

Wyoming Youth Soccer Board Meeting

November 8, 2009

WYS board meeting called to order at 9:30 am by the President, Dorvan Polson.

<u>Roll Call & Credentials</u>	<u>voting strength</u>	
President – Dorvan Polson	0	
Secretary – Wendy Brown	1	
Treasurer – Chris Wolf	1	
WYS Admin – Sandy Jenkin	0	
Ref Dir/Instruction – George Ivory	1	
Casper Soccer Club - Casey Nix, Nick Hill	2	Sheridan County Soccer – David Debolt, Jimmy Legerski 2
Gillette Soccer – Dan King	2	Yellowstone Fire – Jeanette Prosceno 2
<u>Lander Strikers – Tony (via conference call)</u>	<u>2</u>	
Voting Strength	13 –	

Minutes from the July 18 board meeting were reviewed, Dorvan called for a motion to approve the minutes as reviewed. Wendy (sec) motioned to approve the minutes, Casey (CSC) 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried to approve the minutes.

President's report – see attached report from the president Nov 11, 2009

Highlights from the report - ODP proposed change to holdover camp. Holdover camp will be now held for all age groups during the same week at different sites. No additional cost to the players.

USYS Workshop in Fort Worth Feb 25-27, 2010

FWR 2011 will be held in Boise, ID June 20-26, 2011

WYS-membership figures 4841 players for 2008/09 down from 5400 players for 2007/08

USYS urging all states to double their efforts to recruit-renewal of Adidas Sponsorship – Adidas is 58% of the sponsor revenue for USYS

A grievance was filled against USYS by US Club Soccer & AYSO, expected hearing in January 2010, and may affect participation in tournaments.

FWR-will be a stay and play tournament

Treasurer's Report – Profit & Loss reports present along with budget vs. actual and Balance sheet as of 11/07/09 – total balance of Liabilities & Equity \$120,761.97. - Reports attached. George motioned to approve the treasurer's report as submitted, Jeanette (YFA) 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed motion carried. It was also approved that Chris will look into the possibility of moving some of the cash to the CD.

Approval of Payments - National Youth License Course in Jackson for 2 weekends in December. Jackson has organized and made to contacts to schedule a NYL in Jackson during December, in order to keep the cost reasonable for coaches to attend. It has been proposed that WYS contributes \$2500 to offset the instructors cost for the NYL course. Several of the board members joined in on the discussion about the short notice of the course as well as the location during the winter month. The travel to Jackson for the rest of the state can be unpredictable during December and will prohibit many from attending because of the late notice and the travel. It was discussed that the NYL course needs to be organized in the summer months in a centralized location. The cost of the course will only be subsidized by WYS to the Wyoming coaches any coach attending from another state they will have to pay full price, \$600 vs. \$300 for Wyoming coaches. Carlos, Jacksons DOC, is confident that he has enough coaches to meet the minimum number in order to hold the course.

Chris (trsr) motioned that WYS approve the payment of \$2500.00 to offset the cost of the instructor for the NYL course in Jackson under the condition that there will be enough attending the course, Casey (CSC) 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

There are no **elections of officers** at this time, but keep in mind the President and Secretary will be coming up in March for the new season starting in Aug 2010.

Unfinished Business

WYS Board Realignment – Request for Committee members has been tabled for the next meeting.

New Business

Membership - Star Valley Futbol Club, Afton, is requesting membership into WYS for competitive players. All appropriate paperwork has been submitted and fees paid. Chris motioned to approve the membership, George 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Grant – Dorvan is requesting that the board approve the USYS small state grant as written, requesting \$6000.00 for the development of Recreational players in Wyoming. Chris motioned to approve the grant as written, Jeanette 2nd the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

