



NEW YORK STATE WEST YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting
August 26, 2001

The Board of Directors for New York State West Youth Soccer Association ("NYSWYSA") held their August meeting in Corning, New York, on Sunday, August 26, 2001. President Buiniskis called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

I. ROLL CALL

Anthony Buiniskis, President
John Galli, First Vice President & Cup Administrator
Karl Krech, Second Vice President
John Pecchia, Treasurer (joined meeting at 11:30 AM)
Millie Blaakman, Secretary & ODP Administrator
Gary Acker, Risk Management
Tim Mellander, Registrar
Bill Fahey, SYRA
District Commissioners:
 Roger Best, Rochester
 Roger Jank, Buffalo
 Sandy Ostebo, Twin Tiers
 Kevin Perrigo, Syracuse
 Bob Sokolinsky, Binghamton
Staff:
 Donna Mizerak, Bookkeeper
 Terri Raeder, Office Assistant
Absent – Larry Evarts, Recreation Director/TOPSoccer
 Louise Freeman, Southern Tier District Commissioner
 Glen Buckley, Director of Coaching
 Dan Watson, Operations Manager

Ostebo explained the process and procedures for the District Commissioner elections. This year's elections have yielded Roger Jank with a renewed term representing Buffalo, Louise Freeman is holding the election in her district within the next week for the Southern Tier, and Syracuse's election for District Commissioner will be held at the Fireside Inn on September 17th. Raeder will provide Buiniskis with a copy of the letter that was sent for the Syracuse election.

The rooming lists have been secured for the Region I Fall Meeting in Massachusetts from October 12-14, 2001.

Two individuals (Dave Fantuzzo from the Rochester District and Suzanne Messina from the Binghamton District) have expressed their desire to be on the ballot for NYSWYSA Secretary this fall. Blaakman is vacating the position as she is continuing full-time with her college education. Any other individuals interested in the positions that are up for re-election (President & Second Vice President) should send a letter stating their intent with their soccer qualifications to the State Office and to Buiniskis.

2. MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Ostebo to approve the July 28, 2001 Meeting Minutes as amended, seconded by Jank and unanimously approved.



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3. TOURNAMENT HOSTING POLICY

Lengthy discussion ensued following review of the draft policy (a copy is on file at the State Office). The policy maintains the spirit of USYSA sanctioned events being the top priority. Ostebo and Fahey will work together to develop the Assignor Certification Form.

Best made a motion to remove the \$100 Tournament Hosting Application Fee from the policy and Galli seconded the motion. The motion was defeated by a vote of 2 for (Best and Galli) and 6 opposed (Blaakman, Jank, Krech, Ostebo, Perrigo, and Sokolinsky).

Krech made a motion for the \$100 Tournament Hosting Application Fee to also include festivals, jamborees, and games. The motion was passed with five voting for (Blaakman, Jank, Krech, Ostebo, Perrigo) and 3 against (Best, Galli, Sokolinsky).

Sokolinsky made a motion to strike "games" from the policy as noted above, Krech seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Krech made a motion to adopt the policy as amended, seconded by Blaakman. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 to 2 with Blaakman, Jank, Krech, Ostebo, Perrigo, and Sokolinsky voting in favor, and Best and Galli opposed.

Ostebo will provide members with the amended policy as approved and provide it to Mellander so it can be posted on www.nyswysa.org web site.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Web Site - Mellander

The new web site prototype is complete with redesigned graphics and the goal is for the new site to go live the first of September. Any Board Member wanting information posted on the site shall send the material to Mellander. Mellander will advise Mizerak when the domain name is transferred as we will no longer need to remit payment to ValueWeb.

Registration – Mellander

Buiniskis addressed Board Members with the concern about clubs whose registration fees are habitually overdue. By no later than August 31, 2001, District Commissioners are to review their listing of member clubs for accuracy and advise Mellander of the active clubs in their respective districts. Mellander will divide the report into 3 areas (indoor centers, leagues and clubs) and they will be further split into travel and recreation.

Risk Management - Acker

Volunteer Disclosure Forms are still being received for Coach's Passes. Ostebo made the motion to assess a \$5 Processing Fee (to cover the NYSWYSA expenses incurred by administering Risk Management) effective September 1, 2002. Blaakman seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. There will be no Processing Fee for initial requests during the year 2001-2002, however, the \$5 fee for regeneration of Coach's Passes will continue to be assessed.



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4. COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Referee Association – Fahey

Two of the three State Referees going to the Nationals were Margaret Reif from Buffalo and Katie Dizedic from Rochester. Fahey stated that there is an increasing trend in misconduct and Referee abuse and assault. He is working on the creation of a handbook for the Referee Association's handling of such misconduct cases that are submitted by Referees. The State Coaching Courses as administered by Buckley will continue to address the Spirit of the Game. Pecchia suggested that the Referee Association coordinates and provides a Certified Referee Instructor to attend the Coaching Courses in conjunction with Buckley's instruction.

Fahey will contact Buckley to coordinate and include a Referee Session at the SoccerFest Coaches' Symposium on November 17th. Fahey will also provide Buiniskis with nominations for *Young Female and Male Referee of the Year*.

Snickers State and President's Cup – Galli

Buiniskis informed Board Members that the 2000-2001 Snickers State Cup Budget should complete the year in a favorable position and hotel rebates are to be received in the near future.

Five other states within Region I have provided Galli with a set of their Snickers State Cup Rules and Format for the Cup Committee to review. Most states hold the U11, U12, and U13 age divisions of the Snickers State Cup in the fall. Galli will send information out to the Cup Committee for review and schedule a teleconference for further discussion.

In the spirit of the Eastern Regionals, Buiniskis is investigating options for NYSW to provide our Snickers State Champions with a State Shirt to be worn at the Parade of States at the Regionals. In the event a team is not wearing the State Shirt, a fine will be assessed, the amount to be determined at a future NYSW Board Meeting.

Buiniskis asked Jank to speak with the people of the venue we are scheduled to use for the 2001-2002 Snickers State Cup regarding their support for our Centers of Excellence Program, and report back to him by our September Board Meeting.

June 8th & 9th have been chosen for the President's Cup State Finals for the 2001-2002 year at a location to be determined. The District Commissioners were requested to try and find a club interested in hosting the State Finals.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT – PECCHIA

Proposed Budget Schedules were presented and discussed for fiscal years 2001 and 2002. The allocation of the time of the State Director of Coaching has been included in the Budget Schedule for fiscal year 2001 - 2002. Any Board Member with input to these schedules must contact Pecchia by Monday, August 27, 2001. Krech will review the equipment listing for the State Office and it will include equipment that will allow us to do mass mailings.

Krech made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2001 - 2002 Budget Schedule as amended to be presented to the membership at the November NYSWYSA AGM. The motion was seconded by Galli and unanimously approved.



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Proposed By Law Changes – Ostebo

It was suggested that the NYSW By-laws include a provision that when a club applies for membership, a requirement for the minimum number of teams be met.

An additional proposal was made to increase the Board of Directors to include the ODP Administrator, Indoor Soccer Coordinator, Database Management, Risk Management, and Recreation/TOPSoccer positions. A motion to amend the By-Laws as noted was made by Ostebo, seconded by Galli. The motion was unanimously approved.

For The Good of the Game

Sokolinsky presented a club name change from Ithaca Youth Soccer Club to Ithaca United. All Board Members were in favor.

Ostebo will provide Mellander with a copy of the U-9, 10 & 11 Youth Playing Proposals as outlined by Buckley for posting on the Web site.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on September 22, 2001 at 10:00AM at the NYSW State Office in Corning, NY.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Millie Blaakman
Secretary