



Wyoming Soccer Association- Board Meeting February 28 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 Late
District 5 - Southeast– Nate Ulness Absent
SYRA/SRA-Roger Brown

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

WSA-Exec Director – Lisa Hulshizer
WSA Office Asst - Laura Beurge Absent
Technical Director –David Hayes
Team Administrator - Casey Nix
Tech Advisor - Chuck Grenfell Absent
Adult Committee Rep-Wendy Brown

President called meeting to order at 10:01 AM

Roll Call: Voting strength for February 28 2021 meeting is 10 members.

Jeff motion to approve meeting minutes from December 5 2020 as presented. Anna second. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Open Forum: Lisa wanted to mention that at the Club Leaders round table they discussed and would like to the board to think about is a fall championship event for HS age teams. We have discussed this in the past but have never taken action on it. There were a good amount of clubs represented at the round table and they thought they could get around 20 teams. We need to consider what our rules say - how we have will determine the host etc. Dan King would urge staff to put something together to present to the board at a later date. One of his concerns is what age groups does it include. The other question is when exactly would we host it -in the middle of the fall or end of the season.

Executive Reports

Presidents Report: Verbal report given. Dan has been participating in online USYS meetings as well as US Soccer as this weekend was the US Soccer AGM.

Executive Report: Submitted a written report. See attached.

Team Administrator: Absent

Financial Report: Written report submitted. Jason would like to recognize the efforts of Laura and Lisa in keeping our costs down. We are in a pretty good financial position in regards to cash. We did get a cover grant from US Soccer for \$10,000. Total grants from the state, federal, USSF up to around \$90,000 which was a huge help. Budget will be finalized in June.

Technical Director: Sub Regional is next weekend rescheduled from earlier in Feb. Last year we sent 18 players to camp - we are hoping to send that many again if the ability is there. USYS furloughed almost all their ODP staff. They will now be filled from recommended staff from state technical directors. We

recommended 4 staff to the region. David will most likely take a head coach position this year as well as Brian Longbottom, David Eldred, Chuck Grenfell, and George. Camp is likely to be in Colorado this year, CSU, Dicks Sporting Goods, or the Airfare Academy seem to be the front runners. Wyoming ODP program - the end goal is to send 10 teams to ODP championships next year and it will be the 2nd weekend in January. Turf Wars will be the 31st -2nd and the Championships will be the following weekend in Arizona. This are moving along well. We are still not 100% sure camp will happen this year - but everyone is being positive and hopeful. This past year the 307 Committee decided that the HS group will be more structured and a more set schedule. They are hoping to have specific focused trainings and less more focused tournaments. They will present to the board at a further date. Discussion held regarding the 307 Committee's workings. David is working on a D License in summer and also some grassroots in the spring. The D License will be a longer process. Dan would like to push some coach education onto our HS players or maybe some of the local colleges in the state.

SRC Report: Nothing to report

Ratification of board meeting

District reports:

District 1: Written report submitted by Brian Hokanson:

Buffalo—Johnson County Soccer Association reported no current concerns however they question whether the new way to play league games is going to be ready and more efficient than during the fall. Report from Zach Byram.

Gillette Edge—Hosted the Pepsi Cup and K² Technologies Clash at the CAM-PLEX tournaments in January and February respectively. Indoor soccer/futsal numbers were about 20% higher this year than last. Overall registrations for the club were 25% higher this year than last.

Newcastle—No report. Had several teams playing indoor at the Pepsi Cup and K² Technologies tournaments.

Razor City Renegades—Nothing to report—Jana Streitz

Sheridan—Finishing up registration and numbers are comparable to previous years except for lower numbers in the u8 level. They are exploring ways to target that age group more specifically. So far Mars has not endorsed the Snickers Cup and so they are exploring the idea of hosting the tournament without them. Report from Regan Haswell.

Upton—Started meetings this week to get things rolling. Report from Katie Norman

District 2: Verbal report given - all is well, some struggles with new got soccer, most clubs enrollment is up. Still some issues with U15 age group.

