

WYS Board Meeting January 22, 2012

Meeting called to order at 10:48am by President Casey Nix.

Casey noted some changes in the order of Business.

Roll Call & Credentials	Voting Strength	24 +1
President- Casey Nix	0 (1)	Secretary-Wendy Brown 1
Vice President- Laurie Christensen	1	Treasurer – Chris Wolf 1
Referee – SYRA- George Wieser	1	Admin – Sandy Jenkin 0
Casper Soccer Club-Rob Moore, Mike Cometto	3	Cheyenne Soccer Club-Desire 4*
Gillette Soccer Club-Dan King	2	Jackson Youth Soccer-Carlos 3*
Johnson County Youth Soccer-Darcy	2*	Laramie Blizzard –Anne Moore 2*
Sheridan Soccer Club-Kristen, Cory	2*	Lander Strikers –Tony Lowham 2* *

*Called in by conference call * * arrived at 11:27am

Attending Kandi Young, Kenneth Cornachio, Kim Hatzenbehler, John Guernsey, Larry Young

Guest attending-Travis Nice, Brent Knottnerus, Paul Schimpf, Tanya Schimpf, Richard Jamieson, Martin Phillips

The minutes from the October 22 meeting have been posted at WYS since November. Casey called for a review of the minutes and entertained a motion for approval. Dan motion to approve the minutes as presented, Chris 2nd the motion, all in favor none opposed. Minutes approved as presented.

Presidents' report- There is a HS grassroots movement from the Cheyenne/Laramie communities about moving the 4A schools soccer season to the fall to assist players in attending college showcase tournaments in the spring for recruiting opportunities. If any questions, get a hold of Mary Ellis Schneider, Marcella Wright or Anne Moore for more information.

Meeting briefly returned to roll call for a confirmation of the voting strength of the WYS Board.

Treasurers Report - There is 132,056 in the WYS checking account and currently all bills are paid. The balance of the CD is currently at 24,757. We did not move funds to the CD this year due to anticipated expenses for risk management issue and for possible education for a Referee Director of Instruction.

Chris double paid an invoice to Brown and Gold but it will wash due to the purchase of additional merchandise for ODP.

The ODP account balance is 19,898.

No Approval of payments is necessary at this time.

Election of officers will be at the March AGM in Laramie. The board positions of President and Secretary will be nominated and voted on at the AGM in March and the appointment of treasurer will need to be done prior to August 2012.

The AGM meeting will also be the dates of the WYS Soccer Symposium, March 3 & 4, 2012. Casey reviewed some of the sessions for the weekend- ODP training, coaching sessions, concussion information and strength training sessions.

Old Business

Club Affiliation Process- The proposed affiliation process was reviewed at the November meeting and the board requested some changes. The draft for review is a result of the last board meeting discussion on the process. Discussion included new clubs in a geographical, number of new players etc, and consideration of proximity to another club.

The current draft created some discussion about the number of new participant requirements being too high. It was discussed that the board needs to consider less stringent requirements – lower number of new players’ percentages. There was discussion on looking at the old rules again because of simplicity and adding requirements on pouching and recruiting tactics and look at an open enrollment period.

Discussion on the affiliation requirements continue for some time mostly concerned with percentage of players and proximity to another club and the requirements of a new affiliated club and who would be monitoring the provisional clubs status and progress.

Prior to the meeting, Sandy created a new draft based on some of the above topics after discussion with Carlos and looking at other sources, but it was not created in time to be presented to the board prior to the meeting. Some consideration needs to be given to the “Growth” of a club and that is based on the goal(s) of the provisional club and not on set numbers or requirements, because of the diversity of the clubs and communities of Wyoming. The rewritten draft would consider a clearer cut tryout/recruitment/poaching policy. Members continued to discuss the requirements for the affiliation.

***Voting strength has increased by 2- A representative from Lander entered the meeting.*

Casey’s directive to the clubs is to read the affiliation policy drafts and give some feed back to WYS. It was proposed that the drafts of the policy be emailed out for review and the comments be returned to the WYS. Casey entertained a motion to table the affiliation policy until the AGM meeting. Dan motioned to table the affiliation policy, Anne 2nd the motion. Further discussion; Wendy requested to amend the motion to table the affiliation policy with a comment period until February 21st and be presented again at the AGM meeting on March 3& 4th. Dan approved the motion, Wendy 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed motioned carried.

Risk Management – Sandy has gathered a lot of information on risk management issues and the requirement of background checks for coaches and volunteer personnel of the clubs. We have received several recommendations, so basically we need to seek local council on what type and how thorough the back ground checks have to be. The State of Wyoming is a difficult state in which to acquire the background checks.

Board presentation meetings – Dan has researched a couple of option for the board meetings such as go to meeting. Casey will be in Gillette and he will set down with Dan and look at the options, it will be in place for the AGM.

New Business

Wyoming League- Based on what has been decided in past board meetings, teams must participate in the Spring WyoLeague in order to compete in the Wyoming Cup in May. Casey presented the idea of having a fall tournament as a qualify part of league and possibly decrease the spring league to 2 weekends of 4 games instead of 3 weekends of 6 games. There is always discussion and debate on what is the best way to “solve” the difficulties with league. There were attempts to regionalize the games in the past but with the teams that registered, it is apparent that it was not be possible for that season.

