



October 8, 2006 NYSWYSA BOD Meeting Minutes

Present	Position	Name	Present	Position	Name
Y	President	Mike Radecke	Excused	Rochester Comm.	Roger Best
	1st VP		Y	Syracuse Comm.	Greg Firenze
Y	2nd VP	Matt Dimas		Southern Tier Comm.	Vacant
Y	Secretary	Curt Regruit	Y	Twin Tiers Comm.	Rich Wagner
Y	Treasurer	Brian Lang	Excused	Registrar/Data Base Mgr.	Tim Mellander
Y	Binghamton Comm.	Kevin Arnold		TopSoccer Coordinator	Teresa Doermer
Y	Buffalo Comm.	Michael Russ		SYRA	Bill Campbell
	ODP Administrator	Dave Matthews		Director of Coaching	Glen Buckley
Y	Office Manager	Dan Watson			Sandy Ostebo

AGENDA ITEM	Responsibility	Status
ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order by Mike Radecke at 10:00am		

REPORTS & BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS	Responsibility	Status
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the minutes by Curt Regruit. Seconded by Kevin Arnold. Unanimous approval.		
FINANCIAL REPORT & BUDGET PROCESS: Brian Lang reported that he's on schedule to provide AGM financial report by end of October. He proposed an updated 2006/2007 budget. Motion to accept revised budget by Kevin Arnold. Seconded by Greg Firenze. Unanimous approval.	Lang	
PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Score has exclusive apparel display at the 2006 AGM/Coaches Workshop. Revised NYSWYSA contract with Score is being negotiated. Coach symposium at Paetec Park was successful. Still looking for additional nominations for Coach of the Year awards. Meeting was held with Teresa Doermer completed re: soliciting additional participation of TOPSoccer at November Coaches Workshop. Question asked about when was last NYSWYSA staff review completed. Dan Watson reported that they are due soon.	Radecke	
1ST VP REPORT: No report.		

<p>2ND VP REPORT: Report provided by Matt Dimas.</p> <p>3 adjudication cases are currently being heard.</p> <p>Due to geographic challenges of the region, future hearings will be conducted via teleconferences with the accused and the hearing board. The hearings will be recorded & transcribed by employing recording service providers. It is believed this will expedite hearings more efficiently & effectively. The concept of teleconference hearings has been reviewed with USYS and approved. It is consistent with methods used in some other regions.</p>	Dimas	
<p>DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION & DATABASE/WEB SITE REPORT: No updates to report at this meeting.</p>		
<p>ODP ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: 1993/1994 age groups had only 155 participants at tryouts this year. This was much lower than recent past years.</p>		
<p>NOMINATING COMMITTEE: All current district commissioners have been re-elected.</p>	Radecke	
<p>DIRECTOR OF COACHING REPORT: No report.</p>		
<p>TOPSOCCER REPORT: No report.</p>		
<p>OFFICE MANAGER REPORT: Dan Watson is studying recreational clubs to verify the ration of players to coaches/volunteers who have risk management passes. Intent is to verify if more due diligence at the recreational level is needed to ensure coaches & volunteers have background checks.</p>		
<p>GOOD OF THE GAME:</p>		
<p>REVISED U9, U10, U12 POLICY:</p>		
<p>QUEEN CITY FUTBALL CLUB: The club has withdrawn their request for NYSWYSA membership.</p>		
<p>AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE II BYLAWS: Rich Wagner reviewed some ideas and tools to assist with decisions for adding new member clubs. Ideas were based on a compilation of input from several board members. The intent is to make sure we are fair to all new applicants for membership, and also have viable criteria to fairly and equitably assess the merits of any new club's application, and to ensure we are following USSF bylaws, policies, and requirements.</p> <p>ACTION: Is there a USYS or USSF stipulation that requires NYSWYSA to admit any club who petitions for membership? Does NYSWYSA have the ability to specify criteria or constraints for membership in the NYSWYSA? What constraints, if any, are NYSWYSA required to follow in specifying membership criteria?</p>	Regruit	
<p>CODE OF ETHICS: A review of proposed NYSWYSA Coaches Code of Ethics ensued. Question asked is whether NYSWYSA should adopt this as a standard for assessing ethics violations (only if a club/league did not have a Code of Ethics of their own) and/or whether NYSWYSA should offer it as a recommended, voluntary, model standard that clubs & leagues could incorporate at the local level if they choose to do so?</p> <p>Motion: Propose the draft document, with some modifications, as a model that clubs & leagues can use if they choose to do so. Motion proposed by Greg Firenze. Seconded by Mike Russ. Unanimous approval.</p> <p>ACTION: Modify the SAMPLE Code of Ethics , post it on the NYSWYSA web site, and notify clubs/leagues that it is available for their use as a template.</p> <p>ACTION : NYSWYSA should adopt the Code of Ethics as our standard for use with ODP coaching staff.</p>	Radecke/Ostebo Buckley/Matthews	
<p>PLANNING FOR AGM/AWARDS DINNER: Mike Russ volunteered to head up the nominating committee for the awards. Mike Radecke provided an update on progress planning the meetings.</p>		
<p>2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHEDULE: October 2007 meeting will be October 6, 2007 (Columbus Day Weekend)</p>		

