



## Wyoming Soccer Association- Board Meeting, August 17, 2017

President – Dan King  
Secretary – Wendy Brown  
District 1- NE – Chris Prior  
District 3 - SW - Lyndon Klein - Absent  
District 5 - SE– David Eldred - Absent  
SYRA/SRA-Roger Brown

Vice President– Jeff Carruth  
Treasurer– Jason Howell  
District 2 – NW- Anna Venable  
District 4 – Cntrl-Leslie Fowler  
Member at Large – Fred Catchpole

ODP-Krista Sweckard  
307 Admin – Casey Nix - Absent

WSA-Exec Director – Lisa Hulshizer

### Guests:

Green River Spurs President – Perri Rubeck  
Sheridan Soccer Association – Jim Manor  
Crusaders FC (Member Application) Rep – Misty Gardner

Voting strength is 9.

President called meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Dan asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Dan asked to revise agenda template to include a report from Fred Catchpole following the District #5 report.

**Open Forum – N/A**

**Minutes** from the July 24, 2017, minutes were presented. Dan requested the following changes be applied to the minutes: correct the financial policy from 15% to 18% and change the reference to the USYS Rule 201 voting from October to August. Chris motioned to accept the July 24, 2017 minutes per Dan's requested revisions, motion was seconded by Roger. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried to accept the July 2017 minutes.

### **Presidents Report**

At the US Youth Soccer AGM, changes were made to the by-laws. There was overwhelming support. Changes will allow for better events, better standards, better control of assets and income. WSA supported the measure at the AGM and the measure passed at 95%. Better flexibility will be given to the USYS staff to make decisions and create a more nimble organization. There has been too much regional control in the past. The BOD was encouraged to watch for news sent by USYS concerning the changes.

### **Executive Directors Report**

Lisa submitted her report in advance and asked if anyone wanted clarification or more information on the report. Updates to the written report provided were: 1) 12 additional team registrations for League (10 from Lander and 2 from Green River), 2) A meeting is set to discuss the partnership with Goal4theGoal® and Jason's Friends on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 a.m., 3) A conference call occurred with College Connect. Direction was requested as to what to do with the 45 existing accounts. Dan suggested conducting a meeting with Krista to discuss incorporating into ODP. The BOD was reminded that the office will be closed on August 21<sup>st</sup> due to the Eclipse. The Challenger agreement has been finalized and the state is working with Challenger to get the online store started. The BOD was encouraged to reach the state for deals on apparel and equipment. Dan added that there have been staff changes and that Dave Eldred's resignation from the Technical Director position was accepted. Dave cited health reasons for the resignation. Brian Longbottom and Chuck Grenfell will temporarily cover everything, and one more TA will be hired at the same pay rate. Coach trainings

will be run more from a grassroots level and will be scheduled from the state office. Mini coach training sessions will be conducted around the state to minimize travel and maximize utilization.

### **Technical Director Report**

N/A

### **307 Administrator Report**

On behalf of Casey Nix, who was unable to attend, Dan reported that the 307 program teams are growing and competing very well. Two new teams have been approved – '05 boys and '06 girls.

### **OPD Administrator**

Currently, there are 24 full registrations, 16 pick 3 registrations and 2 registrations for Rock Springs. 20-22 players are expected at the Rock Springs training. Brian and Chuck will focus on attacking principles. The original ages on promotional materials and web site were incorrect. Ages should be '02 – '08 birth years. Some of the programmatic changes for the 2017-18 season include consistency in coaching by utilizing WSA technical staff. Members have asked for consistency to provide for realistic feedback. There will also be training specifically for goalies for at least 3 hours at each ODP session. Different topics will be the focus of each session (i.e. attacking, defending, combinations, etc). Trainings will be held in segments throughout the day (a morning session, afternoon session and small-sided games in evening) to utilize the time and add value and fun for participants and families. It was suggested the agenda be posted on ODP page on web site and Facebook. Lisa advised it would be done immediately.

### **District Reports**

**District I** – Registrations are going well and hoping to get more middle school kids signed up for ODP.

**District II** – Teams are forming, but they are struggling with #'s. 13U girls fell short by 7 in forming teams. Chris Prior offered to have 13U girl(s) play with Sheridan.

