



Wyoming Soccer Association- Board Meeting, October 23 2021

President – Dan King

Secretary – Annie Graham - Absent

District 1- Northeast –Brian Hokanson

District 3 - Southwest - Vacant

District 5 - Southeast– Nate Ulness

SRA-Roger Brown - Absent

WSA-Exec Director - Lisa Hulshizer

Vice President– Jeff Carruth

Treasurer– Jason Howell - Absent

District 2 – Northwest- Anna Venable-Absent

District 4 – Central-Fabian Lobera

Member at Large – Vacant

Tech Director – David Hays - Absent

President called meeting to order October 23 2021 at 10:01 AM.

Roll Call: Voting strength for October meeting is 5 members.

Open Forum: None

Minutes from the June 5 2021 meeting were presented. Fabian motion to approve minutes as submitted. Jeff Second. All in favor none opposed. Minutes approved for June 2021.

Executive Reports

Presidents Report: Not much going on. Dan has been attending meetings with USYS – they are restructuring their board structure and that has been interesting. Dan has served his 6 years, accomplished what he wanted and he will not be running for President again in March.

Executive Director Report – A written report was submitted and discussed. See attached.

Technical Director Report: No report submitted. Lisa gave a brief update. David is working on coach education in Lander, Cheyenne, Laramie and Gillette. These will mostly be grassroots with possibly one D license in Gillette. Joe Vasco has almost completed his C license and he will be moving into the ODP group to coach. We had 6 players selected for West Region ODP rosters which is way more than we have ever had.

Financial Report: Nothing to report.

Ratification of board meeting

District report

District 1: Brian gave a verbal report. Tournament in Gillette was a huge success. We had about 140 teams including the Equality Cup. We did have 45 teams waitlisted but unfortunately due to lack of referees we couldn't accommodate them. Brian did express his concern about the new GotSport and the lack of support. Registration is open for the two indoor tournaments in Gillette this coming January and February. Huge thanks to Casper for bringing 30 referees to the tournament and Sheridan for sharing their goals.

District 2 –Absent

District 3 - Absent

District 4 – Fabian gave a verbal report. Riverton is not happy with the way state league is working out. If someone could reach out to Josh with Riverton to discuss. Lander held a great tournament – everything went well other than shortage of referees. Stephanie Weaver is a new assignor and she did a great job for Lander.

District 5 – Nate gave a verbal report. Local rec league in Cheyenne is growing. Lots of people participating. All the club teams have been traveling and playing. Nothing from Laramie or Torrington.

Member at Large: Vacant at this time.

Committee Reports

307/ODP Committee Report – Nothing to report

Adult Committee – Nothing to report

Bylaws and Policy – Currently working on a few things to be presented at the AGM.

Financial Oversight – Nothing to report

FWR/PC Rules – Nothing to report

Judiciary/Discipline – Nothing to report

Membership Committee – Nothing to report outside of numbers reported in the ED written report.

Nominating Committee – Nothing at this time.

Protest & Appeals – Nothing to report

Risk Management – Nothing to report

State Referee Committee – Nothing to report

TOPS – Nothing to report

Scholarship Committee: Nothing to report.

Old Business

None

New Business – Rule 29 Proposal and Presidents Cup (See Rule attached with changes) Jeff motion to approve the policy change as presented. Brian second. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Good of the Game: Fabian wanted to acknowledge Dan Kings efforts and contributions as President of Wyoming Soccer these past few years.

Jeff motion to adjourn Fabian second. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted by,

Annie Graham
WSA Secretary

Executive Director – Report WSA 1st Quarter Board Meeting: October 23, 2021

I.Event Recaps

- a. Fall 2021 Event Recap
 - i.Sept 11-12, 2021 – Casper Fall Classic
 1. 143 Teams
 - a. 65 Girls
 - b. 78 Boys/Coed
 - ii.Sept 25-26, 2021 – Rock Challenge
 1. 65 Teams
 - a. 25 Girls
 - b. 40 Boys/Coed
 - iii.Oct 1-2 – Fremont Toyota Shootout
 1. 99 Teams
 - a. 41 Girls
 - b. 58 Boys/Coed
 - iv.Oct 9-10 – Meyer Dana Orthodontic Classic
 1. 131 Teams
 - a. 54 Girls
 - b. 66 Boys
 - c. 11 Coed
 - v.Oct 9-10, 2021 – Equality State Championships
 1. 13 Teams
 - a. 3 Girls
 - b. 10 Boys
 2. Survey sent to parents for future planning of event

II.Winter Events

- a. Cowboy Turf Wars – Dec 31-Jan1
- b. Pepsi Cup – Jan 7-9, 2022
- c. K² Technologies Clash at the Complex – Feb 18-20, 2022

III.Numbers

- a. Registrations are currently at 2596 (not complete yet for Fall)

IV.WY 307 Select Program

- a. Tryouts held, June, July, August
 - i.Total – 325 Players
 1. 159 Girls
 2. 166 Boys
 - b. Program Registrants – 254 Players
 - i.Total of 10 Teams
 1. 118 Girls
 2. 136 Boys
 - c. State trainings slated for Jan, Feb & Mar

V.WY ODP Program

- a. Tryouts held June, July, August
 - i.Total – 197 Players
 1. 90 Girls
 2. 107 Boys
 - b. Program Registrants – 128 Players
 - i.Total of 9 teams
 1. 56 Girls
 2. 71 Boys
 - c. Should have uniforms for Boise – will be paid for by players over 3 years and managed by WSA

- d. Players are WSA responsibility in Mesa for duration of event. Will have 2 staff, coaches and managers for all teams and chaperones (2 per team).

