



New York State West Youth Soccer Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 2003

The Board of Directors of the New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA) held their September meeting in Corning, New York, on Sunday, September 14, 2003. Tony Buiniskis, President, called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

1. Roll Call:

Present: Anthony Buiniskis, President
Bob Sokolinsky, 2nd Vice President
Suzanne Messina, Secretary
Tim Mellander, Registrar
Larry Evarts, Recreation Director
Angelo Grande, Risk Management Director

District Commissioners:

Sandy Ostebo, Twin Tiers
Roger Jank, Buffalo
Roger Best, Rochester
Matt Dimas, Southern Tier

Office Staff:

Sandy Ostebo, Interim Executive Director
Dan Watson, Operations Manager

Absent:

Gary Acker, 1st Vice President
Millie Blaakman, ODP Administrator
Glen Buckley, State Director of Coaching
Kevin Perrigo, Syracuse District Commissioner
Shane Cook, Binghamton District Commissioner

2. Meeting Minutes:

Corrections for the July and August 2003 Meeting Minutes should be sent to Sue Messina, Secretary, by Friday, September 19, 2003, so that the revised minutes can be posted to the NYSWYSA Web Site.

3. Financial Report:

a. No written report at this time, as the budget was reviewed in depth at the August 2003 NYSWYSA Planning Meeting.

4. President's Remarks, Tony Buiniskis:

a. Tony indicated that a contract had been signed with Score effective January 1, 2004.

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

a. No written report was submitted.

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

a. Bob distributed a copy of his report before the meeting for review, which is available from the State Office.

7. State Director of Coaching, Glen Buckley:

- a. Glen distributed a report before the meeting, which is available at the State Office.
- b. The Academy has started at the Total Sports Experience facility in Rochester.



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8. ODP Administrator, Millie Blaakman:

- a. A written report was submitted in advance of the meeting, which is available from the State Office. Highlights included setting up indoor training facilities and participation in the Border Cup, as well as consideration of sponsoring an outdoor ODP Tournament.

9. SYRA, William Fahey:

- a. The SYRA is in the process of putting together his proposed contract renewal and will submit a copy before it goes to the State Referee Committee.
- b. A brief discussion of the Referee Mentoring Program took place. It was suggested that the referees make an effort to be sure the Districts are more aware of this program and what it offers to the Membership.
- c. Discussion took place regarding the importance of referees undergoing the same Risk Management Process that administrators, coaches, managers, and volunteers in NYSWYSA currently undergo.

10. Recreation Soccer, Larry Evarts:

- a. No written report was submitted.
- b. Larry will be hosting a Recreation Meeting for all Rochester Recreation Clubs on Saturday, September 20, 2003. The meeting will be held from 9 AM to noon at the Total Sports Experience facility.

11. TOP Soccer, Teresa Doermer:

- a. No written report was submitted.

12. Risk Management, Angelo Grande:

- a. Angelo will conduct his first presentation at the Rochester District Recreation Meeting on September 20, 2003, at the Total Sports Experience facility.

13. Registration, Tim Mellander:

- a. Tim and Sandy are still working out the logistics of the new online registration software and will back at the next meeting.

14. Web Page Information, Tim Mellander:

- a. The web site has been updated.

15. Audit Committee, Matt Dimas:

- a. Matt Dimas e-mailed the firm of Mengel, Metzger, Barr and Company to notify them of the Board of Director's decision to proceed with a Review of the books. The firm will be asked to send the NYSWYSA a letter of engagement.

16. State Office, Dan Watson:

- a. Dan distributed a report in advance of the meeting, which is available at the State Office.
- b. Dan received 150 resumes for the position of Secretary/Receptionist to replace Terri Raeder.

17. Interim Executive Director, Sandy Ostebo:

- a. Sandy sent out a report for review prior to the meeting, which is available at the State Office.

18. Old Business:

- a. The handbook is still being worked on.

19. New Business:

- a. The proposed schedule for the NYSWYSA Board of Directors Meetings for 2003-2004 was distributed. Bob Sokolinsky made a motion to accept the proposed schedule, which was seconded by Roger Best. The motion was unanimously approved.
- b. A Goalkeeper Level 2 Course will be offered November 21 and 22, 2003, at the Total Sports Experience facility with Peter Mellor as the instructor.



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20. Future Workshops/Conventions:

- a. The Region I Fall Meeting is October 17-19, 2003 in New York City.
- b. The NYSYSA AGM and Workshop will be held November 21-22, 2003 at Total Sports Experience in Rochester. Hotel arrangements have been made at the Airport Holiday Inn.
- c. The 2004 Adidas Workshop will be held February 19-22, 2004 in Boston, Massachusetts.

21. Good of the Game:

- a. The elections of District Commissioners should be completed by October 1, 2003.
Commissioners who are up for reelection are:
Roger Jank, Buffalo
Matt Dimas, Southern Tier
Kevin Perrigo, Syracuse

22. Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made at 1:20 PM and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Messina
Secretary