



NEW YORK STATE WEST YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 2001

The Board of Directors for New York State West Youth Soccer Association (“NYSWYSA”) held their November meeting in Corning, New York, on Saturday, January 21, 2001. President Buiniskis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Present –

Anthony Buiniskis, President
John Galli, Vice President & Cup Administrator
Millie Blaakman, Secretary and ODP Administrator
Larry Evarts, Recreation Director/TOPSoccer
Gary Acker, Risk Management
Tim Mellander, Registrar
District Commissioners:
 Roger Best, Rochester
 Louise Freeman, Southern Tier
 Roger Jank, District Commissioner, Buffalo
 Sandy Ostebo, District Commissioner Twin Tiers
 Kevin Perrigo, Syracuse
 Bob Sokolinsky, Binghamton
Dan Watson, Operations Manager
Donna Mizerak, State Office

Excused –

Karl Krech, Second Vice President
John Pecchia, Treasurer
Bill Fahey, SYRA

2. MEETING MINUTES –

Jank made a motion to approve meeting minutes for November 2000 Board meeting as amended. Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. TREASURER’S REPORT – PECCHIA

- The financial report was presented and reviewed by members of the Board. Ostebo made the motion to accept the finance report as presented. The motion was seconded by Galli, and unanimously approved.

4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Buiniskis informed members of the USSF’s pending fee increase (requested for September 2001) and that Region I has requested information pertaining to what the increased revenue is for.
- Snicker’s Region I Youth Soccer Championships will be held June 29 – July 3 in Niagara Falls. NYSW Board Members serving on the Region I Host Committee are Blaakman, Buiniskis, Galli, Jank and Pecchia. In polling other members of the Board, the following are also interested in working the event: Freeman, Evarts, Ostebo, Sokolinsky, and Perrigo. These BOD members are asked to email Buiniskis with their areas of interest for the event.

- Buiniskis presented to Board members an email received from Stephen Pasquarella, President of the Greece Girls Soccer League, Inc. The areas of concern addressed in the correspondence resulted in the following action items being taken by various members of the Board of NYSWYSA.
 - Evarts to provide them with a listing of other comparable recreation clubs.
 - Acker to contact him regarding a cover letter for them to send out to members of their coaching staff explaining the Risk Management program and disclosure form.
 - Best will be copied on all correspondence to Mr. Pasquarella.
- Buiniskis informed the Board that a request had been received from Dan Phelps representing the Greece United Soccer Fields, Inc., to become an affiliate member of NYSWYSA. This organization has evolved as a result of five organizations merging into one group. Their facility (outdoors) will be operated and managed as that of an indoor facility. Sokolinsky made the motion to accept the GUSF, Inc.'s request for affiliate membership to NYSWYSA as long as the proper documentation has been submitted for approval. The motion was seconded by Best, and the motion was carried unanimously. The club number for this organization will be 216 and Buiniskis and Blaakman will prepare a letter to the GUSF, Inc., informing them of the Board's actions and the details of their membership as an affiliate member.
- Buiniskis presented members of the Board with sponsorship status updates. This information will be provided to the webmaster for website updates.
- From the Action Item Listing prepared by Blaakman in November, board members are asked to provide Buiniskis with the status of each open action item.
- Of the letters that were sent to the clubs that were not in attendance at the AGM in November, only 2 have paid the imposed fine. Mizerak will advise the board of the number of clubs that were not present and the number of letters that were mailed out regarding their fine for not being present (either through proxy or physical presence).
- Blaakman to email Freeman the NYSW logo in order to obtain pricing on logo watermarked stationary for certified rosters.
- Buiniskis presented the Board with a chart depicting communication flows between board members and the office staff. The date will be added to this flow chart and will be on file at the State Office.
- District Commissioners spend a great deal of time on the signing of travel requests and registration payments. One idea to relieve the voluminous paperwork handling in order for the Commissioners to spend time on other aspects of the position is to consider a possible travel commissioner and/or a possible recreation commissioner for each district. The signing of travel requests is most time consuming.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. RISK MANAGEMENT – ACKER

To date, Acker has processed 821 Coaches passes. Acker did state that some forms he is receiving are illegible which causes a delay in the processing. Mellander will be assisting Acker with the entry of information if needed. A motion was made for Gary Acker to provide each District Registrar or Commissioners designee a listing in alphabetical order of all volunteers who have been issued a pass through the Risk Management process. This list will include the statement, "Internal Use Only; Not to be Distributed to Anyone Without The consent of the Board of NYSWYSA." District Commissioners are to provide Acker with the name and address of the designee in their districts that Acker is to mail the list to. The motion passed.

