



New York State West Youth Soccer Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 16, 2001  
(Approved 01/13/02)

The New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA) Board of Directors held their November meeting in Rochester, New York on Friday, November 16, 2001. President Buiniskis called the meeting to order at 7:40 P. M.

**1. Roll Call:**

Present: Anthony Buiniskis, President  
John Galli, Vice President & Cup Administrator  
Karl Krech, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
John Pecchia, Treasurer  
Larry Evarts, Recreation Director/TOP Soccer  
Glen Buckley, State Director of Coaching  
William Fahey, SYRA  
District Commissioners:  
Roger Best, Rochester  
Matt Dimas, Southern Tier elect \*  
Louise Freeman, Southern Tier  
Roger Jank, Buffalo  
Kevin Perrigo, Syracuse  
Bob Sokolinsky, Binghamton  
Office Staff:  
Dan Watson, Operations Manager  
Donna Miserak, Bookkeeper  
Terri Raeder, Office Assistant

Absent:

Tim Mellander, Registrar  
Sandy Ostebo, Twin Tiers District Commissioner  
Gary Acker, Risk Management  
Millie Blaakman, Secretary & ODP Administrator

\* Louise Freeman introduced Matt Dimas to the BOD after John Pecchia's Treasurer's Report.

**2. Meeting Minutes:**

- **August 26, 2001 Minutes:** On a motion by Karl Krech and seconded by John Galli, the minutes were approved unanimously.
- **September 22, 2001 Minutes:** On a motion by Karl Krech and seconded by John Pecchia, the minutes were approved unanimously with the following modification: Under Item # 7 Snickers State Cup, the following was deleted: **Proposed Rule Change:**  
- **Sit out the next USYSA sanctioned game for a Red Card.**

**3. Treasurer's Report (John Pecchia):**

- **2000-2001 Year End Report** John stated that it was a good year for the State Association with a net increase in assets of \$46K. This was helped by not having to absorb \$20K losses as in the previous two years and despite sponsorships dropping nearly \$20K. John also indicated that if the State Association Newspaper Striker West was eliminated, a net savings of \$25K could be realized. The point was made that the support to Recreational Programs is not always in terms of money spent, but also in services provided.
- **Proposed 2001-2002 Budget:**  
The proposed 2001 - 2002 NYSWYSA Operating Budget was reviewed and a motion to adopt budget as amended was made by Roger Best, seconded by Roger Jank and unanimously approved by the BOD.

**4. President's Remarks:**

- **AGM:** Sunday, November 18, 2001



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- **Voting Procedure:** Will be conducted like it is done at National Meetings.
  - **Hot Topics:** Small Sided Games (U-9, 10 & 11) & Player Registration Timeline.
  - **Club Packets:** Dan Watson has prepared packets for all of the clubs with the Club's Name & its number of votes. The club must sign for the packet.
  - **Proxies:** The District Commissioners must sign for proxies and they must have their name on the proxy.
  - **Roll Call:** Will only call the names of the clubs who have not signed in or their proxy has not been signed for. (Note: This procedure was not followed at the AGM, all Club Names were called.)
  - **Election Committee:** There will be an Election Committee to tally the votes and report the results. John Galli will run the elections.
  - **Protocol:** Introductions of the BOD and special guests, Roll Call, and Moment of Silence in recognition of the victims of the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy.
  - **Dress Code:** As has been appropriate in the past for an event of this importance.
  - **Morning Timetable:** Meet at 7:30 A. M. for breakfast, set up at 8:30 A. M. and start Club Registration at 9:00 A.M.
- **Soccer Fest:** Saturday, November 17, 2001  
Dan Watson reported that the Webster Soccer Association Indoor facility is ready. Help will be needed at 8:00 A. M. to hang banners and set up for registration that is scheduled to start at 9:00 A. M. There will also be registration for the Coaches' Association.

There will be "Giveaways", both at registration and at the NYSWYSA Table, meeting/demonstration areas (e.g. Demosphere Roster Pro by Tim Mellander and the NYSWYSA Outdoor Tournament Manual by John Galli), coaching demonstrations, etc.

