



## Wyoming Soccer Association- Board Meeting October 15 2020

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

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

WSA-Exec Director – Lisa Hulshizer  
WSA Office Asst - Laura Beurge Absent  
Team Administrator –  
Tech Advisor – Don Maples Absent  
Tech Advisor - Chuck Grenfell Absent

Technical Director –David Hayes  
Program Administrator –

President called meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**Roll Call:** Voting strength for October 15 2020 meeting is 7 members.

**Open Forum:** None.

### **Executive Reports**

**Presidents Report:** None at this time.

**Executive Report:** Submitted a written report. See attached.

**Team Administrator:** Nothing to report

**Financial Report:** Verbal report given.

**Program Administrator:** Written report submitted. See attached.

**Technical Director:** Nothing to report.

**SRC Report:** Nothing to report

### **Ratification of board meeting**

### **District reports:**

**District 1:** Written report submitted.

**District 2: Absent**

**District 3: Absent**

**District 4:** Requested info from local clubs. On concern is from Casper: Academy program numbers are holding. Futsal season is approaching. They plan on hosting a couple referee clinics due to ref shortage that we are going to have especially with NJCAA pushing their season to spring - along with High School and club tournaments. College Soccer is in Casper this year and hoping to have a partnership. Lander hosted their tournament - and had 93 teams it was a huge success. One issue that clubs are having is that in state teams are having a hard time getting in tournaments and possible issue getting their league games in.

**District 5:** Ask for reports - verbally spoke to each club. Cheyenne is continuing with coach education. Preparing for futsal and Tops. Purchased 3000 masks for their club players.

**Member at Large:** Nothing to report at this time.

## **Committee Reports**

**307 Select Rules: None at this time.**

**Adult Committee: None at this time.**

**Bylaws and Policy: None to report.**

**Financial Oversight: None to report.**

**FWR/PC Rules: Nothing to report.**

**Judiciary/Discipline: None to report.**

**Membership Committee: Absent**

**TOPS: Absent**

**Nominating Committee: Nothing to report**

**Protest & Appeals: Nothing to report**

**Risk Management: Nothing to report**

**Scholarship Committee: Verbal report given.**

**State Referee Committee:** As registrations were happening COVID happened and we went from 300 refs to about 200 referees. Everyone is experiencing the effects of this now. We are registering for 2021 now. We need to continue to push the need for referees and getting with each club and make sure they know they need to try and host a clinic locally to get refs. Dan King would like to really push with each club.

## **Old Business**

**None.**

## **New Business**

Return to Play Updates: Lisa Hulshizer: New guidelines submitted to keep them updated with our current times.

WSA COVID-19 Reporting Policy: Lisa Hulshizer: Presented a Covid 19 Reporting Policy.

WSA Policy 3d Proposed Change: Lisa Hulshizer submitted below rule change. Jeff motion we approve the rule change as submitted. Roger Brown second. Discussion held. None in favor. All opposed. Motion fails.

## **WYOMING SOCCER PROPOSED RULE CHANGE**

**Proposed by:** Lisa Hulshizer **Policy:** WSA Rules & Procedures 3) d

**LIST POLICY TO BE CHANGED**

**3) AGE LIMITS**

d) No player may “play down” on a team

**II.HOW THE POLICY WOULD BE CHANGED**

**3) AGE LIMITS**

d) No player may “play down” on a competitive level team.

**III. RATIONALE**

Many recreational programs use the “School Year” age method to ensure kids are able to play with their classmates, so want to ensure our rules accommodate/address all levels of play.

WSA Policy 2a(2) Proposed Change: Lisa Hulshizer: Lisa submitted below policy change. Jeff motions to approve as submitted. Fabian second. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

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**Proposed by:** Lisa Hulshizer **Policy:** WSA Rules & Procedures 2) a (2)

**LIST POLICY TO BE CHANGED**

**2) NEW CLUB AFFILIATION**

- Applying clubs are to submit the following:
  - (1) The data collection form, the non-refundable application processing fee and the initial membership affiliation fee. The affiliation fee is returned if the club is not granted conditional affiliation
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**III. RATIONALE**

The word “Wyoming” in 2 a) (2) limits clubs from outside the state of Wyoming from affiliating with WSA. There could be situations in which a club may want to affiliate with a state association other than their own (as permitted by USYS Rule 201).

