21, 2004 NYSWYSA AGM. The attending Board Members voiced their approval of her presentation and thanked Susan for her time and effort in putting it together.

**Unfinished Business:**

**1. NYSWYSA Office Lease Renewal:**

Bob Sokolinsky reviewed the make up of the Office Lease/Location Committee, which will now include Roger Best, Matt Dimas and Susan Gurak. Omer Doron and Dan Watson will provide support to the committee when requested and as required. It was agreed that after the NYSWYSA AGM, the committee should immediately begin working on the potential renewal of the lease for the current NYSWYSA State Office and also investigate the possible relocation of the office.

**2. Full90 Sports, Inc. Resolution Proposal:**

A handout of the proposed Full90 Sports, Inc. resolution prepared by Bob Sokolinsky was distributed. Larry Evarts made a motion to approve the proposed resolution, which was seconded by Roger Best. Dan Watson raised a question about the financials and Bob said that Omer Doron would work with Jeff Skeen from Full90 Sports, Inc. on outstanding items including contract redefinition. Bob then called to question the motion, which was unanimously approved. It was understood that approved resolution would be the NYSWYSA's "official statement" to the membership and media. It was noted that at the November 13, 2004 US Soccer Board of Directors' Meeting, the following position statement on padded headgear was issued. "USSF adopted the position that no member can mandate the use of any headgear or helmet."

**3. State Cup Chairperson:**

With Gary Acker's resignation from the NYSWYSA BOD, the need for a new State Cup Chairperson was identified. The question was raised whether Gary is still involved with the Region 1 Cup Committee, but no one knew the answer. As a compliment to his excellent past service as State Cup Chairperson, it was suggested to determine if Gary would be interested in running the competition in 2005. Bob agreed to contact Gary for his interest and report back to the BOD.

**New Business:**

**1. Rotation of NYSWYSA BOD Meetings:**

Bob Sokolinsky recommended that the BOD consider rotating some of its meetings through the districts. Obviously it would be best to do so in fair weather. If it is decided to do so and no one outside the NYSWYSA BOD and Staff attends, then it would be discontinued. Bob requested the meeting attendees to give the idea some thought and be prepared to discuss it at the next NYSWYSA BOD Meeting.

**2. State Director of Coaching Glen Buckley's Vehicle:**



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Bob Sokolinsky informed the meeting attendees that Glen had obtained quotations for a new vehicle from two Rochester dealers. Marina Dodge quoted a Dodge Durango that lists for approximately \$36,000, but with rebates would cost approximately \$28,000. They also quoted a Dodge Grand Caravan with 4 wheel drive that lists for approximately \$30,000, but with rebates would cost approximately \$24,000. Webster Ford quoted a Ford Explorer at a cost of \$25,000.

There is not a buyout option on Glen's Chevrolet Van and a lease would not be viable because of the high mileage on the vehicle. The question was raised whether Region 1 was going to give its member State Associations money toward the purchase of a vehicle. Bob said that Regional Director Bob Palmeiro was working on a maximum purchase price, but he could not give a date when a decision would come from Region 1.

With this information, it was decided that the NYSWYSA could not wait for Region 1's decision because Glen would have to turn his vehicle in early in December. Matt Dimas made a motion to purchase a minivan for a maximum of \$24,500, which was seconded by Larry Evarts and unanimously approved.

**3. Adjournment:**

The next NYSWYSA BOD Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM January 9, 2005 at the NYSWYSA State Office in Corning. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 PM.