State Cup – Dorvan sent out an email to the associations concerning the Wyoming State Cup and the qualifying event for RIV tournaments. The purpose of the email was to start a discussion about improving the attendance and to get a true State Cup Champion for Wyoming and to see if WYS can continue to support regional events and find ways to send more competitive team to those events. (see meeting packet) Several associations responded to the email with several suggestions and ideas, including changing the tournament to a fall date instead of a spring date, having a separate event other than the Wyoming State Cup to qualify for Regionals and combining players to form a Wyoming team. With each suggestion that was made Sandy had to address the issues dealing with the rules & procedures surrounding a Regional event. Each suggestion has details that will need to be address and worked out. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that a committee needs to be formed of a variety of clubs being represented, big clubs, small clubs, spring vs. fall teams etc. Casey Nix was nominated to be the committee head for the ST Cup Committee, Dorvan will assist Casey. It was decided that nothing would be changed for the 2010 State Cup and season. The next season will begin August 1 and that would be logical time to make any changes to the state cup format.

FWR-Commitment & Roster Freeze dates

A draft of the State Cup commitment letter was present to the board with the commitment date of Feb 19, for the state cup. Uncontested teams will have the option of attending the FWR or the Presidents Cup. If they chose to attend the Presidents Cup, they will not be declared State Champion. In the age groups with 2 or more teams, the first place team will attend FWR and the second place team will attend the Presidents Cup. If an age bracket is uncontested after the commitment date, no additional teams will be allowed to enter that division, if 2 or more teams in a division, additional teams can enter.

The performance bond requirement has been increased. The increase was initiated due to several teams withdrawing after the deadline dates and fees & penalties being imposed by the tournaments, entry fee from the FWR of \$825.00 and a \$1000.00 from the Presidents Cup. It was decided that Wyoming would not submit any age division for a wild card position for any of the division for the 2010 FWR. The Draft letter will be revised to incorporate the changes and be sent out to all the associations.

Tournament Reports

Reports & fess have been submitted by Jackson, tournament of the Tetons, Gillette Edge Fall Blast, Casper Fall Classic, Jackson Hole Fall Classic and Cheyenne Soccer Club Fall Classic for a total of \$3,990.

Tournament approval request for the upcoming year- Laramie is working on an indoor tournament for the month of January in conjunction with UW as soon as information is available it will be posted. Gillette has submitted a hosting app for the Gillette Fall Blast for Aug 27-29 and the Gillette indoor for Feb 19-21st, Casper submitted hosting apps for the Casper Jamboree for April 17 and the Casper Fall Classic for Sept 12-13. All of the tournament dates are traditional tournament and have been approved.

Administrative Reports

No report from **DOC** – Anne Moore

There will be an extension on the signup deadline for ODP due to the mix up on the option to pay the fee in to payments. 47 boys have submitted their acceptance and 14 girls.

SRA-SYRA- George gave a brief report on the number of referee clinics around the state, Jackson, Casper and Cheyenne. George needs to attend 1 additional class in order to be able to hold a instructors clinic.

Kevin is still having difficulty getting payment back from the registration directly to USSF, considering doing away with the direct registration to USSF and setting up a state registration then submitting payment to USSF.

Region IV meeting in Jackson Hole – WYS sponsored the RIV meeting in October in Jackson Hole, by the comments of those that attended it went very well. 110 people attending with 11 guests. Budget report was enclosed in the meeting packet.

WyoLeague – Scheduling games on Labor Day weekend caused lots of problems but eventually a majority of them got played. Sickness and injuries and going late in October contributed to a lot of missed games. Based on the scores submitted by the Coaches, only 111 out 187 games were played. Long travel distances seemed to be a problem, Sandy later learned that there was an unwritten policy that a team will not travel more than 250 miles. Sandy will come up with some suggestions for the spring and bring them to the next board meeting. The bond payment will be returned to the teams minus the cost of the referees who were not notified of cancellations or game changes.

Dates for the spring WyoLeague are April 18, April 24-25 and May 15-16.

Future meetings will be held in Casper Jan 23rd, Mar 6th AGM/Symposium and July 17th Budget.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm by Dorvan, President.