



New York State West Youth Soccer Association January 23, 2000 Board Meeting

The Board of Directors for New York State West Youth Soccer Association (“NYSWYSA”) held their January meeting in Corning, New York, on Sunday, January 23, 2000. The meeting was called to order by President, Tony Buiniskis, at 10:05 a.m.

A. Roll Call

Officers Attending: *Tony Buiniskis*, President; *John Galli*, Vice President/Cup Administrator; *Millie Blaakman*, Secretary; *Larry Evarts*, Recreation Director; *Dan Watson*, Operations Manager; *Donna Mizerak*, State Office; *Gary Acker*, Risk Management; *Tim Mellander*, State Registrar; *Ian Redpath*, ODP Administrator; District Commissioners: *Roger Best*, Rochester; *Louise Freeman*, Southern Tier; *Roger Jank*, Buffalo; *Sandy Ostebo*, Twin Tiers; *Kevin Perrigo*, Syracuse; *Bob Sokolinsky*, Binghamton; Audit Committee: *Rick Rossettie*, Twin Tiers.

Officers Absent: *Glen Buckley*, Director of Coaching; *Bill Fahey*, SYRA; *Karl Krech*, Second Vice President; *John Pecchia*, Treasurer; *Terri Raeder*, State Office; *Carol Samuelson*, TOPS Soccer.

B. Approval of Previous Minutes

On a motion by Ostebo, seconded by Evarts, October’s minutes were unanimously approved. On a motion by Ostebo, seconded by Sokolinsky, November’s minutes were unanimously approved with the corrections as noted. On a motion by Sokolinsky, seconded by Jank, December’s minutes were approved with corrections as noted. Motion passed unanimously. The format of future minutes will be in summary only; each member is responsible for extracting the specifics from the meeting pertaining to their area of responsibility.

C. Treasurer’s Report – J. Pecchia

In Pecchia’s absence, Mizerak distributed the balance sheet to date to board members. A copy of this report is on file at the State Office. On a motion by Galli to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Sokolinsky, the financial report was unanimously approved.

D. Committee Reports

1. State Cup & Chevrolet-Presidents Cup 2000 – J. Galli

With Chevrolet’s sponsorship, the name for the President’s Cup Tournament will now be referred to as the NYSW Chevrolet-President’s Cup. Chevrolet-President’s Cup packets were distributed to each member present. This information will also be posted on NYSWYSA’s web site in the immediate future. Mellander and Galli will coordinate the logistics relative to the registration procedure with the Brockport Soccer Club for registration at the Chevrolet-President’s Cup. State Cup packets were distributed to each member and will be posted on the State’s web site in the immediate future.

On a motion by Sokolinsky, seconded by Best, the State Cup and Chevrolet/President’s Cup rules were unanimously approved with the changes as discussed.

2. Recreation Committee – L. Evarts
Tide-America Festival

The first *Tide-America Festival* for recreational U8's and U10's will be held June 24-25, 2000, in the format of a 3-game festival, and hosted by the Chili Soccer Association. Awards will consist of medallions (as approved by Tide Corporation) to all participants in the U8 and U10 age brackets. The U11 and above will be called the *Hot Dog Cup Tournament*. Additionally, Niagara Pioneer Soccer Club is interested in hosting a *Tide-America Festival* on June 17. Evarts will provide members with an update on the *Tide-America Festival* and the *Hot Dog Cup Tournament* at March's board meeting. .

3. V8 Splash Tournament

Other programs on the slate are the *V8 Splash Tournament* (possibly hosted in Syracuse), and the Buffalo Blizzards club hosting an event known as Soccer Night. Evarts will provide members with an update at the next meeting.

4. Kellogg's Jamboree

The *Kellogg's Jamboree* will be another NYSW sponsored event. Niagara Pioneer will discuss the details for this event with Evarts.

Coach courses are being coordinated for clubs and further information will be available at the March BOD meeting.

Evarts reported that criteria is being developed for a "Coach of the Year" award (for coaches in the recreation program).

NYSW office staff will include a current Club Listing Report in the next mailing of minutes to the club membership. This report will also be posted on the web site.

5. ODP – Ian Redpath

Redpath presented the ODP Report to the Board, and a copy is on file at the State Office. Further ODP information and forms will be posted on www.nyswysa.org and included in March's issue of *Striker West*. One of the enhancements to the program this year includes two NYSW teams in each of the 1987 boys and girls groups at the Region I ODP Tournament.

On a motion made by Freeman, seconded by Jank, the Kellogg's sponsored clinics provided by ODP players and current coaching staff will be organized and held in unspecified NYSW's districts. This motion passed unanimously.

On a motion made by Ostebo, seconded by Sokolinsky, it was unanimously agreed to send a mailing to the household of each prospective ODP player, which will include program information. Watson will coordinate with Redpath for this mailing.

NYSW will be represented at the upcoming Region I ODP Coaching Symposium. Redpath to contact and confirm with Dolansky.

E. Old Business/Information

1. Risk Management Policy – Acker

NYSWYSA endorses the proposal considered at the State Senate, which requires all youth organizations to run a background check on all individuals having access to children in youth sports. Acker to contact Federation of Referees office to ensure that the Referee

Association complies with NYSW's Risk Management Policy. Acker to provide Watson with a copy of the form needing duplication so competitive bids can be obtained. A copy of this revised Risk Management Policy is on file at the State Office. The background check process will commence in 2000-2001 seasonal year, and the process for carding those individuals will be defined by Acker. On a motion by Freeman, seconded by Ostebo, the proposed changes to the Risk Management Program were approved unanimously. The policy will be enclosed with the next set of minutes to NYSW constituents.

