



New York State West Youth Soccer Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 22, 2001

The Board of Directors of the New York State West Youth Soccer Association (“NYSWYSA”) held their September meeting in Corning, New York, on Saturday, September 22, 2001. President Buiniskis called the meeting to order at 10:05A.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  
Tim Mellander, Registrar  
District Commissioners:  
    Roger Best, Rochester  
    Sandy Ostebo, Twin Tiers  
    Roger Jank, Buffalo  
    Bob Sokolinsky, Binghamton  
Office Staff:  
    Dan Watson, Operations Manager

Absent: Louise Freeman, Southern Tier District Commissioner  
Kevin Perrigo – Syracuse District Commissioner  
Gary Acker, Risk Management  
Millie Blaakman, Secretary & ODP Administrator  
Glen Buckley, Director of Coaching  
Donna Mizerak, Bookkeeper  
William Fahey – SYRA

- A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy.

**2. Meeting Minutes:**

The BOD was requested to review the August 2001 Meeting Minutes and e-mail them back to Millie with comments and suggestions. When they are approved, they will be posted on the NYSWYSA Web Site.

**3. Financial Report (John Pecchia):**

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:**

Via a conference call, the Region I State Presidents decided that Region 1 would donate \$25,000 to United Way September 11, 2001 NY State/Washington, DC Relief Fund. The decision was made to let to each State Association decide the amount of its contribution to the “USYSA Region 1” Relief Fund. After some discussion, a motion was made by Roger Best for the NYSWYSA to donate \$2,500.00. Bob Sokolinsky seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by the BOD. This decision will be posted on the NYSWYSA Web Site. John Pecchia will add the \$2500 to the proposed 2001 - 2002 NYSWYSA Budget.

**Good of the Game:** With respect to the proposed “U-9, 10 & 11 Policy”, it is felt that although it did not completely achieve what was wanted by Glen Buckley and the State Association, it represents a good start.

**Directors’ & Officers’ Liability Insurance:** Only 20% of the clubs have responded to Form Letter/Questionnaire that was sent out. John Pecchia expressed a concern regarding the premiums for this insurance.



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**5. District Election Results:**

**Southern Tier:** Matt Dimas was elected as the new District Commissioner replacing Louise Freeman

**Syracuse:** Kevin Perrigo was re-elected

**Buffalo:** Roger Jank was re-elected

**6. TOPSoccer/Recreation (Larry Evarts):**

- TOPSoccer District Participation:
  - Buffalo: Small number of participants
  - Binghamton:
  - Rochester: 25 kids
  - Southern Tier: About 25 kids
  - Syracuse: Kevin Perrigo getting a program together
  - Twin Tiers:
- A TOPSoccer Night with the Rochester Raging Rhinos will be planned again in 2002
- TOPSoccer equipment ship date in doubt
- A TOPSoccer Jamboree is under consideration
- Looking for a Training Course for TOPSoccer Coaches & setting up a program (maybe @ the AGM?)
- Newsletter underway
- A letter was sent to Senator Dollinger requesting a grant
- Attended a Greece Girls Soccer League Meeting with Roger Best honoring Ed Rictor, a long standing Board Member, for his contributions to the league
- There will be a Recreation Committee Meeting @ the NYSWYSA State Office on September 29, 2001.
- 13 "Coach of the Year" nominations have been received

**7. Snickers State/Presidents Cup (John Galli):**

- **Snickers State Cup:**
  - There will be a uniform dress code for the "Parade of Champions" at the 2002 Eastern Regional Tournament.
  - Change:
  - State Finals: June 1-2, 2002 in Buffalo District
- **Presidents Cup:** June 8-9, 2002 (same weekend as the Chili Invitational Travel Tournament) at a site to be determined. A minimum of 8 fields is needed.

**8. Tournament Manual:** John Galli is working on this project as time permits. The BOD will be requested to review its content when it is completed.