**WSA Rules & Policies Definition Change: Primary Team:** Lisa Hulshizer submitted below policy change. Jeff Motion to approve as presented. Roger second. Discussion held. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

## **WYOMING SOCCER PROPOSED**

### **DEFINITION CHANGE**

**Proposed by:** Lisa Hulshizer **Document:** WSA Rules & Procedures

#### **I. LIST DEFINITION TO BE CHANGED**

**PRIMARY TEAM** – A team of an affiliated club that a registered member has committed to, been rostered to or that is a team located in the town in which a player attends school.

#### **II. HOW THE DEFINITION WOULD BE CHANGED**

**PRIMARY TEAM** – A team of an affiliated club that a registered member has committed to or been rostered to. In the case of dual membership, please refer to Section 8)c of these Rules & Procedures.

#### **III. RATIONALE**

Players who have dual membership should be able to determine who their primary team will be, and school cannot be the determining factor, as some communities may have more than one active club and if a player has dual membership in both this rule would not work as stated.

For reference, in regard to primary teams: Rule 8) c states: A dual membership player must state his/her primary club and primary team as part of the request for dual membership. The player will be bound to their primary team for Wyoming Cup & Championships eligibility and guest players are not permitted at Wyoming Cup & Championships.

By Law Changes: Lisa and Jeff presented the following By law changes that will be sent to Agenda for AGM.

## **WYOMING SOCCER BYLAW CHANGE RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMITTEE**

**Proposed by:** Lisa Hulshizer **Bylaw:** 502) 7

- **LIST BYLAW RECOMMENDED FOR CHANGE**

### **502) COMMITTEES**

#### **7)Membership Committee**

- 7.1. Review applications from prospective new Voting Members.
- 7.2. Recommend to the BOD whether or not to accept a new entity as a Voting Member
- 7.3. Periodically review existing Voting Members documents and determine that they are in good standing.
- 7.4. Solicit, promote and help create new soccer clubs.
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- **RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO BYLAW**

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## **7)Membership Committee**

7.1. Review applications from prospective new Voting Members.

7.2. ~~Recommend to the BOD whether or not to accept a new entity as a Voting Member~~ Present qualifying applications and materials for new members to the BOD for acceptance as a new entity and voting member.

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7.4. Solicit, promote and help create new soccer clubs.

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### **III. RATIONALE**

With clear guidelines on the provisions for accepting members, there is no need for recommendations from a committee, as any member application that meets the guidelines should be brought to the WSA BOD.

## **WYOMING SOCCER BYLAW CHANGE RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMITTEE**

**Proposed by:** Lisa Hulshizer **Bylaw:** 103 1 & 2

- **LIST BYLAW RECOMMENDED FOR CHANGE**

### **103) PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION**

1. The purpose of Wyoming Soccer Association is to develop, promote and administer soccer in the State of Wyoming with and on behalf of the member leagues, clubs, teams, players, coaches, referees and administrators without regard to race, creed, religion, national origin, gender or physical ability.
2. WSA shall be affiliated with the United States Youth Soccer Association (“USYSA”), the United States Adult Soccer Association (“USASA”), the United States Soccer Federation (“USSF”), and the Federation Internationale de Football Association (“FIFA” and collectively with USYSA, USASA, and USSF, the “Governing Bodies”), and, subject to and in a manner consistent with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, policies and procedures, and all other applicable requirements of each of the preceding, WSA shall develop, promote, and administer soccer in the State of Wyoming on behalf of member leagues, clubs, teams, players, coaches, referees, and administrators.

## **II.RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO BYLAW**

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### **III. RATIONALE**

The use of "State of Wyoming" limits us in accepting members from outside the state of Wyoming, which is not in alignment with USYS Rule 201

**Good of the Game:** Thanks to Casper Soccer Club for their help in the Lander Tournament.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM

## District 1 Report

Buffalo—Reported difficulty in understanding the protocol/process for state league games and would appreciate a more streamlined process for spring league.

Gillette Edge—Hosted their Meyer Dana Orthodontic Classic with 93 teams and 71 teams waitlisted. Limiting factor being referee #s. Most clubs reported issues registering with “new” GotSoccer and had to call support to get registered.

