

Wyoming Youth Soccer Board Meeting

March 28, 2011

WYS board meeting called to order at 9:20am by President Casey Nix.

<u>Roll Call & Credentials</u>	<u>Voting Strength</u>		<u>23</u>
President-Casey Nix	0	Casper Soccer Club	3
Vice President-Lori Christensen	1	Cheyenne Soccer Club	5 by proxy
Treasurer- Chris Wolf	1	Gillette Soccer Club	2
Secretary-Wendy Brown	1	Lander Strikers	2
Laramie Blizzard	2	Riverton Youth Soccer	2
Sheridan Soccer Club	2	Yellowstone Fire	2

Lori motioned that a correction be made to the minutes to read \$130,894 in the treasurers report instead of 130.894. Don Barnes 2nd the motion all in favor none opposed. Minutes from the January meeting approved with the corrections.

Treasurers report, \$134,160.80 in the WYS account, \$25,020 will be moved to ODP account for registration and apparel. It is time to update the accounting software QuickBooks, the version that we have will no longer be supported. The cost of updating QuickBooks will be approximately \$700 to \$800. Wendy motioned that the purchase be for the upgrade to QuickBooks. Lori 2nd the motion. It was discussed that the upgrade included the upgrade of full business version and the current payroll subscription. Motion called to a vote all in favor, none opposed, motioned carried.

Election of Officers – President Casey called for nominations for Vice President and for Treasurer.

Lori Christensen, who is currently serving as interim VP, was nominated for Vice President. Chris Wolf was nominated for Treasurer. Lori and Chris accepted the nominations. Nick, Casper Soccer Club, motioned to accept the nominations for Treasurer and for Vice President, Don, Laramie Blizzard, 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed.

A Thank you was extended to Richard Yoder for attending the AGM meeting of WYS and conducting the discussion on by-laws.

Referees- Kevin Skaggs will continue as the SRA. An appointment to the SYRA needs to be taken care. George Wieser will be asked to see if he would consider the appointment. We need to continue to expand the referee base.

Johnson County Soccer Association and Casper Soccer Club presented bids for the Wyoming Cup to be hosted in their communities in 2012/2013. A call for proxy votes was announced. A proxy vote was present from Cheyenne. There was a question about proxies and if any were received prior to attending the AGM. Sandy stated that she could not recall if she had checked the mail prior to attending the AGM. It was decided that the vote would be taken by ballot and counted and not revealed until Sandy had a chance to check the mail for additional proxy votes that may have been mailed.

Overview presentation for each of the Work Sessions

Wyoming League- presented by Anne Moore- The goal is to make WY League meaningful to those that participate. It will be tied to Wyoming Cup for possibly rankings. The distance that some teams travel also is a factor in league, one solution is to divide into regions and play in your regions 2 of the 3 weekends and travel for the 3rd league weekend.

Fall league will have more of an emphasis on development and spring would be the qualifier for Wyoming Cup. Another solution is to look at centralized games with more than 2 games in a day or a weekend. Eliminate the divisions of gold & silver and the coed. It was voted on in the work session to change the format of the U10's to 8v8 with off sides instead of the current format of 6v6. It was argued that it is a more natural progression from 8v8 to 11v11 and will help with the retention of the players because of increase of player time and the number of players in the younger age groups. It was also discuss, the long term participation of Cheyenne.

By Laws-presented by Lori Christensen- The current bylaws were taken and divided into sections and among those in the work session. It is planned that a draft will be put together in the next 60 days or so and then it will be presented at the July meeting. It would divide the state into district votes and decrease the number of voting members from 54 to 9. It will outline the AGM as a member at large meeting to vote on certain issue and then it would have a State Council instead of membership.

Wyoming ODP - There was some discussion on how to get some of the stronger players involved in ODP and their Clubs involved. Instead of the players having to go to the staff for evaluations, the staff will travel out to the clubs to do evaluations and then there will be centralized mandatory evaluation for all players. The ODP program needs to be marketed to the players and the clubs, some thoughts were patches that the players could wear on their club uniforms.

The idea is to showcase the kids and their abilities, consideration of the tournaments that they attend. There is hope to have an ODP store on the website. Some discussion was given to the prospects of scholarship and sponsorship to pay for the program so that some of the less financially able players could participate on their ability, instead of it being those that can afford the program. It was also discussed that the ODP program could do some coach mentoring.

Wyoming Cup – Sheridan has brought on board a sponsor, State Farm, the sponsorship is done through the local agents and not the State Farm Corporate.

It was noted at this time that there was a proposal on the table from the league work session that was not resolved during that time, the change in the format of the U10s from 6v6 to 8v8. Casey noted he will entertain a motion, Dan King motioned to change the format of WyoLeague for the U10 to 8v8 for 2011 fall season and for the U12's the format will change to 11v11 for the fall season of 2012. Anne Moore 2nd the motion. There was additional discussion on the reasons for changing the format and mostly because of the progression of the game and the participating in events outside of Wyoming and the ODP players, being a bit behind because of the lack of play with offsides competitively.

Casey called for a vote, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Jimmy Legerski motioned to change the roster size of the U10 to 14 to accommodate the 8v8 format, Don Barnes 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed motion carried.

For the Good of the Game-

OPD – 2 girls teams went to the Mayors Cup in Las Vegas and the U18 girls showed well and the U15 girls showed improvement over the weekend of play. It was a success overall for the WY ODP program.

Meeting Adjourned 11:35am