

Wyoming Youth Soccer Board Meeting
July 20, 2008

A. Meeting called to order at 9:40am by President Dorvan Polson.

B. Officers in Attendance:

President - Dorvan Polson

Vice President – James Learned

Treasurer – John Beckman

Secretary – Wendy Brown

ODP – Tina Lang

Registrar – Sandy Jenkin

C. Casper Soccer Club – 2

Gillette Blast (proxy) – 2

Green River Spurs – 2

Laramie Blizzard – 2

D. The March 8th minutes of the board meeting were read. Dorvan Polson motion to approve the minutes as presented, Tina Lang 2nd, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

E. Presidents Report – The AGM meeting will be held on July 26 in Little Rock, AR. Dorvan will not be able to attend, and he will proxy his vote to someone. The AGM meeting will be presented with items to change the by-laws, but the changes will not have an effect on Wyoming. There is a resolution being considered that would have USYSA sanction referees, currently USYSA relies on USSF certified referees. Dorvan is in favor of the resolution.

F. Treasurers Report – This report was compiled as of July 13, 2008. There were 4,618 players registered as of this date compared to last year player registration on the same date of 6,122 a decrease of 1,504 mostly in the recreational division. CSA & LSA have had the largest apparent decreases. We expect some more registrations for this year. Current assets are \$72,012. Net Cash flow since the beginning of the year is \$8,500. Total income is \$109,644. Compared to budget this is \$18,636 less than planned almost entirely due to decreased registrations and lack of grant money. Expenses are to date are \$101,671 or \$6,303 less than budgeted, however there are several outstanding expenses from Regionals that have not been posted. Several clubs have outstanding balances. Hot Springs has not paid its annual affiliation fee and is therefore ineligible to vote or participate in WYS events or leagues.

Laramie has not submitted the spring recreational players yet with WYS, approximately 300 players. Rawlins will not be registering their rec players with WYS, it will be done through the city of Rawlins.

Tina motioned that the treasurers report be approved as presented, James 2nd, all in favor, none opposed, motioned carried.

G. Doug Meade has some incidental expenses that he will be submitting form attending Regionals in Hawaii.

WYS has available 6 scholarships at \$500.00 each. The committee has received and reviewed 13 applications. Sandy is waiting for the 6 picks from each of the committee members before the recipients of the scholarship can be announced and the board can vote. The board approval of the WYS scholarship recipients will be done by an electronic on line vote.

One 92B Wyoming ODP players has been held over. Tina motioned that WYS/ODP pay the hold over fee for the player. Motioned was 2nd, all in favor none opposed, motioned carried.

H. Election of officers. The Elected officers for the 08/09 year need to begin their terms immediately due to the early resignation of Deb O'Brien. Deb resigned in June due to a family illness. John motioned that the elected officers, Dorvan-President, James-Vice President and Wendy-Secretary, begin their terms immediately. Tina 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

I. Unfinished Business.

J. Kathie Krempels, WyoLeague Coordinator, presented proposed changes to the HS 6v6 league rules.

1. Playing 3 games each on the 1st & 2nd weekends for the 6 game total; change to 2 25 minute halves for each of the games (currently have 2 20 min halves).

2. It was also suggested that we use smaller goals and smaller fields. But I see 2 problems. With smaller goals there is more risk of head injury as HS players are taller and could hit the smaller goals. Then there is limited field space – U10 is usually our biggest division so fewer fields would be available for this age group, especially if there are games on Sunday the first 2 weekends! These changes were discussed at length. Tina motioned that the HS 6v6 games be played for 3 weekends with 2 games each and that the games be changed to 2 30 minute halves. The field size will be 45-55 yards wide x 60-70 yards length with goal size at min of 5x15 and a max of 7x21. Mariah 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Referee fees for HS 6v6 were brought up and discussed. Currently the fee for HS v6v league is \$20.00/game, Center referee only. Colorado referee fees for league were looked up for comparison. After some discussion, Mariah motioned to change the referee fee for the HS 6v6 League to \$30.00 per game. Wendy 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

2008-2009 Budget. John Beckman presented the budget for the 2008-2009 year. The budget was based on previous grants, income and expenses. Blue Sombrano expenses will go up this year to \$2.50 per registration as expected. The DOC budget item will stay the same with the 10,000 per year plus expenses. Based on that information at the end of the year there is a deficit of approximately \$1200.00. The Manchester United raffle brought in \$4300.00.

