

NEW YORK STATE WEST YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

MARCH 2001

The Board of Directors for New York State West Youth Soccer Association (“NYSWYSA”) held their March meeting in Corning, New York, on Sunday, March 18, 2001. President Buiniskis called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Present –

Anthony Buiniskis, President
John Galli, Vice President & Cup Administrator
Karl Krech, Second Vice President
Larry Evarts, Recreation Director/TOPSoccer
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

Excused –

Gary Acker, Risk Management
Millie Blaakman, Secretary, and ODP Administrator (phoned in)
Glen Buckley, Director of Coaching
John Pecchia, Treasurer

2. NUMBER OF APPROVED TOURNAMENTS WITHIN EACH DISTRICT –

Members of the Board were previously mailed copies of correspondence received from Mr. Mike Balducci (Greece Cobras S. C. President) regarding the Greece Cobra S. C. and Fairport S. C. Application to Host Tournament issues. The fact finding resulted in the following:

- NYSWYSA BOD approved a policy on October 21, 2000, to allow only one Travel Team Tournament per weekend within each district.
- William Fahey’s (SYRA) position on this matter is that the referees could handle both the Greece Cobra and Fairport Tournaments on the same weekend in the Rochester District.
- The Greece Cobra S. C. US Youth Soccer Tournament / Games Hosting Agreement (approved September 21, 2000) contained the typed in note that it would be the only tournament that weekend, and upon approving this application, the Rochester District Commissioner had not noticed this note on the application. This tournament attracts teams who are more competitive.
- The Fairport tournament attracts more club level competition.
- Buiniskis gave Best permission to sign the Application to Host Tournament Form for Fairport on January 13, 2001.
- The power to adjudicate goes directly to National.

Following discussion on the facts and issue, the following motion was made by Ostebo, seconded by Galli.

The Board of Directors for NYSWYSA is rescinding its action taken on October 21, 2000 and will stand by the decision made in January 2001 to allow the Fairport and Greece Cobras Clubs to host a Travel Team Tournament on the same weekend in the same district.

Board members voting to approve this motion: Galli, Krech, Blaakman (by teleconference), Jank, Perrigo, Sokolinsky, Freeman, and Ostebo. Board members voting to abstain: Best. The motion was approved and is in effect immediately.

3. MEETING MINUTES

The draft of January 2001 Meeting Minutes was approved with amendments as noted. Buiniskis will forward the noted changes to Blaakman for incorporation and distribution.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT – PECCHIA

- The financial report was presented and reviewed by members of the Board. Ostebo made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Best, and unanimously approved.
- Members of the Board stressed the importance to stay within budget this year. Pecchia, Buiniskis, Galli, and Mizerak are watching the budget and expenses very closely.
- Utilizing NYSW's American Express Rewards towards airfare for two round trip flights to the USYSA National Convention this year saved monies.
- Mizerak will review the entries in the *Annual and Special Meeting* category to see if some of the items were entered in the wrong category.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. RECREATION – EVARTS

The Chevy Tournament previously scheduled in Red Creek July 28-29, 2001 has been cancelled. Evarts is trying to reschedule with Liverpool.

An updated copy of all recreation clubs was provided to each District Commissioner for their districts. Evarts will send a mailing to all recreation club presidents with an updated listing of recreational tournaments as well as a schedule of the upcoming Recreational Symposium, which is scheduled for April 21, 2001 at NYCC.

The Recreation Commission currently has three people and still needs representatives from the Twin Tiers, Buffalo and Syracuse. This Commission is expressing its desire for:

- The commission to meet four times per year.
- Would like to have a referee training program.
- The need exists for a parent out of control program.

Evarts reported window decals for (34) recreation clubs will cost nominal. A quote is on file at the State Office.

B. TOPSOCCER –EVARTS

There is a committee meeting in May, and Evarts has requested Peggy Neason, Region I Committee member for TOPSoccer to attend. Additionally, grant monies are being pursued. Evarts contacted Joe Roebuck to request state grant monies. The Grant from Senator Thomas W. Libous was written explicitly for the Binghamton District. Evarts presented a handout for the TOPSoccer equipment costs from Al & Sherry's. Buiniskis suggested using the donated Pillsbury T-shirts for the TOPSoccer program. The National TOPSoccer Meeting is April 27-29,2001 in Colorado and Evarts' will be attending; his expenses to attend this meeting will be paid for by Region 1. He will be inquiring with the Buffalo TOPSoccer representative to attend.

C. REGISTRAR – MELLANDER

Mellander presented the BOD with his trip report from the USYSA Workshop. A copy of his Trip Report is on file at the State Office.

Discussion followed the presentation of the new Travel Tournament Manual. A copy is on file at the State Office and information is posted on WWW.NYSWYSA.ORG.

A new Permission to Travel forms has been printed. These forms can be downloaded directly from the State website (when accessing these forms off the website, people are reminded that they must print 4 copies per Travel Request). These forms can also be obtained from each District Commissioner as well as the State Office.

D. CUP COMPETITION – GALLI

State Cup, June 1-3, 2001, SUNY Binghamton

Highlights of the rules for the 2001 State Cup Tournament are:

- Application deadline: April 1, 2001
- No guest players allowed in State Cup.
- The definition of "League" was reviewed. For example, a U12 player can not play U16.
- Out of State release forms must be attached to the blue roster form.
- Approved original documents used to clarify any issue of residency are listed below. Copies of these documents are unacceptable.
 - Driver's License
 - Class schedule for current school year or report card
 - Library card

BOD's working at this tournament will be housed at the University Holiday Inn.

