



August 9, 2008 NYSWYSA BOD Meeting Minutes

Present	Position	Name		Present	Position	Name
Y	President	Mike Radecke		Y	Rochester Comm.	Roger Best
Y	1st VP	Rich Wagner		Excused	Syracuse Comm.	Greg Firenze
Excused	2nd VP	Matt Dimas			Southern Tier Comm.	Vacant
Y	Secretary	Curt Regruit			Twin Tiers Comm.	Vacant
Y	Treasurer	Brian Lang		Y	Registrar/Data Base Mgr.	Tim Mellander
Y	Binghamton Comm.	Kevin Arnold			TopSoccer Coordinator	Scott Boniface
Y	Buffalo Comm.	Michael Russ			SYRA	Bill Campbell
	ODP Administrator	Millie Blaakman		Excused	Director of Coaching	Glen Buckley
Excused	Office Manager	Dan Watson			Director of Public Affairs	Sandy Ostebo

AGENDA ITEM	Responsibility	Status
ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 8:57am		

REPORTS & BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS	Responsibility	Status
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: A motion to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2008 meeting was made by Kevin Arnold and seconded by Rich Wagner. Approval was unanimous.		
FINANCIAL REPORT: Brian presented the budget results as of 7/31/08. There were no issues or concerns.	Radecke	
PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The president's report was presented without any issues or concerns.	Radecke	
<p>1st VP REPORT: Rich's report was presented.</p> <p>State Cup Final Four Weekend was proposed to be the weekend of May 29-31, 2009. A motion to approve the dates was made by Kevin Arnold and seconded by Brian Lang. Approval was unanimous.</p> <p>There was discussion about implementing a tiered entry fee structure for State Cup (e.g. separate fees for play-down games and final four round). The objectives would be to reduce cost for teams not making the final four, maintain a similar overall fee for teams that make the final four, and encourage more teams to enter the State Cup. ACTION: Rich Wagner will develop a proposal.</p> <p>A motion was made by Kevin Arnold to charge the same State Cup fee for the U12s as for the other age groups. The reason is that NYSWYSA's fixed costs for the tournament are the same regardless of age group. The motion was seconded by Roger Best. Approval was unanimous.</p> <p>Rich proposed using the same rules as National for the play-down games that end in ties during regulation play. A motion to approve these changes was made by Kevin Arnold and seconded by Roger Best. It was discussed that in some instances this could cause a problem with darkness by extending the length of games played on weeknights. The board of directors will develop a procedure for managing such situations. Approval was unanimous.</p> <p>Rich proposed that beginning with the seeding for the 2009 State Cup, that the teams that were in the previous year's final four at State Cup, if they register for the next year's State Cup, would be seeded in the order they finished in the previous year's State Cup, provided their roster has at least 51% of the same players as the previous year. The board discussed and is aware that in the short term (2009 State Cup) this does not resolve past participant's seeding concerns, but this will provide an improved long-term solution</p>	Wagner	

<p>(2010 State Cup and beyond) for seeding during play-down rounds. A motion to approve the proposal was made by Kevin Arnold and seconded by Roger Best. Approval was unanimous.</p> <p>The NYSWYSA still needs a 2009 State Cup chairperson to replace David Steffen, who has completed his term as the chairperson. The association is looking for a qualified volunteer from the membership ranks and needs the volunteer in place prior to the 2009 AGM. ACTION: Advertise for a volunteer.</p> <p>Rich reported that the 2008 State Cup expenditures were over budget by \$7,000, primarily to due to the cost of sending referees to the State Cup and Region 1 tournament and partially due to the cost of sending 2 NYSWYSA representatives to the Region 1 Tournament. NYSWYSA will consider sending only 1 representative in the future as long as it meets with USYS Region 1 requirements. In the past NYSWYSA has reimbursed the referees for their expenses based on the invoices they submit to the association. Discussion ensued about instead committing a fixed dollar amount of support to the referees. Any amount above this would need to be covered by the referee association. This will be reviewed as part of NYSWYSA’s contract renewal negotiations with the referee association.</p>		
<p>2ND VP REPORT: Matt was excused from the meeting for personal reasons.</p>	Dimas	
<p>DIRECTOR OF COACHING AND ODP REPORT: Glen’s report was presented, and included his ideas for the evolution of the ODP.</p>	Buckley	
<p>OFFICE MANAGER REPORT: No report was submitted.</p>	Watson	
<p>DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION & DATABASE/WEB SITE REPORT: Tim’s report was presented. There were no issues or concerns.</p>	Mellander	
<p>TOPSOCCER: Scott’s report was presented. The program continues to grow in Rochester, Syracuse, and Buffalo. Binghamton’s program is celebrating it’s 10th anniversary. The Penfield Rangers Soccer club was recognized for it’s \$5000 donation to the program as a result of its annual Kicks for Kids Tournament.</p>	Boniface	
<p>GREATER BINGHAMTON SOCCER ASSOCIATION APPLICATION: Discussion of the proposed club’s request for admission into NYSWYSA ensued. This would be a new club serving an area that is already served by another club. Based on the proposed club’s application and its submitted bylaws that meet USYS requirements, Sandy Ostebo has recommended it be approved. There was discussion about whether the addition of another club in Binghamton would unnecessarily dilute the competitive play in the Binghamton area or improve it by providing an alternative for players.</p> <p>A motion to approve the club was made by Kevin Arnold and seconded by Roger Best. Approval was approved by a vote of 7 in favor, with 1 abstention.</p> <p>ACTION: Mike Russ will research the Association’s options for developing a formal policy for the review and approval of future membership requests in a way that meets USYS requirements and also is in the spirit of “The Good of the Game”.</p>	Radecke	
<p>PULLEN INSURANCE: Dan Watson provided a self-insured medical insurance policy option which provides insurance coverage to member players. This would reduce annual premiums to the NYSWYSA, but it would also include a deductible expense for claims. Based on historical premium expenses for our existing insurance and the annual claims paid out to members, there may be some savings to NYSWYSA, but also some potential risk. Analysis will be completed to assess the risk/reward to NYSWYSA.</p> <p>ACTION: Brian Lang will analyze the proposal for feasibility and recommend which insurance policy NYSWYSA should contract for.</p> <p>Based on proposals received from other insurance providers, Pullen Insurance is the low cost provider regardless of which insurance policy option NYSWYSA selects. Our association members have in the past provided positive feedback on Pullen’s service.</p> <p>A motion was made by Kevin Arnold to retain Pullen Insurance as the NYSWYSA insurance provider and seconded by Roger Best. Approval was unanimous.</p>		
<p>At 11:25am the board went into executive session. The board returned from executive session at 1:30pm.</p>		

STAFF 401K: A motion to approve Hartford as the NYSWYSA 401k provider was made by Kevin Arnold and seconded by Roger Best. Approval was unanimous.		
FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME:		
RISK MANAGEMENT FEES: A motion was made by Brian Lang and seconded by Tim Mellander to approve the Risk Management pass fee of \$10. Approval was unanimous.		

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43pm.