Tournament scheduling and ref assigning was ran under the Legacy system (old GotSoccer). Edge player registration #s increased for 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Planning 2 indoor (futsal-style) tournaments in the winter—Pepsi Cup January 8-10 and K<sup>2</sup> Technologies Clash at the CAM-PLEX February 19-21. Possibility of turf indoor events soon. Some Edge coaches reported concerns over the cost of league games, wondering why there is a fee if it’s just part of a tournament.

Newcastle—Reported no concerns from their president except questioning if indoor soccer will be allowed during Covid.

Razor City Renegades—Concerned about referee shortage and lack of playing opportunities for boys due to other fall sports. Do not currently have any teams playing, but likely will for indoor/spring.

Sheridan—No concerns/nothing to report.

Upton—No response

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Hokanson

### **Executive Director Report:**

- Registration Numbers
- Youth: 3,738 for Fall 2020
- Adult: 0
- 307 Select Program: 234
- ODP:
- WSL: 58 Teams for Fall
- Events

- Summer-Winter 307/ODP Event Line Up
  - Oct 31 – Nov 1, 2020 – ODP Training for Boise Event
  - November 6-8, 2020 – ODP Small State Event – Boise, ID
  - December 18-19, 2020 – ODP Training (07-09 birth years, & 04/05 Girls)
  - December 19-20, 2020 – ODP Training (04-06 boys and 06 Girls)
  - January 9-12, 2021 – USYS West Region ODP Championships - Phoenix
- 2020.21 Fall Event Line Up
  - Sept 12-13, 2020 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Casper Fall Classic – DONE 106 Teams
  - Sept 25-27, 2020 – 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Jackson Hole Fall Classic
  - Sept 26-27, 2020 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock Challenge
  - Oct 3-4, 2020 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wind River Cup
  - Oct 10-11, 2020 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meyer Dana Orthodontic Classic
  - Nov 21-22, 2020 – Wyoming Futsal League Games (Casper) – Tentative
- Communications
  - Regular communications being sent from state
  - Monthly Newsletters
  - Club Leaders Communications
  - Coach Monthly Newsletter – Established Sept
- Innovate to Grow Grant (SOW Soccer)
  - Received \$158K - grant extensions may occur due to COVID-19
  - First disbursement of \$39,382 Received
  - Covers ½ of first year allotment
  - Purchased club soccer balls for distribution
  - Club Grants
  - JHYS – Soccer On! Academy Clinic
- Sheridan Storm – TOPSoccer
- Working with Boys & Girls Club in Dubois, WY (satellite of Casper Club)
- Wind River SOW Soccer Program has been entered into GotSoccer and we will have record and access to participants
- Met with Rory Robinson – CEO of B & G Club of Eastern Shoshone Tribe
  1. Set to place initial orders for equipment
  2. Delivered Futsal Equipment to get started indoors this Fall/Winter
- Risk Management
  - Contract with new vendor – JDP
  - Staff
  - Personnel Changes
  - Krista resigned as of 9/15 from Program Administrator Position
  - ODP Administrative Duties now handled at state office
- State Registrar



- With new GotSoccer Platform, Laura has been designated as State Registrar
- New Email Contact for ALL GS Related Inquiries is [registrar@wyomingsoccer.com](mailto:registrar@wyomingsoccer.com)
- Meetings
  - All Staff
    2. Occurring Every 2 weeks (Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.)
  - Technical Staff
    1. Occuring Every 2 weeks (Tuesdays at 11:15 – opposite regular staff meetings)
- Web Site
  - Laura is updating regularly
- Establishing Regular Meetings/Communication with Club Leaders
- Clubs Visits since last board meeting
  - Lander
  - Riverton
  - Jackson
  - Powell
  - Cody
  - Worland
- Plan to visit the following later this month or early October:
  - Gillette Edge
  - Razor City Renegades
  - Sheridan
  - Newcastle
  - Upton
  - Douglas
- Club Happenings
  - RSSA & Avengers have merged
  - Pinedale no longer affiliated (temporary due to COVID-19 – hope to re-affiliate for 21.22 Season)
  - New Partnerships (All free)
  - Sports Thread – college connection platform +
  - eKnowledge – re-established – SAT/ACT Prep
  - Potential New Sponsor – Buffalo Wild Wings
  - WY 307
  - WY Cup
  - AGM