- **2002 Snickers NYSW National Championship** State Finals Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
John Galli reviewed his proposal covering the following topics (a handout will be distributed at the AGM):
- Deadline Dates for Team Entries, Schedule Completion & Completion of Playdowns
  - State Finals' Location
  - Entry Fee Cost & Payment Method
  - Player Registration Requirements
  - Red Card Procedure
  - Game Scheduling Procedure
  - Coaches' Passes Requirements
  - Team Registration Requirements
  - Rules for College Coaches
  - Alternate Jerseys' Procedure
  - # of Fields Required for State Finals
  - Elimination of U-11's from Competition
  - Scheduling for SAT's
  - Non recognition of the Y League for Competition
  - Entry Form Availability on the NYSW Web Site.

A discussion ensued regarding the **Region 1 League**. There was consensus that the Region needs to look at conflicts with other events. Tony needs to vote on the proposal that the "Age Division Champions" of the Region 1 League be the "Wildcards" at the Eastern Regional Tournament if they are not already the "State Champion". The BOD needs to discuss this proposal further and decide how Tony should vote.

- **2002 NYSW President's Cup:** State Finals Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>



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Since there was no venue for the State Finals, John Galli has contacted SUNY Binghamton just in case one is not found. John Galli reviewed his proposal covering the following topics (a handout will be distributed at the AGM):

- Deadline Dates for Team Entries, Schedule Completion & Completion of Playdowns
- Entry Fee Cost & Payment Method
- Restriction on # of Players that Participated in Snickers NYSW National Championship
- Red Card Procedure
- Game Format – Playdowns & State Finals
- Team Registration Requirements
- Entry Form Availability on the NYSW Web Site

- **Awards Dinner:**

Bob Sokolinsky reported that 170 people will be attending this year, but there was not much response from Club Presidents. The Award Recipients will be attending and a digital camera will be used for photographs.

**5. Bylaws:**

There was consensus that the Bylaw Package was set up well with respect to the proposed changes, the rationale for the changes and the final version to be approved. An issue arose with the conflict of interest of paid coaches. Karl Krech made a motion to modify Article 4.1.1 to allow coaches and officials (Referees) to be Board Members. Roger Jank seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

A motion was then made by John Pecchia to adopt the Bylaws as amended. Louise Freeman seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**6. Proposed 23 Field Greece Soccer Complex:**

Tony Buiniskis and Roger Best attended a recent Monroe County Legislature Meeting to speak in favor of the complex on behalf of the State Association and its membership. Tony advised that there is funding available from the USSF for projects such as this one.

**7. US Youth Soccer Travel & Tournament Policy:**

An issue about Hotel/Motel Accommodations was raised. The details of the Hotel/Motel Accommodations must be discussed on the Tournament Application.

**8. Adidas Coaches' Workshop:** February 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002 in Atlanta, Georgia

Tony advised that the hotel rooms have been booked and people need to set up their airline flights.

The following people will be attending: Tony Buiniskis, John Galli, Larry Evarts, Tim Mellander, Glen Buckley, Bob Sokolinsky, Roger Jank, Kevin Perrigo & Sandy Ostebo

The following people will advise Tony if they will be attending: John Pecchia, William Fahey & Mike Dimas

**9. New Binghamton District Indoor Facility:**

Bob Sokolinsky requested the BOD to approve the **Community Recreation Center (# 432)** as an affiliated member of the NYSWYSA. Karl Krech so moved, John Galli seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**10. Adjudication Manual Change:**

Bob Sokolinsky advised that a "Mediation Section" needs to be added to the Adjudication Manual and this will have to be discussed at a future BOD Meeting.

**11. TOPSoccer/Recreation:**

Larry Evarts discussed his handout covering the following items: TOPSoccer Medallions, TOPSoccer/Recreation Newsletter, Recreation Committee & September 28, 2001 Recreational Soccer Committee Meeting



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Larry Evarts mentioned that he has submitted a Grant Application for \$20K for Recreational Soccer. However, because of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorists' attack and the lack of an approved State Budget, no money is available for 2002 grants.

**12. PA West Indoor Tournaments:**

Roger Best raised the question whether we should approve NYSW Teams to travel to indoor tournaments in PA West because PA West does not sanction "indoor tournaments". It was the consensus of the BOD to approve travel to PA West indoor tournaments.

**13. Adjournment:** Karl Krech moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Evarts seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.