

Wyoming Youth Soccer Board Meeting

July 30, 2011

WYS board meeting called to order at 9:46am by President Casey Nix.

Roll Call & Credentials	voting strength		9
President - Casey Nix	0	Casper Soccer Club- Nick Hill	3
Secretary-Wendy Brown	1	Laramie Blizzard-Kelly Bott	2*
Gillette SC-Dan King, Monica Knievel, John Guernsey			2
DOC – Anne Moore	1*	Sandy Jenkin – WYS Admin	0
Guests: Brent Knotternus		Travis Nice*	Mark Shrum

*Called in by conference call.

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and Anne motioned for the minutes to be approved as submitted. Nick 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed.

Anne motioned to accept the minutes from the May meeting at the Wyoming Cup concerning the acceptance of an additional club in Gillette. Nick 2nd the motion. Wendy noted that it was not minutes from the meeting but a summary. Wendy motioned to change the motion to accept the summary of the meeting in May, Anne 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed.

President's Message:

Wyoming is attending the Region IV meeting, meeting are at the same time. Region IV is looking at a Club Card System and it is not clear how that will affect the state and clubs.

Region IV has implemented a Concussion Procedure Policy, not sure how the USYS recommendation will affect the Wyoming tournaments. The medical coverage available for players with WYS is secondary.

Budget – Budget figures were not yet available and Chris was unable to attend the meeting.

Several Budget items were discussed and approved based on prior budgets, activities and information provided.

General Player liability insurance is due for renewal. The renewal quote from our current carrier, Pullen Insurance, is \$3.50 per player, no change in premium since last year. Nick motioned to accept the renewal quote as presented. Wendy 2nd the motion, all in favor non opposed, motion carried. D&O coverage will be coming up for renewal shortly, quote is \$1020, with the option to add employee dishonestly bond. Wendy motioned to accept the D&O with the employee dishonestly bond, Dan 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed.

Region IV workshop is scheduled for October 7-9 in Whitefish, MT. Reservations and registrations need to be made by September 1st. Registration cost for the workshop is \$35; traditionally we have sent 4 people to the workshop. It is also the final evaluations weekend for ODP.

Got Soccer is sponsoring workshop/round table meetings in November in Florida. The workshop and accommodations are provided, just the travel to and from will need to be picked up by WYS. Round tickets to Florida are approximately \$300. Dan motioned to approve of payments for registration & attendance 4 people to the Regions IV workshop and 2 people to the Got Soccer workshop. Wendy 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

The application for becoming a WYS associated club by the Gillette Renegades was voted on in a special meeting in May at the Wyoming Cup. Based on the WYS bylaws there needed to be 32 votes to make a quorum, there were a total of 30 votes, 28 against the acceptance of the Gillette Renegades into the WYS association and 1 vote for and 1 abstained vote. At this point with the votes that were cast, it is apparent that the membership of WYS is not in favor of an additional club in the Gillette community. Dan King motioned to table the issue of the Gillette Razor City Renegades indefinitely. Nick Hill 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed. Subject of the Renegades tabled indefinitely.

ODP Budget

Casey would like to see a budget for each ODP team per season that would detail training and the proposed tournaments. Currently it is estimated that each ODP player costs about \$1125/year. Based on the current account of expenses and income, ODP is within projected Budget.

Other Financial and Budget Items

The use of Credit Cards was discussed for expenses incurred for things like travel to regional events and ODP coach's expenses such as travel, lodging and meals. The use of a debit card was discussed, but there was some concern about the debit card being used for travel expenses such as gas and meals because of how easy it is to get complacent in getting receipts and turning them in submitted and the uncontrolled nature of the withdrawal from the account. The requirement for reimbursement seems to insure that the needed paperwork is saved and submitted. The use of a credit card was discussed for the bigger ticket items that are a planned expense such as plane tickets and room reservations, etc. Casey is willing to sign for a WYS credit card that would be used for the bigger ticket items that can be done direct with the state office. The daily expenses that are incurred by car travel and meals for ODP training and such will still be done by reimbursement so that receipts are provided.