Freeman presented the Board with a motion to provide Acker with a stipend for this position at the same rate as other Board Members. Galli seconded the motion, and all members voted to approve the motion. Pecchia will determine and advise Mizerak of the account the stipend funds shall be from.

B. REGISTRAR – MELLANDER

The Registrar Report was presented. A copy of this report is on file at the State Office. Mellander requested Freeman and Jank to determine and advise which district the Youth of Eden Soccer Club is in as they are currently listed in both. Jank is to also determine which district EMW is in as well. Best and Ostebo will review and advise what district the Naples club should be in.

The Travel and Tournament Policy will be effective March 1, 2001. Mellander will be attending the workshop on this topic at the USYSA Workshop in February. Copies of this Policy will be sent to State Offices by February 15th.

Freeman gave Mellander a copy of PA West's new transfer form that they require, which is redundant to the form we require. Mellander will speak with them about this at the USYSA Workshop in February. As of this date, ENY has not provided Mellander with copies of any approved releases of players to play in NYSWYSA.

B. RECREATION – EVARTS

All four Recreation tournaments are listed on the Website and have been sent to Hammerhead for inclusion in the Striker West. A mailing will also be sent to all Recreation clubs regarding the tournaments. Additionally, Watson will secure getting Tony the Tiger to appear at these tournaments.

C. TOPSOCCER –EVARTS

Each district contact has been provided with a binder of information for the program. The grant funding for this program specifies that the funds for this program must be spent by February 28, 2001. Watson will get Evarts the phone number for Al & Sherry's so Evarts can order the equipment needed for this program.

D. INSURANCE – OSTEBO

Ostebo presented to the Board a copy of correspondence from BeneMarc with respect to our insurance coverage. Ostebo will keep the Board informed on this issue.

E. STATE CUP – GALLI

The Board reviewed the rules for Cup competition. Best will review the rules and advise Galli of the changes that need to be made. The copies that were distributed at the Board meeting are for internal discussion only. Best will send the reviewed rules to Board members by email and once all comments are received and approved by the Board, Galli will forward a copy of the Cup rules to Region I's office. T-shirts with the Snickers logo is to be approved by the National office.

F. INDOOR SOCCER – SOKOLINSKY

Sokolinsky will review the article on North Texas indoor soccer policies and rules. Additionally, Evarts has requested copies of indoor soccer rules from Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire, which will be reviewed by this committee.

G. GOOD OF THE GAME

A suggestion was made to consider operating a week-long camp in the Southern Tier District to our recreational groups. Buiniskis will speak with Glen Buckley about this prospect.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Perrigo stated that three teams (currently Olympics, FM, and Juventus) have requested to combine as a new club, Syracuse United. Galli proposed to accept this new club. Ostebo seconded the motion to accept this new club once by-laws are complete and received. All voted in favor.

Bob Sokolinsky made motion accept the replacement of The Dome with The Family Sports Palace. By-laws will be needed for the Board's meeting in March..

AGM/SoccerFest – Pictures have been developed from this event. Blaakman and Freeman will select photos for this next issue of Striker West. Best suggested that NYSW explore options in purchasing a digital camera for the Association to use in taking digital photos at our State hosted events. Everts will check into a discount, and respond back to Buiniskis on his findings. The Board agreed that this would be a benefit to the Association to market its programs and events on the website and in Striker West.

I. Old Business

The promotional pamphlet is being reviewed. Sokolinsky to forward pamphlet to Blaakman.

Everts reported that the signage for the office is being made.

Freeman informed everyone that her extension at her work number is now 4019.

Jank requested a new printer as his old one is irreparable. The Board approved. Watson will order and have it shipped to Jank.

The Board discussed the technical equipment and hardware needs for the Office and that Glen has requested a laptop. Buiniskis will explore.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40PM

Respectfully submitted,
Millie P. Blaakman
Secretary
NYSWYSA