Chevrolet President's Cup, August 3-5, 2001, SUNY Brockport

- Application deadline: **June 1, 2001**
- Out of State release forms must be attached to the Certified League Roster.

E. STATE DIRECTOR OF COACHING – BUCKLEY

A copy of Buckley's report for the months of January and February is on file at the State Office.

F. COMMUNICATIONS –

- Color Graphics is no longer printing publications such as our Striker West Newspaper. Consequently, Hammerhead had to find a printer to print their first issue, our latest, of Striker West at the last minute. Utilizing the printer that Hammerhead found will increase our printing charges this year. The necessity to find a more economical and expedient way to distribute information was discussed. Consequently, Buiniskis requested BOD members to inquire into the legalities of our sponsorship contracts regarding providing them with advertising into our newspaper. It was also mentioned that Hammerhead needs to advertise our website more throughout the publication.
- Any future requests for rental of mailing lists will not include the first name of the player.

G. ADJUDICATION MANUAL –

A representative is still needed from the Twin Tiers District to serve on this committee.

H. OLD BUSINESS

By-Law Modification

The Board discussed the proposed by-law amendment at the January meeting regarding adding the Second Vice President to the Executive Committee. The proposed by-law was distributed to members of the Board. Ostebo made the motion to accept the proposed by-law modification, and Galli seconded the motion. The motion passed was approved with one abstention from Krech.

I. NETWORKING OF STATE OFFICE

Galli presented the Board with the details on the extent necessary to network the State Office

computer equipment. A main server will network the 3 workstations in the State office and the extended outlets. There will be a dial up procedure to get into the main records and documentation, as well as daily back ups made. A copy of this report is on file at the State Office. This report presents the BOD with quotes from two companies. Watson explained that five companies in total were contacted to submit their quotes for this project, however, only these two companies presented quotes.

Jank made the following motion, seconded by Krech:

The BOD approves Galli to discuss networking proposals with Pecchia for financial considerations and completeness with the final decisions to be made by the Committee (Ostebo, Galli, Pecchia, and Watson).

The motion passed unanimously with one abstention from Galli.

J. CLUB FEE FOR AGM ABSENCE

Letters had been previously sent to the clubs who did not either attend or submit a proxy for the AGM in November. Mizerak provided the BOD with the listing of clubs have not yet paid the \$50 penalty fee for not being represented at the AGM. Forward Action: District Commissioners will be contacting the clubs within their districts and then report back to Mizerak.

K. USYSA WORKSHOP

Buiniskis asked the authors of any USYSA Workshop Trip Reports send out a copy of the their report to other members of the BOD.

L. USSF AGM, Atlanta, July 19-22

Buiniskis and one other member of the NYSW BOD will be attending this meeting.

M. TRAVEL

Any individual traveling on behalf of NYSW has been reminded that they need to research the most economical airfares. For example, Blaakman, Buiniskis, Buckley, and Pecchia flew out of Buffalo to achieve the most economical airfare to the USYSA Convention in Las Vegas.

N. USSF FEE INCREASE

Buiniskis will know the amount of the imposed increase that will be effective September 1, 2001. Buiniskis will be in a teleconference with Bob Palmeiro this week and advise. It will be up to the BOD of NYSW to determine the dissemination of this fee increase. As it stands right now, there is a \$.50 per player increase to the USSF, and this would amount to \$2.15 per Travel Player if only Travel Team Players absorbed the increase.

O. GOOD OF THE GAME

PROOF OF AGE: Club registrars need to be checking the proper documentation for proof of ages (Registration Rule 2204 Proof of Age) for any new players coming to a club. If they are returning players, the previous years player pass or birth date listed on a certified roster can serve as proof of age, assuming a players age was verified when they first joined. Therefore, an original Birth Certificate would be required for new Travel Team Players.

AGM 2001: Sokolinsky has reserved dates with the Holiday Inn/Holidome in Rochester for this year's AGM.

INDOOR SOCCER – Perrigo regarding a policy that was set up by Syracuse's District Registrar, Donna Goyette, provided A handout. This policy should be reviewed for discussion at a future BOD Meeting.

NEW CLUBS:

Jank presented a new club application, Sahlen Select Soccer Club (#149). Sokolinsky, seconded by Krech, motioned to approve them as a new club once the appropriate and proper paperwork is received in Jank's hands. This motion was approved unanimously.

Perrigo presented a new club, Cayuga Soccer Club (Auburn based). All proper documentation and paperwork have been received. A motion was made and seconded to approve this club as a new member of NYSW. The motion was approved unanimously.

HOSTING OUTDOORS TOURNAMENT- PROPOSAL: Ostebo distributed a copy of a proposal that has been prepared for the hosting of outdoor tournaments. Forward Action: Review and forward Ostebo comments by March 31.

NEW TRAVEL TOURNAMENT MANUAL: The State Office has placed an order for copies of this new manual and intend to distribute a supply of copies to the District Commissioners upon receipt at the State Office.

6. NEW BUSINESS

NON-PAYMENT OF FEES: Buiniskis brought to the BOD that the ODP has a situation where an individual has not paid for participation in the winter training. There was a motion made and approved to place this individual in bad standing until payment in full has been received.

Buiniskis and the BOD agreed to the following meeting date changes:

May meeting – cancelled

April meeting - Will replace the August Planning Meeting, possibly the weekend of April 28 & 29. Watson will send an email to all BOD's asking their availability for this weekend.

With no further business to discuss, Galli made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Best. The motion was approved. The meeting ended at 2:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Millie P. Blaakman
Secretary
NYSWYSA