

Wyoming Youth Soccer  
Board Meeting January 23, 2010

WYS Board meeting called to order at 9:41am by president, Dorvan Polson.

<u>Roll Call &amp; Credentials</u>	<u>Voting strength</u>	
President – Dorvan Polson	0	
Vice President – James Learned	1*	
Secretary – Wendy Brown	1	
WYS Admin – Sandy Jenkin	0	
State Tech Director – Anne Moore	1*	
Casper Soccer Club- Nick Hill, Casey Nix *	2	Laramie Blizzard-Don Barnes 2
Green River – Brandi Stoger, Amanda Finch	2	Riverton YS- Bryan 2*
Voting Strength	5	*Via Conference call connected at 10:05am increased voting strength to 11

Minutes from the November 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting were reviewed. Dorvan called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Don (Laramie) motioned that the minutes be approved, Wendy (sec) 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motioned carried. (5 votes)

**President’s Report-** The Grievance filed against USYS by AYSO & others has caused USYS to make some changes in the travel policy. USYS has mandated that a team who attends a Non-USYS event cannot travel under the use of USYS branded players cards or rosters. The grievance deals with the use of insurance and membership issues. If the USYS brand is used in an event, there is the possibility of implied approval, perception of liability and insurance coverage. A special meeting is planned at the workshop in Fort Worth concerning the grievance and the ruling. James will be attending the meeting in place of Dorvan, who is unable to attend the workshop.

The WYS Executive Board has made the decision to continue to extend coverage to the non-USYS events for Wyoming teams. The board does not want to limit the opportunities for Wyoming teams to participate in any event. WYS will issue generic cards & a generic roster for those teams wishing to attend these events. This decision may change if WYS’s insurance carrier, Pullen Insurance, states that coverage cannot be extended or if there is an additional charge for the extension, and if there is a significant increase in paperwork/time involved for the state administrative office. The process for travel papers will not change for out of state USYS events but the process for non USYS event will change. The information will be posted on the web site. A team must inform the WYS office of their plans to travel out of state to a non-USYS event. If a team attends a non-USYS event and uses the USYS cards & rosters, the team can be listed as a team “Not in Good Standing” and it can affect their participation in future events.

**Treasurer’s Report** – The treasurer’s report was not yet available at the time of the meeting, due to the time involved in getting information transferred to the new treasurer and review of procedures and the end of year paperwork. Treasurer’s report will be posted when it is available.

**Unfinished Business –**

WYS Board Realignment – request for committee members will be tabled for now and will need to be considered in the future. Currently have 54 votes on the board. There will need to be about 3-4 people to serve on the committee, looking for someone with a legal background and they will have the assistance of USYS in the process.

**Wyoming State Cup/FWR committee** report was not available yet. The committee is still working on gathering information before a recommendation is made to the board. There was a lengthy discussion about FWR and state cup. Dorvan explained the requirements for qualifying for FWR. There has to be a qualifying event named by WYS. Don Barnes, Casey Nix, Anne Moore and Tony Lowham and James Learned are serving on the committee.

The discussion included having a true state cup championship tournament without the requirement of attending FWR, a qualifying league for those teams wanting to attend FWR, combining teams, rostering requirements and when to have these events. WYS is looking at implementing the change for the 2011 Regionals. The issues need to be resolved before the end of the 2009/2010 season so that they can be communicated to the associations prior to the start of the 2010/2011 season.

Dorvan referred the discussion back to committee with a request for the committee’s recommendations at the next board meeting in March.

**New Business**

The WYS Travel policy was discussed in the president’s report, with the insurance coverage currently being extended to those teams that may travel to a non-USYS event, with the required notification to WYS.

