

**Wyoming Youth Soccer Board Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2008**

WYS Board Meeting Called to order at 9:38am by the president, Dorvan Polson

Roll Call & Credentials

President -Dorvan Polson	0		
Vice President -James Learned	1		
Secretary -Wendy Brown	1		
ODP Admin -Mariah Learned	1		
Ref Dir of Instruction -George Ivory	1		
WYS Registrar/Risk Manager -Sandy Jenkin	0		
Casper Soccer Club	2	Cheyenne Soccer Assoc	4
Cheyenne Sting	2	Gillette Soccer	2
Laramie Blizzard	**2	Yellowstone Fire	2
Sheridan County Soccer	2-by proxy to Jimmy Legerski		

Total Voting Strength 18 *** Laramie is ineligible to vote until affiliation fees are submitted.*
Minutes from the WYS July 2008 meeting were reviewed – Dorvan called to approve the minutes as presented, Gillette motioned for approval of the minutes, Laramie seconded the motion, none opposed motion carried.

Dorvan Polson, Mariah Learned and Sandy Jenkin attended the Region IV Workshop session. The ODP program was the focus of some of the sessions. A committee is looking at the role of ODP and looking for avenues for better playing experiences on a regional level. ODP has new coaches and are possibly looking at a Regional league and having competitions on a regional level.

Treasurers report Attached-

WYS registered players are 2,398. Current assets are \$109,997, net cash flow since the beginning of the year is \$29,490, and total income is \$33,061. \$2,060 less than budgets, but several clubs have outstanding balances.

Treasurers report, Balance Sheet & Customer Balance Summary Attached-

Gillette motioned to approve the treasurers report seconded by Cheyenne, all in favor, none opposed, motioned carried.

Mariah, ODP Administrator noted that there are some outstanding balances from '06, '07 and '08 ODP players and the balances are trying to be collected and the player will not be able to participate until the balances are taken care of.

Elections will be in held in March for Treasurer and Vice President. James Learned is willing to continue as VP, John Beckman will not be able to continue as treasurer after Aug '09. Anyone interested in being WYS treasurer can contact John or Sandy for additional information.

Coaching Symposium is February 28 & March 1, 2009, in Cheyenne at the Johnson Junior High School. Dr John Thomas from USYSA will be instructing along with Anne Moore. Cost of Clinic is \$15/person and should be a good experience. WYS is looking for sponsorship of the event. An assignor's clinic will also be held in conjunction with the symposium. The cost is \$10 for assignor's clinic.

ODP Administrator -Mariah Learned was appointed to the ODP Administrators position when Tina Lang resigned. James nominated Mariah to be the interim ODP Admin for the remainder of the year. Lori from Gillette seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Over the last 3 years, the ODP Administrator has had child in the ODP program and the program fees were waived for the player as compensation for being the administrator. Mariah does not have a child that is currently eligible to participate in the ODP program but proposes that WYS compensate the position of ODP Administrator that amount. George Ivory motioned that the compensation for the ODP Administrator position be set at the ODP program fees for that year. Lori from Gillette seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed. James Learned abstained from voting. Motion carried.

2009 USYS Region IV Workshop will be held in Jackson, Wyoming, in October 2009. Most of the workshop is funded by Region IV, but WYS is responsible for the Saturday Social Event. Usually there are 125 in attendees at the event. The \$35.00 registration fee goes to WYS, spouses are usually an additional \$50.00. Planning will continue with involvement from Region IV.

Tournament Approval process – The tournament approval process will continue as it has in the past, better attention will be taken when approving tournaments that have an alternate or make up weekends. Historical tournaments are usually approved without going before the board for a vote, unless there is a special condition or a conflict.

WYS Voting Strength – The voting strength of the affiliated associations did not change for the 2008-2009 year. Although the number of affiliated associations decreased by 2. Laramie Soccer Association withdrew from WYS in the fall of 2008 and Rawlins Soccer Association registered their players with the City of Rawlins.

The voting strength of Cheyenne will change when the merger of the Cheyenne Soccer Association and Cheyenne String is complete.

Far West Regionals and RIV Presidents Cup – Information concerning the Presidents Cup was presented. The Presidents Cup is formatted for the smaller states. It will give Wyoming teams an additional opportunity to compete at a higher level of soccer.

