

**Wyoming Youth Soccer Board Meeting
October 20, 2010 – Casper, WY**

WYS Board meeting called to order at 10:06am by President Casey Nix.

<u>Roll Call & Credentials</u>	<u>Voting Strength</u>		
President- Casey Nix	0		
Vice President – Laurie Christenson	1		
Secretary – Wendy Brown	1		
Treasurer – Chris Wolf	1		
WYS State Admin – Sandy Jenkin	0		
Tec h Director – Anne Moore	0	via phone	
Casper Soccer Club – Nick Hill	2	Laramie Blizzard –Don Barnes, Brett Bott	2
Gillette Edge_–John Guernsey, Chris McMackin	2	JCSA-Buffalo-Darcy Gonl, Krista Sweckard Referee of Instruction, George Ivory	2 0
Voting Strength	12		

Minutes from the July 24th meeting were reviewed. Wendy noted that the approval was made for \$15,000 to be transferred to the CD in the minutes but only \$10,000 was transferred. Chris Wolf motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Laurie Christenson 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

President report- Casey noted the attendance at the Region IV meeting this past weekend in Golden, Colorado. Congrats to Wyoming for being 1st in the nation for the highest percentage of growth in numbers, but Wyoming is 3rd from the bottom when it comes to numbers. Budget Cuts have been made at all levels of US Soccer, starting at USSF to US Youth Soccer down to our Regional level. The loss of the adidas sponsorship is the main reason for the cutbacks in budget and funding of programs. We will see changes in the Regional Tournament fees and we will see changes in ODP Region camp cost, notably in the cost of the adult attending the event. There will also be some discussion at the Region IV presidents meeting about raising rec fees to USYS in December, but the presidents are against that proposal.

National Championship Series has made a change in the substitution rules for RIV. If a player is subbed out they will not be allowed to reenter the game during that half. As of Oct 27 WYS hasn't been notified of the final rules but expect that this will apply to the semi finals and beyond. We are also looking at possibilities of league play that will cross state lines for the outlying associations to include not only Colorado but Montana and Idaho.

Treasurers Report – Due to some personal issues, a complete report was not available. WYS currently has approximately \$95,000 in checking account, with \$22,000 in a CD and there is approximately \$15,000 in the ODP account.

The FWR qualifying committee is at a standstill as far as options to present to the board to allow a select team to attend Regionals. The focus of Wyoming and similar state associations is to attend Regionals and be able to compete, other states, such as Cal South compete in Regionals to win. The level of competition is not the same and will not be the same just because of logistics. Don Barnes made the suggestion that the requirement to attend Regionals needs to be removed from the WY State Cup. A discussion on Regionals and the qualifications followed the suggestion, Regionals will be held in Idaho for 2011 and the Presidents Cup will be held in Salt Lake, both in close proximity of Wyoming. Don Barnes made the motion to remove the requirement to attend Regionals & the Presidents Cup from the State Cup over Memorial Day tournament, Anne Moore 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed.

The discussion then turned to the tournament itself and what would be the qualification to enter the true state cup/state championship part of the tournament. It was discussed that the teams would still follow the guidelines of an established team and the teams would have had participated in either the fall or the spring Wyoming League. The point

was brought up that some teams did not play league in the fall and were not planning on league in the spring because they did not have ambitions of attending Regionals. George Ivory motioned that for the 2011 State Champion Cup an exception to the league participation in league play to qualify, Anne 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motioned carried. This exception will be in effect ONLY for the 2011 state championship tournament.

The new website for WYS is about ready to go live. Sandy needs some input from everyone as to what content needs to be moved from the old site to the new. The deadline to have the information to Sandy is Dec 1st. Forms will still be available in both PDF and MS Word. Got Soccer will be linked from the website to the registration site. Got Soccer is able to customize the home page of Got Soccer to look more like the WYS web site. The website will go live after the content is transferred.

Risk Management committee is formed and will be looking at options for background check requirements as well as some other issues, such as hotels, goals, etc. Janet Prosceno, Sandy Jenkin, Dan King and Wendy Brown will be on the committee.

Sandy has prepared the letter that will be going out in December for the commitment to Regionals, Presidents Cup and State Cup. With the changes that were voted on earlier, the requirement for state cup winner to attend Regionals or President's, will be removed and the letter and policy revised to reflect that. One of the revisions will include uncontested team(s) that wish to attend regionals will go but if contested there will be a competition set up in February at the indoor facility in Laramie to determine who will go to Regionals and who will attend the President's Cup.

Club bids for the Wyoming State Cup 2012 and 2013 will be presented at the AGM on March 4-6th, 2011. Clubs wanting to host the event will need to present their bid and a vote will be taken following the presentation.

The AGM will be held in conjunction with the Soccer Symposium and ODP winter training. The name of the symposium has been changed to the WYS Soccer Symposium instead of the Coaching Symposium. Sam Snow will be attending from USYS. A Got Soccer rep is scheduled to be there as well as Score, other ideas for sessions include referee training, health and nutrition, safe kids and Top Soccer. Casey will work on securing facilities in Riverton for the event.

ODP apparel is for sale not only to ODP participants but to all players, their parents, friends, siblings and any other supporters. The proceeds from the sales are to be used exclusively for the WYS ODP scholarship fund.

Coaching education opportunities are posted on the web page.

Tournament reports and fees have been submitted for the fall tournament to WYS. Gillette will be hosting a tournament in February and Laramie will again have the Turf Wars at the UW Facilities.

Sandy presented some changes to the fees that are collected by the state and the reason why the fees. With the use of Got Soccer registration, some of the fees can be eliminated or reduced because of the time being saved because of the on line availability of certain procedures. League fees have been increased and there are some other fees introduced because of league play. The performance bond has been eliminated but there is a fee for a no show or a request to be removed from the schedule when the final is posted. Wendy motioned that the fee changes be approved as presented, Don 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Fees will be posted on the web site.

George Ivory presented a summary of the referee clinics and the number of referees certified over the 2010 year. George was asked what the retention rate was for referees; George stated, not very good – apx 40%. The retention rate

for referees nationwide is not very good as well – between 25% and 40%. George suggested that there needs to be more mentoring of referees and other proactive things need to be done to retain the younger referees. Clubs, parents and coaches also have to understand that we are not only training and developing players we are also training and developing referees. Some of the referee assignors and the tournaments are making mentoring a part of the tournament. Recreational games are a great source for training referees as well as friendlies between teams.

Casey Nix presented the project of updating the WYS By Laws and the importance of moving forward with the process. It was suggested that the board needed to travel to the associations and talk about the bylaw changes and why the changes are important and collect ideas on solutions to the difference in available votes and the actual votes. Casey also wanted to know if the board should have traveling board meetings, traditionally the meetings have been held in Casper since it is centrally located. A suggestion was thrown out that the board should travel to other associations and that would give that club the opportunity to showcase their club's programs. Casey accepted the idea and the January board meeting will be held in Buffalo.

Don motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:08pm, Chris 2nd the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary Wendy Brown
Oct. 26, 2010