2. Registration – Mellander

A copy of the December Player Registration is on file at the State Office. Additionally, a copy of the Registrar's report is on file at the State Office.

On a motion by Bob Sokolinsky, seconded by Roger Jank, the motion to accept the modifications to the Release Form as noted was approved unanimously. A copy of the Release to Participate in the ODP of Another National State Association form will be published on NYSW web page.

ENY resident players who are registered in a NYSW sanctioned league, requesting permission to participate in NSYW ODP are required to complete an ENY release form. Any ENY resident player registered in a NYSW sanctioned league receiving a denial to his/her request to participate in NYSW's ODP program is asked to provide a NYSW official with a copy of their denial.

3. State Presidents Meeting

On a motion by Sokolinsky, seconded by Best, NYSW unanimously accepts the National policy on medical release notarization. A copy of the State Presidents Meeting Summary is on file at the State Office. In summary, effective immediately, medical release forms used for travel and tournaments no longer have to be notarized. A State Association may require notarization if it cares to do so, however, NYSW supports the National policy.

4. USYSA Adidas Workshop 2/24 – 2/27

A copy of the agenda for the Adidas Workshop in Philadelphia, is on file at the State Office.

5. Adoption of By Law Amendment

An amendment to the By-Laws relating to the financial sign-of structure was presented to the BOD. On a motion by Ostebo, seconded by Freeman, the proposed amendment was unanimously approved. A copy of this approved amendment is on file at the State Office.

6. \$50 Club Fine for AGM Absence

Ostebo made a motion to rescind the \$50 fine to those clubs having paid this fee for not attending the AGM. The clarity of this fine will be more clearly stated and enforced for the 2000 AGM. Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Ostebo will work with Mizerak to create a letter, which will be mailed to clubs that paid the \$50 imposed fine for missing the AGM.

7. Retirement Package

Personnel Policy

Galli made a motion to accept the proposed Personnel Policy for State Office Employees. Blaakman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this Policy is on file at the State Office.

Retirement Plan

Galli made a motion to accepting Krech's proposal for implementation of a declining system based on a simple IRA retirement plan. Blaakman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the proposal is on file at the State Office. Krech will proceed and advise the BOD accordingly.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Premiere Leagues: Super Y League; Region I Director's League
Age groups U16 and U18 are eligible for the Region I Director's League. The top four teams at the Region I tournament automatically receive an invitation to the Region I Director's League. Information pertaining to these leagues is posted on the web site.
2. USSF – AGM August 2000, NYC
The USSF is proposing a fee increase from \$.50 to \$2.00 per player in order to fund Project 2010. Buiniskis will coordinate a meeting of all Club Presidents' this Spring/early Summer to discuss this proposed fee increase for their input on his vote at the August AGM of the USSF. Buiniskis will vote the way NYSW constituents want him to vote.
3. 2001-2002 Snickers Region I Tournament Bid to Host
On a motion by Ostebo, seconded by Sokolinsky, Board members unanimously approved A Bid to Host the Snickers Region I Championships sponsored by NSYWYSA, hosted by the Niagara Pioneer Soccer Club, be presented to the Region I Committee in February. Blaakman to coordinate with Roland Beck (Niagara Pioneer Soccer League) to prepare Bid to Host for distribution.
4. Member-At-Large Representative
Nominations were requested from the floor for the position of Member-At –Large to serve on the Executive committee. None were received, and as such, President Buiniskis asked Ostebo if he was interested in this position. Ostebo accepted the appointment as Member-At-Large position to the Executive Board of NSYWYSA.
5. NYSWYSA Office Relocation
Buiniskis appointed a Relocation Committee. This committee consists of Galli, Krech, Rosetti, Watson, Blaakman, and Pecchia. This committee will review the relocation of the office, the size, use of the office and space, and to report to the Board accordingly. Watson will advise Pecchia of the Relocation Committee Members. This committee is to report to the Board on their findings at the March meeting.
6. Club By-Laws
The National Federation mandates NYSW to require a copy of each Club's By-Laws. District Commissioners to state this requirement to their respective districts and obtain a copy of each club's by-laws, prior to the required date of August 31, 2000. Rosetti to provide a template of a club by-law and constitution format.
7. US Olympic Committee Mailing
Watson to send club directory (without phone numbers). A copy of this mailing is on file at the State Office.

G. COMMUNICATIONS

1. New Club
Perrigo presented a request for a new club – Auburn Arsenal - in the Syracuse District; this club was accepted on a conditional basis that their by-laws be revised in 30 days to meet

compliance requirements on a motion by Galli, seconded by Sokolinsky. Motion was unanimously approved.

2. League Play Results

All teams are required to turn into the State Office their results from last year's 4-game travel league requirement in order to meet eligibility for Cup play. This was voted on and approved in January 1998.

3. Disciplinary Actions

Information will be compiled and forwarded to the Audit Committee for review.

4. Coaching Courses in Virginia

Interested persons can view coaching course dates on www.vysa.org.

5. Officers Page

BOD Members are encouraged to check the Officers Page on a regular basis. District Commissioners are encouraged to update their District Pages regularly. Submit your postings to Mellander Design accordingly.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Millie Blaakman
Secretary