**District III** – No report.

**District IV** – Echoed other districts, and added that with football and volleyball numbers are low. They are doing fundraising for new equipment and are looking forward to the deals with Challenger.

**District V** – No report.

### **Member At Large Report**

A meeting will be set between Fred, Dan and Lisa to discuss finalization of Strategic Plan.

### **Adult Rules**

No report.

### **Bylaws & Policies**

A meeting took place and language was formulated with changes, which will be proposed at the AGM in March.

**Financial Oversight** – Coaches are being added to 307 bank accounts. Jason expressed the need for committee members. Anna volunteered to help.

**FWR/PC policy committee** – A meeting will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership Committee** – The committee denied the Crusaders FC temporary membership. Initially there were four key areas not meeting the criteria. The main area of concern was finding an appreciable difference.

Committees that are not currently active - Nomination committee – Protest and Appeals

**Risk Management** – Jeff will work on development of a standards chart to propose to the BOD. Lisa, on behalf of Laurie Christianson, asked if the coach's CDC concussion training could be conducted every two years in alignment with the

background checks. Dan expressed the USYS standards for concussion training. Anna motioned to accept the change to require CDC concussion training every two years instead of annually. The motion was seconded by Jeff. All approved, none opposed. The motion carried to change the required CDC concussion training to every two years. Leslie offered to talk to health experts about their opinions on the subject. State will also request CA protocol on concussions.

**State Referee Report** - Roger acknowledged Lisa for getting the web site updated in the Referee Section within 24 hours. Upcoming clinics are 8/26-8/27 in Cheyenne and 9/9 in Laramie. Dan encouraged the committee to hold off on game official with potential upcoming changes on platforms.

### **New Business**

**Crusaders FC** – Jeff motioned to approve the Crusaders FC membership. Roger seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Jim Manor expressed there are concerns about supporting two clubs in the Sheridan community. Each club would run short. Sheridan County Soccer Assn is growing and they have hired a DOC. Another club will stunt growth and make the club go backwards. It was asked if the two clubs could work together and meet in the middle, reaching common ground. It was concluded that was unlikely. Misty expressed the club, if approved, would provide more opportunities for kids to play by offering scholarships and keeping fees low. They would also have a strong focus on fundraising. It was brought up that the YMCA kids often fill the recreational area, and that the Crusaders may draw from two clubs – Sheridan and Johnson Co. Krista expressed the membership committee did not take the decision lightly and that they just couldn't find enough of an appreciable difference. There were also concerns with the club depending so much on fundraising. Misty offered there are plenty of resources and support in Sheridan County. After thorough discussion, a roll call vote was conducted. None were in favor, all were opposed. The motion failed.

**USYS Regional proposed rule changes** – The vote for changes to USYS Rule 201 will be on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. The rule would essentially remove state borders allowing players and teams to affiliate with any state association they choose. The BOD agreed that WSA will take a stance against this change, and directed Lisa to prepare a statement on behalf of WSA and the state BOD to the USYS BOD.

**Green River Spurs Proposal for Rule Exception** – Perri Rubeck, president of Green River Spurs, asked for an exception to the WSA Rule 3) d (no play downs) to allow two 13U girls to play down on the 12U coed team. All options have been exhausted including merging with Rock Springs Avengers. Jason motioned for Green River Spurs to be granted the exception to WSA Rule 3) d. Fred seconded the motion. Discussion followed. It was felt this exception would set a precedent, and that age rules should be adhered to. It was suggested the state change the number of players on a team, but Dan stated that could not be done in the middle of the season, but should possibly be considered in the future (particularly in the fall for smaller clubs). It was also suggested that clubs work together and utilize guest players from other clubs to formulate teams if possible. The motion failed.

**Good of the Game** – Dan mentioned that USYS released a list of cities being considered for the 2026 World Cup, and Denver, CO is on the list. The Colorado Rapids fired their coach.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. by Jeff. The motion was seconded by Fred. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by  
Lisa Hulshizer  
WSA Executive Director