



Wyoming Soccer Association- Board Meeting December 5 2020

President – Dan King
Secretary – Annie Graham
District 1- Northeast – Brian Hokanson
District 2 – Northwest- Anna Venable
District 3 - Southwest - Vacant
District 4 – Central-Fabian Lobera
District 5 - Southeast– David Eldred
SYRA/SRA-Roger Brown

Vice President – Jeff Carruth
Treasurer – Jason Howell
Member at Large - Pete Cuadrado

WSA-Exec Director – Lisa Hulshizer
WSA Office Asst - Laura Beurge
Tech Advisor - Vacant
Tech Advisor - Chuck Grenfell Absent

Technical Director –David Hayes

President called meeting to order at 1:00 PM

Roll Call: Voting strength for December 5 2020 meeting is 10 members.

Jeff motion to approve meeting minutes from October 15 2020 as presented. Anna second. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Open Forum: None.

Executive Reports

Presidents Report: Verbal report given. Many states around us are not in a very good financial position. We are lucky that we have saved money in order for this situation we are seeing now.

Executive Report: Submitted a written report. See attached.

Team Administrator: Nothing to report

Financial Report: Verbal report given. Fiscal and Calendar year statement of activity presented. We are looking at a significant loss this year due to not having tournaments, registrations down etc. Dan would like to sit down over the next couple weeks and review our numbers closely to make sure we are advocating for our memberships money. Fabian motion to approve the financial report as presented. Brian second. All in favor. None opposed. Motion Carries.

Technical Director: ODP events were cancelled this year. We had 9 teams we were prepared to send. The goal was 10. Hopefully 2021 will be better. The event is now a tiered event for ODP Championships. Qualifications for Presidents cup and Regional events is changing. USYS has cancelled their National League events. The Sub Regional events are still a go from USYS perspective. Club outreach has been continued. Working on competitive and recreational curriculum. Competitive is done and recreational is almost done. Monthly coach education calls are being picked up again and newsletters have been going out to coaches. Grassroots classes are coming up in Riverton. We would like to host a C license class in the summer. Also looking at chairing the 307 Program committee to look at how the 307 program is set up for the HS age group and see if we can better serve that group.

SRC Report: Nothing to report

Ratification of board meeting

District reports:

District 1: Nothing much to report. There were two clubs that expressed some concern about the cost of the state league. Newcastle has a few teams that are joining a Rapid City US Club group. Razor City Renegades does not have any teams but they are planning on forming teams for indoor. Gillette is doing futsal and going strong with that since 1st of November. Futsal tournaments are coming up in January and February. Working with public health to get a go ahead for those tournaments. There is push to shut down all sporting events through the winter in the State health Department. They are putting turf down in a facility for an indoor arena football team and they are offering its use to the soccer clubs. There definitely a referee issue as far as shortages that needs to be addressed. The new got soccer system definitely has issues. They have been using the old got soccer system for their tournaments.

District 2: We have new board members on the Worland club as well as a new president. Powell and Worland is participating in some indoor tournaments. No word from Cody.

District 3: Vacant

District 4: Reached out to a few clubs. Lander did host a tournament in Oct and it was super successful but their was definitely a shortage. Lander is not sending any teams to Turf Wars. No update from Casper or Douglas. Most clubs in this district are fairly quiet right now and numbers are showing down.

District 5: Laramie and Torrington had nothing to report. Looking for a new district rep for district 5 due to term limited. David is actively looking for suitable replacement to continue the good work that has been going on. Cheyenne is doing futsal right now. Looking forward to a new fresh start is 2021.

Member at Large: NCAA recruiting deadline got extended. They have not been allowed to recruit since March 1st. They are not being allowed to recruit until at least mid May. All of the Juco and Div 2 and 3 they are still able to recruit so please let your players know this is still an option. The other thing in the college game that is important is for the NCAA they have red shirted their entire teams - they are allowed to come back another year. They are looking at 33 person rosters due to that which will effect the youth coming up. It has put a hold on all of 2022 unfortunately. All of the programs have moved to the spring. They will start March 1st.

Committee Reports

307 Select Rules: None at this time.

Adult Committee: None at this time.

Bylaws and Policy: They have been tasked to come up with some changes for the upcoming AGM and they are working on that.

Financial Oversight: None to report.

FWR/PC Rules: Nothing to report.

Judiciary/Discipline: None to report.

Membership Committee: Absent

TOPS: On Dec 13 USYS will have an interactive ZOOM meeting with special guests for TOPS players and coaches.

Nominating Committee: Krista Sweckard has accepted the position of Chair for this committee.

Protest & Appeals: Nothing to report

Risk Management: Nothing to report

Scholarship Committee: Verbal report given.

State Referee Committee: We have 221 registered for 2021. Working at continuing to grow that. He will be getting with the local clubs to get information on more clinics scheduled before spring season.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Apparel Partner Presentations:

soccer.com: Nigel Hatcher: Presentation on taking over our apparel business and what they can offer our state.

