

There will also be training on Got Soccer and the Wyoming Cup Bid presentations.

Wyoming Cup (State Cup) – Jimmy presented that State Farm Agents have agreed to be a sponsor of the Wyoming Cup. Part of that Agreement includes naming rights of the tournament. The Colors need to be red, white and blue. A logo will be presented to the board for approval.

The idea of having true age groups for the Wyoming cup was discussed, but there are difficulties for many of the associations to field a true age group team. An 11v11 bracket for U12's was also discussed for the Wyoming Cup. . It was decided in an executive meeting that one of the requirements of the Wyoming Cup should be participation in Wyoming League. The requirements to participate in the Wyoming Cup were discussed at length, because some team have already planned out there spring and do not plan to play league but had intentions of entering the open division of the State Cup as it has been structured in the past. After some discussion, Chris motioned that the Wyoming Cup be an Open division for this year and that there would not be a qualifying requirement of playing league for the 2011 Wyoming Cup only. Brett in Laramie 2nd the motion, Casey then called for additional discussion, if any. The qualifiers for the tournament were again discussed. In previous years the State Cup was composed of 3 tournaments in one, The State Cup, the regional Qualifier, the Open Divisions, which most teams entered, and The Kohl's American Cup, the recreational Tournament. The Regional Qualifier has been taken out of the factors all together, so in order to have a true "State Cup" there needs to be requirements. The Motion was then clarified to be that the Wyoming Cup for the year 2011 will be an Open division Tournament and not the Wyoming Cup to crown a Wyoming Champion. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried. The State Farm Wyoming Cup will be an open division tournament for 2011.

Far West Regionals – Wyoming teams are still allowed to go to Regionals. The teams that participate will not be named Wyoming champions. The entry deadline for Regionals is February 16th and must also include a \$1000 bond. Teams will then be entered in the draw at the USYS Draw in Louisville, KY. If there is more than one team in a division that wants to go then a playoff event will be created for them to participate in.

A Travel Policy Memo of Understanding has been established for Region 4 states only. Travel papers are no longer necessary to travel out of state in region 4 only. Team will still need to notify WYS of their intent to travel, but no papers will be issued. Teams will still need travel papers for South Dakota. Teams traveling to Non USYS sanctioned events still need to follow the procedure of travel papers.

WYS received a rebate grant of \$1060 because of the growth in registration. We received a \$1.50/player back for the increase. We were #1 in the percentage of the increase, 22% increase over last year.

The WYS DOC position is being changed from an independent contractor's status to employee status as well as the ODP administrator position based on the description of status of both.

Dirk Mille suggested that if WYS continues to use conference calling as a tool for attendance at board meetings, WYS should invest in a conference phone. The hotel that the meetings are held in usually have a conference phone, so it was discussed if it was necessary to do so. WYS has looked into a couple of different of options for conferencing but have not come up with cost effective solution as of yet. Dirk made the motion If WYS needed to purchase a conference call that fund of \$500 to \$750 be allotted for the purchase of a conference phone. Brett 2nd the motion, all in favor, one opposed for the reasons noted above about access to conference phones, motion carried.

Tournament Approval has been granted to Casper for the Spring Jamboree in April and the Fall Classic in September. WYS is waiting for the final tournament report from Turf Wars. No other outstanding tournament reports.

WYS DOC/ODP a written report was submitted and attached.

Calendar items

Snickers Cup – May 7-8, 2011

WyoLeague

Deadline for entries March 14th –

Schedules emailed March 24th & final being posted the 31st.

League dates – April 17th, 23rd, May 14-15th.

No reports from SRA –

Position of SYRA is vacant –

Director of Referee Instruction – Report attached.

Good of the Game Comments

The teams that participated in Turf Wars enjoyed the competition and the venue- Awesome event

Dirk requested hosting information for the bid process for Wyoming Cup 2012/13. Sandy will be revising the information based on the current changes to Wyoming Cup and will get that out to the associations.

Sandy presented a request from Lander's recreational division youth soccer for reimbursement of a Referee Clinic that was held. There is no association with the Landers Strikers. The Lander Youth Soccer is not a affiliated association of WYS, so originally Sandy denied the request for reimbursement. Laurie motioned to reimburse Lander Youth Soccer for half of the instructor's fee since the additional referees would also benefit the Lander Strikers and the referee base. Chris 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed motion carried.

Brandy Stroeger had a few questions about young referees and how do they get assigned to tournament games in order to gain experience. Chris suggested that they make their presence know during the tournaments and make sure that they fill out referee availability forms prior to the event. Most are posted on the websites of the tournaments.

All names of the participants for today's meeting were entered in a door prize drawing except for the executive board. Jimmy Legerski was the winner of the Score Backpack.

The next meeting is currently schedule for March 19, 2011 in Riverton, it will be the AGM.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:32pm.

Casey thanked the Johnson County Soccer Association for hosting the WYS board meeting.

Minutes submitted by

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