



August 9, 2009 NYSWYSA BOD Meeting Minutes

Present	Position	Name	Present	Position	Name
Y	President	Mike Radecke	Y	Rochester Comm.	Roger Best
Y	1st VP	Rich Wagner	Y	Syracuse Comm.	Greg Firenze
Y	2nd VP	Matt Dimas	-----	Southern Tier Comm.	Vacant
Excused	Secretary	Curt Regruit	Y	Twin Tiers Comm.	John Carroll
Y	Treasurer	Brian Lang	Excused	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
Y	Executive Director	Amy Gush	-----	Director of Public Affairs	Sandy Ostebo

AGENDA ITEM	Responsibility	Status
ROLL CALL: President Mike Radecke called the meeting to order at 8:20 AM.		

REPORTS & BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS	Responsibility	Status
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the July 15, 2009 NYSWYSA Board of Directors' Meeting were approved as written.		
FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasure Brian Lang presented his report. Income is tracking close to budget. There is currently a surplus of approximately \$147K, but after outstanding expenses are paid, the final surplus is expected to be in the \$80K – \$100 K range.	Lang	
PRESIDENT'S REPORT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mike distributed his report prior to the meeting. There was no discussion on its content. - Mike reported that he and State Referee Administrator (SRA) Pat Tata reappointed Bill Campbell as State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA). - Mike informed the BOD that Brian Lang is retiring from the BOD after the NYSWYSA November AGM and a search for a new Treasurer needs to begin. Since Brian would have a year left on his term, it will be a BOD appointed position for one year. It was noted that this is an election year for President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and the odd numbered District Commissioners. The Registrar is a BOD appointed position. The officer positions up for election should be posted on the NYSWYSA Website and appear in the next Striker West. - Treasurer Brian Lang demonstrated that purchasing a property for the State Office made more economical sense than renting or leasing a facility. A motion for "Executive Director Amy Gush to search for a property for the State Office with a price cap of \$135,000" was made by Kevin Arnold, seconded by Mike Russ and approved unanimously by the BOD. (# 1 Priority) - After a technical discussion about the shortcomings of Demosphere, particularly related to "on line registration" and security, it was decided by the BOD that a committee composed of the core group of Tim Mellander and Rich Wagner investigate/study of alternative systems. (# 2 Priority) 	Radecke	
1st VP REPORT: Rich presented his report on State Cup. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BOD approved indoor field play for State Cup Playdown Games provided the field size is regulation size. This field approval is contingent on the approval of State Cup Chairman Hugh Goodrich. - Upon Rich's recommendation, a motion to increase the State Cup Entry Fee from \$450 to \$475 was made by Kevin Arnold, seconded by Rich Wagner and unanimously approved by the BOD. - After considerable discussion, the following motion was made by Rich Wagner, seconded by Mike Russ and unanimously approved. "Red Cards earned in the National Championship Competition are served in the National Championship 	Wagner	

Competition. Red Cards not earned in the National Championship Competition are not served in the National Championship Competition.”		
2ND VP REPORT: Matt reported that all adjudications were complete except one from the Syracuse District, which requires the verification that the required suspension has been served before the Risk Management Pass can be returned to the coach.	Dimas	
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Amy presented her NYSWYSA Strategic Plan to the BOD at the NYSWYSA Planning Meeting held the previous day (August 8, 2009).	Gush	
DIRECTOR OF COACHING AND ODP REPORT: No report was presented.	Buckley	
DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION & DATABASE/WEB SITE REPORT: No report was presented.	Mellander	
TOPSOCCER REPORT: No report was presented.	Boniface	
AWARDS’ COMMITTEE REPORT: Committee Chairman Mike Russ requested that an email blast be sent out to as many people, clubs and leagues as possible to solicit nominations for awards since only a couple have been received at the State Office. The deadline for nominations has been extended. A request for nominations will appear in the next Striker West	Russ	
UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RISK MANAGEMENT: Amy recognizes that there are issues with Risk Management and is working through them. A new process for handling them has been instituted and will distribute information to the BOD for review. (# 3 Priority)	Amy	
FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME: a. John Carroll made a presentation about a proposed soccer complex near Keuka Lake State Park that he is working on with the Finger Lakes Soccer Academy (a registered non-profit organization), which could be of benefit to the NYSWYSA. He will keep the BOD apprised of the progress of the activity. b. The NYSWYSA BOD plans to investigate the creation of a Club Pass System and the necessary mechanics for its implementation, and offer it as an option to its member clubs in the future.		
Action Items: 1. R. Best to contact Tim Mellander to post officer positions up for election on the NYSWYSA Website. This should also appear in the next Striker West. 2. A. Gush to initiate a search for a property for the State Office with a price cap of \$135,000 and report her findings to the BOD at the next BOD Meeting. 3. T. Mellander and R. Wagner to initiate investigation/study of alternative systems for Demosphere and report findings to the BOD. B. Lang will be available to provide input. 4. R. Wagner to contact H. Goodrich for his approval of indoor field play for State Cup Playdown Games provided the field is of regulation size. 5. R. Wagner to coordinate 2010 ODP dates and 2010 State Cup Playdown Game dates with SDOC Glen Buckley. 6. R. Wagner to contact SRYA Bill Campbell with recommendations approved by the BOD regarding referees for the State Cup Final Four Weekend. 7. A. Gush to distribute the latest Risk Management information to the BOD for review. 8. A. Gush to review the NYSWYSA Bylaws regarding District Commissioner Elections and comply with the necessary club notifications per the required timelines in each of the districts up for election this year (Buffalo - 100, Syracuse - 300, and the Southern Tier - 500).	R. Best A. Gush T. Mellander R. Wagner R. Wagner R. Wagner R. Wagner A. Gush A. Gush	Open Open Open Open Open Open Open

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 AM.