WYS ODP reimbursement procedures and financial policies were reviewed. Sandy & Chris will be requesting a couple of changes to the Financial Policies & Procedures that were adopted in 2002; some of those changes included the amount of reimbursement for daily meals & travel cost. The Financial policies were not previously available in electronic form, but Sandy has transferred those to electronic form and will submit the requested changes to the board before the changes are made to the procedures. James stated that there needed to be a way to get this information to the new incoming board members in a more efficient way. He was unaware of some of the procedures in requesting reimbursement for the ODP expenses and as a board member he should have been better informed.

### **Wyoming League**

The power point presentation was available on the web site to review. Sandy presented in the power point the problems and possible solutions to improve WyoLeague. Many of the challenges presented deal with the purpose of the league and the distance traveled by the teams to participate in the league. The stats were presented for the fall season as to the number of games vs. the number of games completed (scores submitted). Some of the solutions of WyoLeague will have to do with gathering information concerning fields that are and can be available to host the games. Another one of the problems of league play has to deal with the number of players and roster limits and team limits. Several of the fall league games were not played due to illnesses and/or injuries. It was proposed during the discussion about team rosters & game rosters that WyoLeague rules should allow for a different game roster in one day of League play; currently it is one game roster per day. **A motion was presented that a new 'game' roster can be used per game for the U12 and under for WyoLeague play**, hoping to encourage younger players to participate without having to set out a day of soccer and still allowing a manageable amount of players on the side lines. Don Barnes presented the motion and Casey Nix 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, non opposed, motion carried. (11 votes)

The discussion then focused on the team roster limits and if the team roster limit of 18 should be increased to accommodate injuries & sickness without having to remove players from the roster to add another or to accommodate the 19<sup>th</sup> player who tried out or if there should be a limit at all to the team roster. FWR allows for a 22 man roster for the U16 & older. If there is not a limit to the team roster there is not anything in place to prevent a coach from bringing 2 complete teams to a league day of play and using the 2 game rosters of completely different players. Sandy will draft a couple of motions that will include wording along the lines of if there are enough players to create a second team then a 2<sup>nd</sup> team roster will be created. The discussion and decision on team limits was tabled for review in an email later in the week.

One of the solutions presented in the power point presentation was to develop a WYS "Soccer to College" program, and coordinating WYS, non-ODP, inter-club tournament teams to go to showcases. This lead to a tangent discussion including ODP & some of the combined club teams and some of the conflicts they may or may not have, and how we have lost some of our top players to other surrounding states because we are not fulfilling their need for competitive play. The discussion on Soccer to College was tabled.

The discussion turned to scheduling and how games are scheduled and what should be the focus or the purpose for the league games. Maybe the U10's and under should be limited to the distance traveled for the games but should concentrate on more evenly matched games and the U13's & up should concentrate on the competition more than the amount of travel. This would mean the older teams may travel farther distances. The discussion was then ended with a request for any additional suggestions or ideas being sent to Sandy so that the League Administrators can review and make changes and recommendations for the spring 2010 season.

**Wyoming League Dates are April 18, April 24-25 and May 15-16.**

### **Tournament reports**

A Tournament report needs to be submitted from the Turf Wars held in Laramie.

Tournament Apps to host for the Open division and the Kohl's Cup have been submitted and more information be posted on the web page around Feb 1. Fees for the State Cup division have not been set yet; waiting to see if the teams that submit their intent are contested or uncontested.

### **Administrative Reports**

**WYS –Technical Director and ODP** – Report attached and on the website

**SRA/SRYA** – NA

**State Office**- Blue Sombrero is no longer available for on line registration. Sandy will be making some changes in how team information is submitted for the state office. The deadline for registration may have to be moved up a week in order to accommodate the time needed.

WYS Coaches Symposium, March 6-7<sup>th</sup>, in Casper. Brian Pitts from SD will be the featured coach from USYS for the symposium. The focus of his coaching will be on goal keeping & incorporating the goal keeper training into a practice.

Future meetings- March 6<sup>th</sup> AGM/Symposium, July tbd Budget

Sandy has not received any indications from any teams or clubs that there is anyone interested in attending FWR at this time, deadline is February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned 12:45pm