

**Wyoming Youth Soccer Special Meeting**  
**May 27, 2011**  
**Sheridan, WY**

President Casey Nix called meeting to order at 8:20pm

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and the vote to accept or reject the application for membership with WYS of the prospective club, the Gillette Renegades.

Information was sent out to all of the WYS club representatives on May 11 pertaining to the issue at hand, letter of application, proposed club bylaws, proposed club rules and procedures, as well as the WYS bylaws and rules and procedures pertaining to the acceptance of a new club into WYS association.

Credentials and Role Call-

Wendy Brown, secretary called out the clubs and their voting strength, 28 votes out of 55 were account for during the meeting, 4 of those votes by proxy.

President Casey explained the rules for the meeting and the voting process. Votes will be accepted by ballot tomorrow at the fields until 3:30pm. Ballots are already printed with the number of eligible votes per club. Votes will be tallied and be published by 5:30pm.

President Casey stated that he would entertain a motion from the floor to accept the submitted paperwork and open it up to discussion. Green River motioned to accept the paperwork as submitted, George Wieser, SYRA, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, none opposed. The application paperwork has been accepted by WYS.

The floor will only accept and listen to comment concerning the formation of the club, no harassment or negative comments will be allowed or the past issue with the Gillette Club will be heard.

**The following is just a summary of some of the comments and rebuttals of the discussion.**

The discussion was opened by a statement that the size of Wyoming Communities cannot support more than one club. It would divide the already small resources of a community, coaches and volunteers. It would dilute the player pool and would make fundraising difficult.

The goal is to give the players choices and give them more opportunities, to give the players opportunities at a higher level and desire. It would get more kids playing and active. Coaches select the players to form teams. Provide an open opportunity to walk on and would offer a soccer outlet for adult players.

Dan King read a statement in summary; he did not like some of the club's board decisions, so he voiced his concerned, and got involved in board to make a difference, looking at the betterment of all not just a few individuals. He noted the cooperation with the school district with the Gillette Soccer club on the districts JR High program.

Most of Wyoming communities have teams with average abilities and skills but there are a few players on those teams that have a higher level of desire and skill, select teams. Select teams from around the state.

Provide the opportunity to be coached by others, to play with other competitive players, which will provide opportunities. Looking for opportunities for the better players that are at tournaments outside of Wyoming. Opportunities are not currently being offered because of the issue with the Gillette Club.

The kids want to play; usually it is the parent issues that cause a division. The addition of a 2<sup>nd</sup> club in the Community of Gillette will divide the resources and sponsors and hurt both programs.

There is a niche for every club, selection of teams, instead of being assigned a team. Some players may be more suited to be a rec player. Stress sportsmanship and development.

U10 and under, a not cut policy, development of the players and provide the numbers for future teams.

Holes in the Gillette's by laws on the formation of teams and appropriate age grouping, being assigned to teams.

Concerns were voiced about the impact that the school districts Jr High program and the formation of a second club were voiced and how that would impact both the club and the proposed club.

Purpose of the Renegade Club- is it to provide an opportunity to a specific level of play and players or is it open to all as the proposed bylaws state. Will the players be invited to play or is it open registration.

President Casey Closed the discussion at 9:31pm. Then he called for questions concerning the voting process, no questions were presented. He then asked if there was any discussion on the voting process. No discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.