FWR will be held in Lancaster, CA, and is for the U12 and older teams on June 15-21, 2009. FWR will schedule a 12 or 16 team bracket which can allow for a wildcard in a division. The Presidents Cup will be in the Tri-Cities area of WA on June 11-14, 2009. The opportunities that both tournaments offered were discussed. James proposed that a team wanting to participate in the Wyoming State Cup would be committing to a 'tier' commitment to attend Far West Regionals for 1st place, to the wild card position for 2nd place, if not available then to the Presidents Cup. If the wild card is available then the 3rd place State Cup winner would go to the Presidents Cup. Motion was seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Entry dates for the Presidents Cup is February 15 and the FWR draw is March 5, the commitment date for intent to participate in the Wyoming State Cup is set for February 10. It was discussed as to allow late commitments for State Cup participation. Based on last year, if 1 team commits then that team will be uncontested and no other entries will be accepted. If 2 or more teams commit, then additional entries will be accepted. Mariah motioned that we leave it as it is and add if 3 or more teams then WYS will submit

for the lottery of a wild card in that division. James seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

A D License Clinic is scheduled for Casper/Gillette with enough participants to hold the clinic. 1st weekend is in Casper, the 2nd weekend in Gillette. Anne Moore will be instructing the Clinic.

Coaches Cards – James recommended that all coaches that are on the touch line have a coaches card and that the center referee verify the credentials of the coaches and their cards just as they would for the players. Several situations were brought up and discussed. The process of obtaining coaches' cards was also brought up and discussed. Currently a coach must fill out and submit to WYS a Volunteer Disclosure Statement (VDS) before he is listed as a coach on a roster and issued a coaches card. The VDS gives the association and WYS the opportunity to obtain certain consumer reports that amounts to a background check. WYS is only required by USYSA to have the VDS on file and does not run a background check unless requested by the submitting association. It was asked why background checks were not done on all coaches at this time. The type of report you request determines the amount of information you receive as well as the cost of obtaining those reports. Also WYS would have to set clear guidelines as to what would be an acceptable violation on a background check to be able to coach. Background checks include MVR's which may reveal a DUI.

The subject of referees and background checks were also brought up at this time. Currently referees make on their application or renewal notice yes or no to a question about criminal background. USSF does not at this time run background checks on the lower level grade of referee.

James motioned that Coaches Card will be checked by the center referee at the all WYS sanctioned events, referring to WYS Rules & Procedures 10.5.2.c. "Prior to the start of each state league game, each team shall provide the referee with information required on the WSSA game report. The referee shall:

c. Verify the identity of each player and coach with a on his/her USYS member pass."

Basically No coaches card, No coach, No play. George seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

The requirement to obtain a background check on all coaches was tabled.

Tournaments – Gillette will be submitting a tournament application for an indoor tournament on February 20-22, 2009.

Sheridan submitted a tournament application for May 16 & 17, 2009, for the Mars Big Horn Soccer Cup. The dates were discuss with possible conflicts with HS Soccer Regionals that weekend. The application to host was approved. It would change the tentative dates of the WyoLeague games. (*Sheridan later requested that the tournament dates be changed back to the historical weekend of May 9-10, approval granted.*)

SRA/SYRA – We have a nomination for young referee of the year for the boys. Jason Wolf from Cody, his information has been submitted to regional office.

Sandy submitted a report on Blue Sombrero. See report.

The WYS State office will be moving to the Laramie Blizzard indoor facility. The facility does have office space and WYS will be renting the space from the Laramie Blizzard. The move will take place before Thanksgiving.

WY ODP – The final selections for ODP will be made by November 8th. 97 players have registered for ODP. Anne Moore is going to concentrate on the development of the players.

Dates for ODP

Nov 28th - Acceptance of selection by the players.

Dec 6-7 – Training session in Casper at the Boys & Girls Club

Jan 3-4 – Laramie at their indoor facility

Jan 31-Feb 1 – Laramie – will have the UW Women's coaching staff conduct the training

Feb 28-March 1 – Cheyenne – Coaches Symposium

Mariah and Anne are looking at other opportunities for the ODP players to participate in besides region camp.

WyoLeague – Kathie Krempels will continue to do the WyoLeague for the '09 spring season, but will then step down as the administrator of the league. There is the possibility of most of the correspondence and payments for the state league to be handled through Sandy and the State Office, thus allowing the league scheduler to only deal with the scheduling part of the league. If anyone is interested in being the WyoLeague administrator, they are to contact Sandy at the State office.

Dorvan has completed a grant application to US Youth Soccer for funding which would enable WYS to focus on the development of its coaching program and to focus on the recreational players of Wyoming. After reviewing the grant, Cheyenne moved to send the grant to USYSA, Gillette seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Referee – George Ivory gave a verbal report on the referee clinics that were held around the State. 38 new grade 9 referees were certified and 8 grade 8 referees were certified. Because of the increase of the registration fees for instructors with USSF, the fee for the referee clinics has increased.

Grade 9 Referee Clinic - \$250.00

Grade 8 Bridge - 250.00

Grade 8 Clinic (2 day) - 400.00

Assignors Clinic - 100.00

Next board meeting is scheduled for Jan 17th in Casper.

AGM Meeting – Feb 28 & March 1 – Cheyenne – Coaches Symposium

April 12th

July 18th

Meeting adjourned 12:45pm