



**New York State West YSA
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State Office Round Up 2008 Annual General Meeting, Rochester, NY

November, 15, 2008

General Office

- Shortly before the 2007 AGM, Office Assistant, Jenny Cole, left the NYSWYSA office staff to take a job with local business giant, Corning Incorporated. Her full time position was not filled and that put quite a strain on the remainder of the office staff, which fell to it's lowest number since 2002. With the Board of Director's decision to begin a search for a full time Executive Director, replacing a full time office staff support person was put off until after the Executive Director position has been filled.

Goal Grants -

- 40 cooperative grants were awarded to Clubs drawn from a pool of 44 submissions, to help clubs purchase goals to purchase goals appropriate for small sided games. There were some problems with delivery.

Trip to Manchester United Game.

- AIG Insurance awarded a trip to a Man U game to each State Association insured through Pullen Insurance, including NY West. Julia Landy, of Watkins Glen, held the winning ticket of the trip for two, drawn at the State Cup Competition in Cortland.

Registration: Roster Pro.

- An early effort was again made to get year end payments submitted from clubs prior to Aug 31. As a result 2008 has the fewest amount of back payments owed since RosterPro use began. All year we have sent out monthly reminders to clubs to pay their existing invoices each month and that has helped quite a bit to keep payments current. We are working with Demosphere to arrange an automatic notice to go out each month to clubs who have registered players. A meeting with Demosphere was held including Treasurer, Brian Lang and myself to go over the entire program and see what updates can be incorporated. More changes are in the works.
- Registration was open for the 2008-09 season late in July to accommodate clubs with fall programs and/or tryouts that are held in the summer.

Risk Management

NY West has renewed our contract with the Choice Point/Volunteer Select services and background checks continue to be processed. With an increase in pricing expected, the Board of Directors has approved some changes to be made in the process; one being an increase in the two year fee from \$6.00 to \$10.00, and another that will eliminate the mailed in document and go to the originally designed "on-line" registration to reduce paper work and make the online application a reality, at a great savings of work-hours and cost. This will require some cooperation with Demosphere in re-designing the system, but a test format should be ready to go shortly.

Tournaments.

- The tournament season went well with favorable results-. no cancellations due to weather.

Insurance –

- **Club property insurance now available through Pullen Insurance and has been well received.** Clubs can now insure uniforms, balls supplies, and physical belongings, including buildings they own, on a special policy designed for these items, in addition to the liability and medical coverage provided with their registration payments.
- **Renewal contract for 2008-2009** has been approved with rate charge guaranteed by underwriters through September 1, 2009.
- Application for Directors and officers liability is being processed with a renewal date of 11/15/2008. This additional coverage protects all clubs and officers listed in Roster Pro under club administration.



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Communications

- Network newspaper and Striker West E-newsletter have been favorably received through out the year. The increased contacts made on a regular basis to coaches, administrators and clubs across the state, have improved communications. Sandy Ostebo has been instrumental in seeing to the publications of both communication tools.

NYSWYSA Handbooks- 2008- 09 issue will be again be distributed at this weekend's events, and available throughout the year, from District Commissioners and the state office.