

Wyoming Youth Soccer
March 8, 2008 Board Meeting

Held at Riverton High School, Riverton, WY

During the 2nd Annual Coaching Symposium sponsored by WYS

President Deb O'Brien called meeting to order at 12:32 pm.

Roll Call & Credentials

Officers in Attendance:

President-Deb O'Brien
Vice President- Dorvan Polson
Secretary-Wendy Brown
League Coordinator-Kathi Kremples
Registrar/Risk Manager-Sandy Jenkin
STD-Rob Karas
ODP Coordinator-Tina Lane
Ref Director of Instruction-George Ivory

Club Representation & Voting Strength:

Officer votes **6**

Casper 2	Cheyenne CYS- 3	Cheyenne String 2
Jackson 2	Green River 2	Big Horn 2
Sheridan 2	Lander 2	Cody-Yellowstone Fire 2
Laramie Blizzard 2	w/proxy LSA 2	

Total voting strength **29**

Several visitors were in attendance at the meeting since the WYS board meeting was held during the WYS Coaching Symposium, which including coaches from around the state, OPD players & parents, Sam Snow from US Youth Soccer and a representative from Score.

The ODP program is selling the old uniforms.

The agenda & the minutes were distributed at the board meeting to be read. Kathi Kremples motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Wendy Brown 2nd. All in favor, none opposed.

No treasurer's report was presented.

No unfinished business from the January meeting.

New Business:

FWR-4 uncontested teams will be attending – U15B & U 16G Laramie Blizzard, U12B & U14G Gillette Edge.

Tournament Reports

Laramie has submitted all of the necessary paperwork to complete the 2007 State Cup. Sandy will be sending them payment from Kohl's Cup of \$3000.00.

State Cup 2008- Teams for the State Cup are already set and are uncontested. The Lions' Roar & the Kohl's Cup should be well attending by the remaining teams. The Lions Club of Casper is the major sponsor for the Tournament. The tournament will offer 8v8 & 11v11 in the U12 division.

Gillette Indoor Jamboree- 32 teams attended the indoor Jamboree in Gillette.

Upcoming tournaments or events- Lander Spring Thaw- April 12, 2008 and the Casper Spring Jamboree April 19, 2008.

Administrative Reports

Sandy reminded everyone that the deadline for submitting player/coach data is March 24, and must be submitted via email as outlined in previous correspondence.

TDC- Rob Karas thanked those who had help organize the Spring Coaching Symposium and thanked the coaching staff for presenting the symposium. They have only made it through the 1st morning session, but it was well attended. There are several more "E" licensed coaches due to the clinics that were held in Cheyenne & Cody. The Yellowstone Fire Club of Cody expressed their appreciation for the clinic that was held in Cody.

Tina Lang was introduced as the USYS/WY ODP Director. Tina reminded the parents of the ODP parent meeting on Sunday morning. The ODP players were used during the symposium for demonstrations and they were also conducting practice. Tina is selling the old ODP uniform in order to make room for the new Score sponsored uniforms.

George Ivory presented a written report of the referee clinics that were held in January & February, 39 grade 9 referees and 24 grade 8 referees have been added to the pool of referees for Wyoming. George reminded the clubs who are wishing to have a referee clinic to give him as much notice as possible in order to give him time to schedule an instructor.

2008 Spring Wyoming League deadline is March 24th, Kathi stated that those who have special request to please state them on the form and to please indicate preference for Saturday or Sunday games or only days.

Dorvan Polson has posted his report of the Coaches convention that was held in Pittsburg on WYS web page. The Regional Championship Series will be held in Hawaii in '08, Lancaster, CA in '09 and in New Mexico in '10.

Wyoming has not nominated a youth referee of the year for US Youth Soccer.

Dorvan presented some information on the National Directors Cup for Region 4. This will be the 1st year for the program and it for those states that have less than 30,000 members. But it will be held during Regional's in Hawaii.

Election of Officers for the upcoming Year-terms beginning in September.
The president and secretary are open for nominations.

President Deb O'Brien requested any nominations for secretary from the floor.

Wendy Brown was nominated for secretary. Wendy accepted the nomination. No other person was nominated. The nomination was 2nd. Deb O'Brien called for a vote for Wendy Brown for secretary, all in favor none opposed.

President Deb O'Brien requested any nominations for president from the floor. Dershie Barber was nominated, Dershie declined the nomination. Dorvan Polson was nominated for president.

Dorvan accepted the nomination. Deb O'Brien called for a vote for Dorvan Polson for president, all in favor none opposed.

Since Dorvan was elected president for the upcoming year, the vice president seat will need to be filled with an interim vice president to finish out the current term. James Learned was nominated for Vice President Interim, James accepted the nomination. Deb O'Brien called for a vote for James Learned for Vice President, all in favor none opposed.

Newly elected officers for WYS

President- Dorvan Polson

Vice President Interim- James Learned

Secretary- Wendy Brown

Meeting Adjourned- 1:56 pm

For the Good of Game

A question was asked about short sided games vs. full size games for the U12 and under.

Sam Snow presented US Youth Soccer stance on the issue of short sided games and the reasoning for the short sided games for the younger kids. Basically because of their size and strength and ability matches the format of a short sided game. There continued to be discussion about this issue with some of the coaches.

It was also brought up at this time about the younger divisions playing competitive soccer, mainly the u10 age division. Some teams at this age group are very competitive and some are still considered developmental teams. It was mentioned that at this age there should be some type of guidelines for coaches to follow so that a team does not "blow out" another team when it comes to the scoring of the game. WYS does not regulate scoring practices, it is very difficult to define & impossible to regulate. It was mentioned that it would have to be something that would be implemented in the individual clubs and their coaches. Everyone seemed to agree that development of the player should be what is important at this age group.