ODP still has money in their account, it was decided that the monies should stay in the ODP account and show as a surplus for next year. Tina would like to purchase a laptop computer for ODP to assist in the problems of communication and to keep on top of payment etc, while traveling with ODP. ODP needs to get create an operating budget for the upcoming year.

Sandy will set up an ODP email address under the WYS domain for that purpose. It was decided as the administrator of ODP the purchase could be made without the WYS board approval since there are fund in the ODP account.

ODP equipment is still in the possession of Rob Karas. The cost of the equipment is approximately equal to the remainder of the amount due to him based on the contract with WYS. Further discussion on ODP later.

Tina motioned to approved the proposed Budget as presented, Wendy 2nd, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Pullen Insurance has been the insurance provider for WYS, does WYS want to continue with Pullen? Mariah motioned to continue with Pullen Insurance as the insurance provider, Tammy 2nd, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

K. State Cup 2008 report- The tournament had 103 teams attend the Open & recreational divisions of the tournament. There were 4 uncontested teams. The weather was not good, it rain all night Friday night and the fields were wet. The vendors did not do well because of the weather. We had a grade 5 referee attend the tournament from Illinois. No injuries were reported, tournament went well.

Current approved tournaments for the Fall of 2008

Casper Fall Classic Sept 13-14

Jackson Fall Classic Sept 26-28

CSA Recreational Tournament Oct 11-12

Gillette submitted an application to host a tournament in October, requesting Oct 11-12 or Oct 18-19. The CSA Rec tournament is on Oct 11-12 and includes competitive divisions in the U10-U12. Mariah motioned that the board approve the weekend of October 18-19, 2008 for the Gillette tournament, Tina 2nd, all in favor, none opposed, motioned carried.

L. Administrative reports-

SRA/SYRA- USSF has increased annual fees for Referees, Instructors, Assessors and Assignors. Referee Fees went from \$35.00 to \$40.00, but the assignor's fee went from \$35.00 to \$100.00. Some of the Clubs pick up the cost of the assignor registration so that they have an assignor in their area.

Registration date for the 08-09 season are posted on the web site. Aug 8 is the deadline for the player & coach registration data files.

USYSA-ODP- Wyoming attended the regional training. None of the Wyoming ODP players were held over. There were communication problems throughout the ODP program. Tina presented several ideas that would improve the visual image of the Wyoming ODP players, additional practice t-shirts, warm-ups, bags etc. There is a lack of training sessions with the ODP players prior to attending regionals, additional practice sessions need to be worked into the calendar to give the player more training. Tina made several contacts within Region 4 that would be willing to help out in that area. There will be a Pay or no Play policy for the new season. New equipment will need to be purchased for ODP, cones & balls.

Rob Karas had resigned in May by phone call and stated he was moving in June, and he would send an email stating he was resigning. The email was not received. Tina would like a termination of some sort and the issue finalized so that Rob would not be a part of the first weekend of ODP. Mariah motioned to terminate Rob Karas, Tina 2nd, the motion, all in favor none opposed.

The contract states a 30 day written notice, Sandy will write a letter terminating the agreement ASAP. The final installment of the contract has not been paid to Rob Karas, and will not be paid until the ODP equipment is returned.

Wyoming League dates are set for Sept 7, Sept 21, and Oct 5. Entry deadline is Aug 8th.

Director of Coaching- Currently there is an ad on USYSA website advertising a part time DOC for the state of Wyoming. WYS will accept resumes until August 1, 2008. Currently there are 5 -6 applicants. One of the applicants is currently helping with the ODP program and will help with the evaluations in August. Anne Moore is considering it but has not yet submitted a resume. There was a discussion about looking at applicants that lived in Wyoming or would it be beneficial to consider a DOC outside of Wyoming that would be willing to travel into

Wyoming to fulfill the part time position. It was decided that the top priorities of the DOC would be the ODP program and coaching education throughout the state. Sandy will contact the applications and ask for proposal of action to deal with the coaching education & ODP issues and objectives. The interviews will be held in Laramie on the next available date for the majority of the executive board.

Next board meeting tentatively scheduled for October 25th in Casper

January 17th

AGM-meeting Feb 28-March 1 –Tentative Coaching Symposium

April 12th

July 18th

Meeting adjourned 1:15 pm