Challenger: Craig Alston: Presentation regarding our current apparel deal with Challenger - what they offer us and what they will continue to do.

Good of the Game: David Hayes said that there is a player out of Gillette that is playing professional soccer in Australia - Kudos to her! Fabian said congratulations to Pete and Madison from Lander who just signed with UW.

Meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM

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Executive Director – Report WSA 2nd Quarter Board Meeting: December 5, 2020

Events

- 2020.21 Winter/Spring Event Line Up
- December 19, 2020 – Family Game Night (An e-gaming event)
- January 1-2, 2021 – Cowboy Turf Wars
- January 8-10, 2021 – Pepsi Cup – Gillette
- February 19-21, 2021 – K² Technologies Clash at the Complex – Gillette
- February 27-28, 2021 – AGM/3rd Quarterly Board Meeting - Casper
- April 10-11, 2021 – Casper Spring Jam
- April 24-25, 2021 – Riverton Spring Tournament
- May 1-2, 2021 – Cody Shootout
- May 8-9, 2021 – Snicker’s Cup
- May 15-16, 2021 – Battle in the Springs
- May 29-31, 2021 – WY Cup & Championships
- WY AGM
- Clarion in Casper
- One day workshops featuring:
- Second City Improv (3 hours)
- GotSport
- Sports Thread
- SafeSport (Tentative)
- Challenger/Soccer.com (???)
- AGM – Saturday afternoon
- Awards – Saturday evening
- Board meeting – Sunday morning – Hogadon Basin Ski Area
- ½ Day Ski Event – Sunday afternoon
- Election Info slated to go out Dec (VP, Treasurer, Dist 1, 3, 5)
- David Eldred’s term limits will be up at AGM
- All Districts have been notified – elections deadline is Jan 13, 2021
- Krista Sweckard has agreed to chair nominations committee
- Awards Nominations opened Dec 4 (deadline is January 8)
- State Office will facilitate the process
- WSA BOD will conduct blind evaluations of candidates for selection
- WY 307 Select Program/ODP
- ODP Shelved for 2020-2021 due to event cancellations
- WY 307 Teams training during the winter – planning for events (some cancelled)
- Committee formed to look at 307 Select Program for ages 15U+

- First meeting Dec 6
- Communications
- Regular communications being sent from state
- Monthly Newsletters
- Club Leaders Communications
- Coach Monthly Newsletter – Established Sept
- Establishing/maintaining communications with
- Dubois Boys & Girls Club (through Casper)
- Wheatland – several recent attempts
- Boys & Girls Club of Eastern Shoshone Tribe – provided Futsal equipment for the winter
- Innovate to Grow Grant
- USSF not initiating for 2021
- USSF is providing COVID-19 Relief Grants for Members
- Up to \$15K
- Application Dec 1 – Dec 31
- WSA is applying for support with coach/referee education and instruction and possibly overhead qualifying expenses
- Recently received \$1677 for 2019 Futsal ITG Grant that was due following final financial reporting
- Staff
- Personnel Changes
- Casey Nix's position as 307/ODP Team Administrator was eliminated as of Oct 1, 2020 resigned as of 9/15 from Program Administrator Position
- 1. No plans to replace state program administrative staff - duties now handled at state office by Laura with my support
- Don Maples resigned from his position as Technical Advisor as of Nov 1, 2020
- 1. No plans to replace him at this time
- Meetings
- All Staff
- 2. Occurring Every 2 weeks (Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.)
- Technical Staff
- 1. Occurring Every 2 weeks (Tuesdays at 11:15 – opposite regular staff meetings)
- Web Site
- Laura is updating
- Several upcoming changes
- AGM/Awards Page
- College Connection Update to reflect Sports Thread partnership

- Establishing Regular Meetings/Communication with Club Leaders
- Clubs Visits since last board meeting
- Douglas
- Torrington
- Gillette (virtually)
- Clubs yet to visit for 2020:
- Razor City Renegades
- Sheridan
- Newcastle
- Upton
- Office Hours
- Laura is now off on Mondays
- Lisa is now off on Fridays
- Will review feasibility of this plan month by month based on workload
- Partnerships
- Soccer.com has approached us regarding Apparel
- GotSport
- Weekly meetings to ensure consistency with transition to new platform
- USYS
- Changes to ODP
- Changes to Presidents' Cup
- Change to take place in 2022 with removal of Regional events and state events will qualify for Nationals – may effect WY Cup & Championships format
- Awaiting final announcement of Regional Award Winners – 2020 WY Award winners were nominated for Boys Rec Coach of the Year, Boys Comp Coach of the Year and Volunteer of the Year
- USASA
- Meeting with Wendy on Monday to ensure/enforce SafeSport compliance for Adult programs

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