WYS has in the past included in the budget expenses to travel to the Annual USYS Workshop and the Region IV workshop, but there are at least 2 additional meetings a year that a representative from Wyoming should be attending. It would be approximately \$4000 a year to attend the meetings with USYS over the course of a year. Additional Equipment such as some portable goals were discussed, the cost would be approximately \$2000. Dan motioned to add the above mentioned items into the budget to see if they would be feasible for the upcoming budget year. Anne 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed.

It was noted that USYS has a new Vice President, but the name was not readily available.

Wyoming League

Information for registration for Fall League has gone out to the clubs. The logistics of League were again discussed. In the March meeting it was proposed and voted on that the U10's would go to an 8v8 format in the fall of 2011 and the U12's would go to an 11v11 format in the fall of 2012. There was some discussion as to the recommended size of the field for the U10 players and the availability of that size of field. Anne will put together some recommendation for the size of field for the u10's and they will be posted on the WYS website.

The board discussed in length the proposed dates for league play. Noted dates in the information that was sent to the clubs were Sept 3rd only, a Saturday, Sept 17 and/or 18th, and October 15 and/or 16th, and October 22 and/or 23 as a makeup date. The information that was sent out to the clubs noted that the schedule would be on Saturdays unless a double header weekend was scheduled. In the past several teams have not played in league because of the majority of the games being scheduled on Sundays. It did spark some discussion as to some teams that play Colorado League on Saturdays so with the schedule being on Saturdays they would not be able to participate in the league. It was suggested that the team who are considering playing league, submitted their application and requests and the scheduler will look at those requests and see if they can be accommodated in the Schedule. There has been more teams that cannot play on Sundays, then those that play in Colorado League. The information that is posted for League will stay as it is.

WYS Meeting Schedule

The next WYS meeting is scheduled for October 22 consideration will be given to Gillette or Laramie for hosting the October meeting. After some discussion about the upcoming meetings, January, March and June, with the consideration of the March meeting being in Laramie because of the Symposium it was decided that Gillette would be the next meeting site in October.

Player Registration – WYS Membership - ODP Membership/participation

Casey stated that with the information that has been recently researched, the USYS ODP program is open to all players regardless of affiliation. The ODP program falls under the jurisdiction of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and has authorized USSF to conduct the program for the sport of soccer, in turn USSF has approved and authorized US Youth Soccer to facilitate ODP.

Brent had questions about the cost of ODP if a player is not associated with a club and would they be able to acquire a USYS/WYS membership Card. He noted that 27 players have left the Club system in Gillette for a variety of reasons but believes most of them still want to participate in the sport of soccer.

Players can participate in ODP regardless of Club affiliation. The Cost of participation has not yet been determined for the non affiliated player, and the clarification of what the ODP participation will include for the affiliated player and the non affiliated player has not been determined or clarified. At this point they can participate in ODP, but fees are yet to be determined and the membership of WYS by the issuance of a membership card has not yet been figured out.

WYS will be looking at the registration benefits of ODP for affiliated and non- affiliated player and also look at the fees to determine the appropriate fees and benefits.

Brent stated that John Guernsey had called the Rapid City Club in an attempt to Black List the Renegades so that they would not be able to play in the Rapid City tournament. John stated that he did call Rapid and inquired about the Renegades, but it was not the Razor City Renegades. Casey requested that John no longer make those types of inquiries, John acknowledge the request.

Tournament Reports

Sheridan Storm Soccer has submitted the tournament report, there were 88 Wyoming teams participating in the Wyoming Cup. 78 of those teams were 11v11 teams 10 were 8v8 teams.

Upcoming events include the Casper Fall Classic, the Gillette Fall Blast, and the Jackson Hole Fall Classic.

ODP Participated Events

Several ODP teams participated in the Rocky Mtn Cup in Boulder. Evaluations for ODP will begin in Cheyenne. Region Camp went well.

ByLaws

The committee members have been working on the by laws and should have a draft to vote on at the October Meeting.

Web page should be up and live this coming week. WYS pays \$100 a month for the web page and service with a subsidy of \$300 a month from USYS.

Referee- No Report

U15 players on U14 teams seems to always be an issue with a majority of the U15 being in HS and playing HS soccer and a few U15's that are still 8th graders. The HS league this season has been changed to a U15 to U19 age group to help with that issue. There will still be instances were a U14 team will have a U15 on their team. They need to be marked as a U15 player.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:40pm