It is suggested that a preliminary schedule be issued with a comment period of a few days to look at the schedule. There was some discussion about 2 weekends instead of 3 weekends in the spring season. Lack of interest in participating has made it difficult to schedule based on the suggestions made last year at the AGM. Again, Sandy suggested that we consider this spring of 2012 only 2 weekends and then in the fall 2012 a fall tournament and then in the spring 2013 2 weekends in order to qualify for Wyoming Cup.

The main goal of League is to build up the Wyoming Cup as a State Championship. Proposed dates of league are

April 13 & 14, April 22nd, and May 5 & 6. It is also proposed that we consider just 2 weekends instead of 3 weekends. March 12th is the proposed deadline for registration of league.

Casey entertained a motion to vote on the dates to be 2 weekends, - Laurie made a motion to have league only 2 days (weekends) instead of 3. April 13 and/or 14 and April 22nd. 2nd by Tony, all in favor none opposed.

Clarification – of the league dates, it is not a stay overnight options but a choice of Saturday or Sunday on the first weekend of April 13 &/or 14, and Sunday only on April 22. The teams will have 3 days from the date when the preliminary schedule is posted to request changes or withdrawal from league. The price of league will not change, but will be evaluated at the end of league this year.

Lori motion that the registration deadline be March 12th, with registration option of Saturday or Sunday or both preference and 3 days after the preliminary to withdrawal, 2nd by Dan all in favor none opposed.

RCR Affiliation Application- A Presentation for the acceptance of Razor City Renegades as an affiliated club of WYS & USYS was given by Richard Jamieson, an attorney hired by the RCR. Jamieson commended the WYS board for the desired efforts to clarify and draft an affiliation process that is fair to all. He presented the legal frame work for the bases of their application and the reasons for acceptance to be the US Soccer Federation bylaw 201 – citing “open” registration to ‘amateur’ soccer organizations into USSF and RCR is an amateur soccer organization. He also cited the policy and procedures ability to impose restrictions on membership. He mentioned the desire of RCR to work in conjunction with Gillette Edge and that they want to play with their peers and their friends.

Casey will entertain a motion to go into ex

Chris made motion to move to executive session, motion 2nd by George, all in favor none opposed, motioned carried.

Board of directors went into executive session at 12:16pm to discuss the application of the RCR. The guests and non voting members left the room. It was clarified who needed to stay on the conference call and stay in the room, those that carried a vote on the board stayed in the room.

Executive meeting adjourned at 1:01pm.

Casey entertained a motion to bring the meeting back to regular session. Mike motioned, it was 2nd, all in favor none opposed. Meeting called back into regular session.

A few members took a quick break while Casey continued with some other items on the agenda, waiting for them to return.

No tournament reports at this time.

By Laws- Laurie has emailed the bylaws to the executive board for review, and has also sent them to Richard Yoder. Once the comments and revisions are made, the Bylaws should be presented at the March meeting.

RM -Sandy cautioned everyone about the use of email and forwarding emails with the recipients disclosed. Many of the emails that are relative to soccer are emails belonging to minors. When emailing teams, players etc, the sender needs to us undisclosed recipients.

Referees - George Wieser , the SYRA of Wyoming, reminded the board that the State Director of Instruction of referees resigned in December and the state has 12 months to fill the position of the SDI. The SDI must hold a certain license from USSF and must attend specific classes to receive the license. There currently is not a budget for the referee program, and there needs to be some funds set aside for the travel, lodging and class cost for attending the required courses. The classes are usually a week long and not offered in this area. Casey entertained a motion to allocate as a line item in the WYS budget \$5000 to be designated for Referee education for SDI. Chris so motioned, Wendy 2nd, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Affiliation Application-Casey entertained a motion to accept the affiliation of the Razor City Renegades as a WYS club. He explained that roll call vote would be taken for the vote. Dan so moved to accept the affiliation of the Razor City Renegades, Chris 2nd, no additional discussion.

Roll Call Vote-(Voting strength is corrected in the written minutes verses what was stated in the meeting-Jackson was stated as having 2 votes and they have 3, Johnson County was stated as having 3 votes when they had 2)

Cheyenne 4– No	Johnson County 2– No	Jackson 3– Yes	Laramie 2 – abstained
Sheridan 2– Yes	Casper 3 – No	Gillette 2-No	Lander 2 abstained
Executive VP 1– No	Secretary 1 – abstained	Treasurer 1 – No	SYRA 1 – No

14 votes – NO 5 votes- YES 5 votes- abstained 1 – president vote not cast

The application for affiliation for the Razor City Renegades was denied at this time.

The guest requested to know what some of the discussion was in the executive meeting. Casey noted that the discussion during the executive session is confidential.

Casey recommended that they participate in the recommendation to revise the affiliation process by participating in draft revision process.

For the Good of the Game

Laramie will be having a D license coaching clinic.

Cheyenne has hired 2 DOC's for their programs

Sheridan will be offering a quadrant referee clinic

Carlos is working on getting the online coaching courses set up for Wyoming the U10 age group.

Gillette will be having the Winter Blast indoor tournament

Casey called for adjournment of the meeting, Mike motioned to adjourn, Dan 2nd, all in favor none opposed, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Wendy Brown-WYS Secretary