USYS CONFERENCE IN MARCH, 2007: Discussions on which board members can/should attend. Agreement to send Brian Lang as one of the 4 board members to attend.		
FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME: Greg Firenze stated that he's received feedback from some that Total Sports Experience fields are too small for State Cup. There is incremental cost to have it at both Total Sports & Grace & Truth Park would increase vs. only having it at Total Sports. The site locations will be put out to bid in January, 2007 for future State Cups.		

ACTION ITEMS	Responsibility	Status
<p>COACHES CODE OF ETHICS: Discussion to be tabled until September board meeting...</p> <p>Outstanding Proposal: If club or tournament does not have its own policy for managing code of ethics and/or code of conduct violations, then the local league policy shall prevail. If neither club, tournament nor league has a policy, then NYSWYSA policy would prevail. Would need to communicate to members for approval before implementation.</p> <p>ACTION: Develop & approve NYSWYSA Code of Ethics & associated policy.</p>	Ostebo & Campbell	
<p>TOPSoccer:</p> <p>ACTION: Dan Watson to review the VA Risk Mgmt. Form & provide proposal for NYSWYSA form.</p>	Watson	Pending
<p>BYLAW PROPOSALS: Proposed changes to NYSWYSA bylaws, Article II, Membership. Discussion determined need to have more specific criteria that describe justifiable reasons for acceptance or denial of membership requests.</p> <p>ACTION: Provide specific examples to Mike Radecke that would warrant acceptance or denial of requests for membership, to be incorporated into bylaws.</p>	All board members.	
<p>2005 AGM MEETING MINUTES:</p> <p>ACTION: Sandy Ostebo to follow up re: how to post them on the NYSWYSA web site.</p>	Ostebo	Pending
<p>HOW TO DEAL WITH RESPONSES TO OUR SURVEY:</p> <p>ACTION: Post Roster Pro training schedule in NYSWYSA web site.</p> <p>ACTION: Need to begin work on continuing contract proposal for Director of Coaching that includes both financial component & updated roles responsibilities. Goal...Proposal by August board meeting.</p>	Ostebo, Mellander, Watson Lang, Ostebo, Arnold	Pending
<p>KOHL'S CUP:</p> <p>ACTION: Mike Russ, Sandy Ostebo, Dan Watson to investigate participation for future year(s)</p>	Russ, Watson, Ostebo	Pending
<p>ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS (Rochester, Binghamton, Twin Tiers):</p> <p>ACTION: Commissioners to contact Dan Watson to initiate election process.</p>	Best, Wagner, Arnold	
<p>AGM PLANNING SESSION SCHEDULE: Regruit, Lang, Best volunteered to help Radecke coordinate AGM planning logistics</p> <p>ACTION: Solicit candidate for Southern Tier District Commissioner.</p>	Regruit, Lang, Best, Radecke Ostebo	In progress
<p>BYLAW CHANGES TO ARTICLE II, MEMBERSHIP:</p> <p>ACTION: Write proposed amendment for presentation to board.</p>	Ostebo	
<p>CODE OF ETHICS:</p> <p>ACTION: Add language to document that obliges coaches to sign Code of Ethics upon receiving coach's license. Language would also allow NYSWYSA to initiate investigation of violations to Code of Ethics when warranted. Make sure wording is reviewed by our legal counsel before final approval by board of directors.</p>	Ostebo	
<p>Queen City Football Club request for NYSWYSA membership: Discussion & approval tabled pending further information gathering by board of directors.</p> <p>Motion to table discussion by Brian Lang. Seconded by Kevin Arnold. Unanimous</p>		

<p>decision.</p> <p>ACTION: Meet with Queen City Football Club coordinator to review the merits their request.</p> <p>Report by Mike Radecke & Glen Buckley. They met with the club. Queen City offered to submit letters of support to request admission for membership but they have not yet done so. They have submitted proposed club bylaws for approval. They want to field 3 teams. Mike Russ requesting further support information from Queen City to support their request.</p> <p>ACTION: Verify if Queen City's proposed club bylaws have been approved by NYSWYSA.</p>	<p>Buckley, Russ, Radecke</p> <p>Watson</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>ACTION: Curt Regruit develop draft of Annual NYSWYSA planning calendar for the board to work from</p>	<p>Regruit</p>	
<p>ACTION: Staff Reviews needed within appoximately 60 days.</p> <p>Glen Buckley's review to be coordinated by Kevin Arnold.</p> <p>Other staff reviews to be coordinated by Dan Watson.</p>	<p>Arnold</p> <p>Watson</p>	

Meeting adjourned at 12:21pm