

BOD Meeting 12-13-98

Present: Roger Best, Larry Evarts, John Galli, George Herrick, Roger Jank, Tim Mellander, Sandy Ostebo, Donna Vavonese, Dan Watson, and special guest Terri Raeder (NY West State Office secretary).

Excused absences: Gary Acker (work), Tony Buiniskis (work), Louise Freeman, Bob Gunn (sick), Ian Redpath, Bob Sokolinski.

Tim Mellander presented a proxy from Bob Sokolinski to vote in his behalf. In the Tony's absence, John Galli chaired the meeting. He noted that we have made a commitment to our membership to get minutes out to our membership in a timely fashion, and that we need to honor this promise. Larry has been having computer problems, but should have that fixed this week.

Minutes from the BOD meeting on Sept. 19-20 were amended and approved on motion by Sandy, seconded by Tim. Minutes from the AGM and BOD meeting on Nov 8 were also approved as amended - motion by Tim, second from Roger Jank.

Treasurer's report was distributed, but in Bob's absence there were some questions pertaining to the report that could not be answered. John will address these to Bob, so that the BOD can act on the report at a later time. Donna stated that she would like to see a comparison with income/expenses from last year. After much discussion about the payment of officials, it was decided that we would stay with our present policy of paying all officials at the State & Presidents Cup finals by check using a voucher system. For district Cup play downs, the payments will be properly documented and handled by each district with officials being paid locally by check (every one is strongly urged to make no cash transactions).

Everyone also agreed that we need to have our new SYRA in place by January.

A copy of Rick Rossetie's recommendations for the Audit Committee was handed out for our consideration and to be voted on in January.

Indoor registrations should be done through local clubs first, but if this is not possible, players may register through an indoor facility that is affiliated with NY West. But if they are not registered with a club (only with an indoor center), players may have to re-register (and pay again) for play during the spring/summer season. Each district will try to keep track of indoor registrations that are not made through a club first - to see how many players are doing this - and revisit the issue at our April meeting.

Dan was directed to look into some way of identifying in what district a club should be registering - such as by zip code or county - as the present district boundaries are somewhat vague. He will report back to the BOD on this issue at our January meeting, so we can consider how to go about establishing clear district boundaries.

Tim urged each District Commissioner to make sure their district computer registrations are forwarded to him at least on a quarterly basis. He also reported the result of a survey and the recommendation of the committee that was established following the AGM to examine the use of a unified state team roster. The "simple" Logical Solutions team roster with the District Commissioner's stamp and signature - and without spaces for player signatures - will be the Official Team Roster for all purposes, except Cup play. He also reminded everyone that player passes for all players have to be signed in cursive, and that signatures have to be just as the name is printed on the front of the pass.

Several new clubs were unanimously approved as members of NY West: BC United (Binghamton) - on a motion by Sandy with second from Donna, and Groton (Binghamton), Lumber City (Buffalo), Olympic Soccer Club (Syracuse), Onondaga City YS (Syracuse), and Southern Cayuga SC (Syracuse) - all on a motion by Larry with second from Roger Jank.

A request from the Binghamton district to allow the roster size for U19 to be increased to 22 players was denied.

George Herrick reported that he and Ian Redpath have made several appearances at meetings across the state to explain their roles as coach and administrator in working with improving the state coaching program and the state ODP program. The State ODP staff is pretty much in place. George reminded everyone to follow the procedure for our licensing programs (listed on our web site). He will start up the new youth modules in January (5 ½ hour course, \$15, min 15 registrations per module). With these new youth modules there will no longer be an F-course – the D and E courses will still be offered. New certificates are being drawn up for all the courses, and George hopes to have a listing by February of all NY West coaches with A, B, and C licenses. There will be a C – course in Syracuse over 2 weekends from July 29 to August 15, a D- course in Rochester, a D – course in Binghamton, and an E – course is pending. Several youth modules will be offered in the Southern Tier (check web site for all listings). George recommended that we consider a future requirement for all coaches to obtain a coach's pass of a minimum of the proper youth module course or an E-course. Ian's report stated that there no longer will be any at-large state ODP coaches, and that there will be no distinction between head and assistant coaches. Each age group will simply be assigned two coaches who are to work together and share the responsibilities. There will also be 2-3 "floating" coaches, who will fill in for another coach not able to make a particular session. The Super League schedule is not yet known.

Tony is working on getting the new state logo on our Chevy van.

A motion was made by Sandy, seconded by Donna, to pay our Webmaster, Micah Mellander, as last year and allow him to go to the USYSA workshop in Chicago at our expense. Motion passed unanimously. It was also agreed that we would review Micah's position later to consider additional payment.

John reported that the '99 rules for State Cup and Presidents Cup will be available at the January meeting.

Roger Jank reported that NYSWYSA has been named in a \$10 mill. lawsuit filed on behalf of a 15 year old Buffalo area boy who was sexually molested quite some time ago. Bene-Marc is handling the case, and Roger stated that this only emphasizes the importance of our Risk Management program. He also wondered about the status of the reimbursements for two Buffalo area coaches who supposedly were approved to take the B – course.

Roger Best stated that he needs help with producing all the player passes in the Rochester district. He will find out from Bob how much money is available in our budget for this purpose.

Donna expressed that she still has a problem with a club in her area not paying overdue bills. It was pointed out that we have a provision for handling this in our Bylaws – Article II, Section 2.4 – and that Bob needs to regularly report to the BOD on this.

Sandy made a motion to put on the table two sets of Bylaw Amendment Proposals – Set A and Set B (See attachments along with an explanation sheet). Motion seconded by Roger Jank and passed unanimously. Sandy also presented a list of 4 points (see attached list labeled Club Bylaws) that each member club has to have in their bylaws to comply with the new USSF Bylaws. He moved that all present Association members need to amend (if necessary) their existing bylaws to comply with these 4 listed USSF requirements, and that a copy of all club bylaws must then be on file with the appropriate District Commissioner by August 31, 2000. Motion seconded by Larry and passed unanimously.

Sandy finally presented a list of Elections/Appointments that still need to be taken care of by the BOD and each District:

2nd Vice President – to be appointed by BOD for 1 year (Art IV, Sect 8 – since none were nominated at AGM)

Executive Comm – 1 BOD member to be appointed by the BOD for 1 year (Art IV, Sect 14.2)

Budget Comm – 3 members (at least 1 from BOD) to be appointed by the BOD for 1 year (Art IV, Sect 14.2)

Operations Council (Art. VI):

SYRA – to be appointed by BOD for 1 year

Director of Indoor Soccer – to be appointed by BOD for 2 years

Director of Recreational Soccer – to be appointed by BOD for 1 year

Director of Coaching – Interim Director, George Herrick, already in place

ODP Administrator – Ian Redpath already appointed

Risk Management Director – to be appointed by the BOD for 1 year

State Registrar – to be appointed by BOD for 2 years

Director of TOP Soccer – to be appointed by BOD for 2 years

The last 3 appointments were made by unanimous vote on a motion by Sandy, seconded by Roger Jank, with Gary Acker being named Risk Management Director, Tim Mellander named State Registrar, and Bob Otto named Director of TOP Soccer.

Audit Comm – 1 elected from each district by weighted vote, with Binghamton, Rochester, and Twin Tiers

Representative serving for 2 years and the rest for 1 year (Art IV, Sect 2.3.1)

Appeals Comm – 1 selected from each district for 1 year (Art IV, Sect 14.4)

Nominating Comm – 1 selected from each district for 1 year (Art IV, Sect 14.5)

Meeting adjourned at 4:10. Next meeting: Jan 10 in Corning