



October 20, 2010 NYSWYSA BOD Meeting Minutes

Present	Position	Name	Present	Position	Name
Y	President	Rich Wagner	Y	Rochester Comm.	Roger Best
Y	1st VP	Curt Regruit		Syracuse Comm.	Greg Firenze
Y	2nd VP	Matt Dimas		Southern Tier Comm.	Vacant
Excused	Secretary	Hugh Goodridge	Y	Twin Tiers Comm.	Nikki Dye
Y	Treasurer	Matt Quinlan	Y	Registrar/Data Base Mgr./Asst. Dir. Of Operations	Tim Mellander
Y	Binghamton Comm.	Kevin Arnold		TOPSoccer Coordinator	Scott Boniface
	Buffalo Comm.	Vacant		SYRA	Pat Tata
			Y	Director of Coaching	Dean Foti
Y	Executive Director	Amy Gush		State Cup Coordinator	Hugh Goodridge

AGENDA ITEM	Responsibility	Status
ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 9:12PM		

REPORTS & BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS	Responsibility	Status
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: The September meeting minutes were approved as written.	Regruit	
FINANCIAL REPORT: Matt presented the financial report, including a summary of the 2009/2010 final report, which will be presented at the Annual General Meeting in November. There were no actionable items to discuss.	Quinlan	
PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rich's report was reviewed. On December 31, the Adidas sponsorship agreement with US Youth Soccer will end. Adidas will instead sponsor the USSF Academy. US Youth Soccer is working to assess how losing this income source will impact the organization. Nine of the 15 USYS regions maintained 100% of player registrations during the past year vs. the previous year. NYSWYSA was one of the nine. Many state organizations are struggling to qualify teams to play in the Presidents Cup, mainly due to the date of the tournament. Nikki Dye was recently elected as the District Commissioner for the Twin Tiers District.	Wagner	
1st VP REPORT: Curt Regruit presented his report and summary of the NYSWYSA State Cup survey recently completed. Curt Regruit made a motion to approve Cortland as the venue for the NYSWYSA State Cup tournament through 2013. Kevin Arnold seconded the motion. Roger Best reported that he recently provided Total Sports Experience (TSE) in Rochester with the NYSWYSA field requirements for hosting the state cup tournament. He proposed that he speak with the TSE representatives to allow them the opportunity to assess their ability to meet the requirements to potentially host the tournament in some future years. The motion to approve Cortland as the State Cup venue through 2013 was passed by a 6-1 vote.		
2ND VP REPORT: No report was presented as there are currently no adjudication activities at this time.	Dimas	
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Amy Gush presented her report. There were no issues warranting discussion. NY East Youth Soccer has created a player safety video that they have offered to NYSWYSA for a modest cost. We will review it to see if it meets our needs for educating our members.	Gush	
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR & ODP ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Dean presented his report. The ODP Academy this fall has been well attended. Feedback from participants has been positive. So far 47 people have registered for the coaching symposium in Cornell on October 30.	Foti	

<p>DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION & DATABASE/WEB SITE REPORT: For the 2010/2011 season over 22,000 players have already been registered. That's a great start for the season.</p>	<p>Mellander</p>	
<p>TOPSoccer: Amy Gush reported that our TOPSoccer programs compare well relative to other regional programs, based on reviews presented at the recent Region I meeting.</p>	<p>Boniface</p>	
<p>THRUWAY LEAGUE: Kevin Arnold made a motion to approve NYSWYSA's assumption of the administration of the Thruway League, with NYSWYSA having representation on the league's Board of Directors. NYSWYSA would charge league entry fees that ensure coverage of all league administration expenses. Curt Regruit seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-1, with 1 abstention. Final approval of the NYSWYSA proposal by the existing Thruway League Board of Directors is still required.</p>		
<p>MEMBER BENEFIT PRIORITIZATION: There was some discussion about how to best return to our members, either via grants or services provided to them, excess funds that result from NYSWYSA budget surpluses on an annual basis. Some specific ideas were discussed, with emphasis on how to maximize the benefit to our member clubs, players, coaches, and the player development process. Discussions will continue in the near future to decide on how to allocate resources.</p>		

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:57pm.