**9. Registration (Tim Mellander):**

- Tim Mellander's report is on file at the State Office.
- Tim requested that the District Commissioners provide him with a list of the Clubs, leagues and facilities in their respective districts.
- Tim believes that the NYSWYSA should consider "Roster Pro" for player registration. He will check with Demosphere on the feasibility and cost and report back to the BOD. He also believes that the NYSWYSA consider a standardized player registration form.



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- Sandy Ostebo will resend his proposed policy on “Registration and Insurance” and requested feedback by September 1, 2001. He would like to put it on the agenda for approval at the NYSW YSA AGM in November. If approved, the policy would be implemented in 2003.

**10. Web Site:**

It was the consensus of the BOD that the new NYSWYSA Web site looks great. Due to the timeliness of the papers content, the board will review the issue of the paper viability. Committee members reviewing this matter are Tony Buiniskis, John Pecchia, Sandy Ostebo, and Dan Watson.

**11. Referee:**

It was noted that the Referee Mentor Program is included in the proposed 2001 – 2002 NYSWYSA Budget. Sandy Ostebo received a Mail Note from Bill Fahey indicating that he does not believe he should be on the NYSWYSA BOD, but he should be on the Tournament & Games Committee.

**12. AGM Issues:**

- **By-law Changes (Sandy Ostebo):** The By-law changes and amendments prepared and proposed by Sandy Ostebo were reviewed and some minor changes/corrections were made. A motion to accept the By-law changes and amendments as modified was made by Karl Krech, seconded by John Galli and approved unanimously by the BOD.

Sandy will draft a letter to the Auditors regarding the By-law changes that affect them. He will also reprint the updated Bylaws and send them to the State Office for distribution to the membership and their approval at the NYSWYSA AGM in November.

- **Small Sided Games:** Approval of Glen Buckley’s proposal for “Small Sided Games” (for the “Good of the Game”), as approved by the NYSWYSA BOD, will be voted on by the membership at the NYSWYSA AGM in November.
- **Tournament Hosting Policy:** The new NYSWYSA Outdoor Tournament Hosting Policy was implemented on September 1, 2001. A meeting of all of the clubs hosting outdoor tournaments in the 2001 – 2002 season will be scheduled for November 17, 2001 in Rochester at the NYSWYSA “Soccer Fest”. The purpose of the meeting will be for the final approval of the Tournament Applications received.
- **Responsibilities:** Prior to and at the meeting, Bob Sokolinsky distributed a handout containing information on the NYSWYSA Annual Awards Dinner to be held on the evening of November 17, 2001. He requested the BOD review the handout and respond back to him with any input by October 1, 2001. Bob will be handling the accommodations, dinners and awards.

**13. For the Good of Game:**

- The Oswego Youth Soccer Association received an \$80,000.00 grant for the construction of Dick Benjamin Memorial Soccer Complex
- Bob Sokolinsky made a recommendation to add a section on “**Mediation**” to the existing Adjudication Manual. Prior to and at the meeting he distributed a copy of his proposal. He requested the BOD to review the information and provide any feedback by October 1, 2001.



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- **New Member Clubs:** The following 3 clubs were requested to be approved for membership in the NYSWYSA:
  - Ambassador Futbol Club (Rochester District)
  - Webster Micro Soccer (Rochester District)
  - Wayland-Cohocton Soccer Club (Twin Tiers)

Subject to the confirmation that they required 4 paragraphs from USSF be included in their respective Constitution and By-laws, a motion was made by Karl Krech, seconded by Roger Jank and unanimously approved by the BOD that the 3 organizations be accepted into membership in NYSWYSA. The club numbers assigned to these new organizations by the District Commissioners should be provided to the State Office as quickly as possible.

- Sandy Ostebo requested permission from the BOD to attend a one-day session on “grant writing” at Corning Community College on October 5, 2001. A motion to permit Sandy to attend the session and receive reimbursement for the registration fee was made by Karl Krech, seconded by John Galli and unanimously approved by the BOD.

**14. Adjournment:** After a short Executive Session, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
| Millie Blaakman  
Secretary