District 3: Vacant

District 4: Verbal report given. 75 % of the clubs were represented at the AGM. Kurt Engle said they have 5 teams this spring. That is great for Douglas. They are hoping to get a class going for referees. Riverton has a new president Josh Saltgaver - they are hosting a tournament in a few weeks. They are fundraising for an indoor facility. Registration numbers are good. Lander has a new president as well. Casper adult league has just finished. Spring Jam is open - requesting each team to supply one referee. Tops soccer is hoping to get going again. Spring academy soccer is open for registration as well. Lander is struggling with coaches - David offered to go there to host some coach education.

District 5: Absent

Member at Large: Absent

Committee Reports

307 Select Rules: None at this time.

Adult Committee: Anyone 18 or older has to do safe sport if they are playing with anyone under 18. That is the biggest issue right now. They plan on going forward with all adult programs being 18 years old and older.

Bylaws and Policy: None to report.

Financial Oversight: Jason wanted to follow up on information on an audit. We did receive a quote - he does not think that a full audit is necessary - they will follow up after tax season on some financial oversight.

FWR/PC Rules: Nothing to report.

Judiciary/Discipline: None to report.

Membership Committee: Absent

TOPS: Nothing to report.

Nominating Committee: Nothing to report

Protest & Appeals: Nothing to report

Risk Management: Nothing to report

Scholarship Committee: Verbal report given.

State Referee Committee: Anyone registered in 2020 got 2021 registration for free. Many referee classes are currently scheduled. Still recruiting and hoping to have one class in every city every year. Hoping for 150 new every year.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Roger motion to approve Zero Tolerance rule as presented below. Jeff second. Discussion held. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries

Zero Policy Change Proposal:

WYOMING SOCCER PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

Proposed by: Roger Brown

Policy: Zero Tolerance

I.

LIST POLICY TO BE CHANGED

Penalties for Team Personnel (Coaches, Assistant Coaches & Others on Roster)

Depending on the severity of the behavior, the referee may take any of the following actions, as prescribed by USSF:

1. The referee may issue a verbal warning to team personnel by asking for problem behavior to be corrected.
2. The referee may tell team officials to correct problem behavior;
3. The referee may dismiss team personnel for irresponsible behavior. Once dismissed, the individual will be required to leave the area of the field immediately.

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated in local competition rules, referees are not to display cards to bench personnel.

4. The referee should suspend or abandon the game if team personnel do not leave the field and adjoining area after having been instructed to do so.

II.

HOW THE POLICY WOULD BE CHANGED

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4. The referee also has the power to warn or show yellow or red cards to team officials who fail to act in a responsible manner and may send them off from the field of play and its immediate surroundings, including the technical areas. If the offender from a specific team cannot be identified, the head coach present from that team will receive the yellow or red card. Each caution or send-off of a player, substitute and team official shall be included in the referee's game report.

45. The referee should suspend or abandon the game if team personnel do not leave the field and adjoining area after having been instructed to do so.

III.

RATIONALE

This creates consistency with USSF No Tolerance Policy regarding cautions for team officials.

Good of the Game: Tottenham won!

Executive Directors Report

- **Events**
- 2020.21 Winter/Spring Event Line Up
- March 5-7, 2021 – Wyoming ODP Sub-Regional – Laramie, WY (The Pitch)
- 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 22-23, 2021 – Battle in the Springs
- May 29-31, 2021 – WY Cup & Championships
- June 5-6, 2021 – First Round of 307 Select Tryouts
- Wyoming State League is open for the Spring
- **Numbers**
- Registrations are currently at 3,310 (total for 2019/20 season was 5,558 and 7,447 in 2018/19) and we still have spring season.
- **WY 307 Select Program/ODP**
- Staff planning to work together to create basic outline for a 2022 plan for ODP/307 state program – will be inclusive of state coaches.
- Committee working since December to look at 307 Select Program for ages 15U+
- May develop naturally as letter (a) develops
- **Communications**
- Regular communications being sent from state
- Monthly Newsletters
- Club Leaders Communications – board and all staff have been added
- Coach Monthly Newsletter – promotes monthly webinars, as well
- Establishing/maintaining communications with
- Dubois Boys & Girls Club (through Casper)
- Boys & Girls Club of Eastern Shoshone Tribe
- Innovate to Grow Grant
- USSF not initiating for 2021
- Applied for USSF COVID-19 Relief Grants – status pending

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