VI.SOW Soccer

- a. Working with a coach in Star Valley to start on programming- previous coach fell through
- b. No new progress on reservation and/or Wheatland (Delivery of goals for fall programming was significantly delayed – just recently shipped)

VII.Sponsorships/Grants

- a. Innovate to Grow window opened Oct 15th – will close Nov 15th
 - i.*NEW* this year - Recovery support for an existing program which will provide a maximum of one year of support, with the amount limited to 50% of the cost of the program, up to a maximum of \$40,000. ITG will support programming costs only and will not cover personnel, office, or overhead costs.
 - ii.Have contacted Roger about a referee program, as well.
- b. Josh Webb has 2 companies (each looking at \$5-10K) who are interested in sponsoring WY 307 Select
 - i.Have sent \$10K draft proposal to Josh
- c. \$69M allotted to WY for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) signed by President Biden in March. \$ will be distributed to municipalities, but there is a plan of action to be taken for sports as a part of this. Info will go out to clubs on this with an outline on how to take advantage of these funds, which includes an impact statement.

VIII.WY AGM

- a. March 12-13 – Casper
- b. Partnering with Positive Coaching Alliance
 - i.Travel Expenses only
 - ii.Budget of \$3-4K set aside to possibly assist clubs with future partnership – no obligation

IX.Personnel Update

- a. Laura Buerge relieved from position on 6/15/21
- b. Misty Campbell hired on 6/22/21 (PT position at up to 25 hours/week).
- c. Chuck Grenfell relieved from position on 8/31/21 – due to structure change

X.New Partnerships/Updates

- a. Trace
 - i.2 sets of wearables for oldest teams in ODP – added value
 - ii.No cost to state
 - iii.Promotional opportunities for club use
- b. Wilson Trophy Company – New awards partner
- c. Challenger Update
 - i.Craig Alston is no longer with Challenger
 - ii.WY Representative is Jamie Chapman

XI.Risk Management

- a. USYS SAM (sexual abuse & molestation) Coverage
 - i.Revised policy states, “Each Organization Member shall also obtain Sexual Abuse and Molestation coverage limits of at least \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$4,000,000 in the aggregate, if available, as part of their GL and/or UL policies. If the organization cannot obtain that coverage because of the unreasonable cost, then the Organization Member agrees to obtain the highest possible limits it can afford from one or more carriers.”
 - ii.Needs to be part of budget discussion for 22/23 season.

WYOMING SOCCER PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

Proposed by: Jeff Carruth/Lisa Hulshizer **Policy:** WSA Rules & Procedures 29) c,d,e

I. LIST POLICY TO BE CHANGED

29) FAR WEST REGIONALS (FWR) AND RIV PRESIDENTS' CUP (PC) COMMITMENT

c. Qualification: To participate in Far West Regionals, a team must be approved by WSA:

Teams (13U – 15U)

1. Participate in the most competitive division offered at Wyoming Cup and place within the top 3 teams based on tournament points.

Teams (16U – 18U)

1. Participate in and acquire the most team points in Wyoming State League.

Teams (19U)

1. Team roster must be approved by the state.

d) Qualification: To participate in RIV Presidents' Cup, a team must be approved by WSA:

Teams (13U – 15U)

1. Participate in the most competitive division offered at Wyoming Cup and place within the top 3 teams based on tournament points.

Teams (16U – 17U)

1. Participate in Wyoming State League.

e) If two (2) or more teams in the 16U – 20U group have committed and have met qualifications, those teams will be required to play off to determine which team can advance. The play-off games must occur on or before March 1, in certain circumstances, the teams will be responsible for arranging fields and USSF certified referees. For teams 13U – 15U, the team placing the highest at the Wyoming Cup will advance.

II. HOW THE POLICY WOULD BE CHANGED

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c. Qualification: To participate in Far West Regionals, a team must be approved by WSA:

Teams (13U – 15U)

2. Participate in the most competitive division offered at Wyoming Cup and place within the top 3 teams based on tournament points.

Teams (16U – 18U)

2. Participate in ~~and acquire the most team points in~~ Wyoming State League ~~and place in top two in division in the~~ Equality State Championships

Teams (19U)

1. ~~Team roster must be approved by the state.~~ Place in top two in division in the Equality State Championships

d) Qualification: To participate in ~~RIV West Region~~ Presidents' Cup, a team must be approved by WSA:

Teams (13U – 15U)

1. Participate in the most competitive division offered at Wyoming Cup and place within the top 3 teams based on tournament points.

Teams (16U – ~~18U~~ ~~17U~~)

1. Participate in Wyoming State League, ~~and place in top two in division in the Equality State Championships~~

Teams (19U)

- Place in top two in division in the Equality State Championships

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III. RATIONALE

Changes to reflect current West Region President's Cup and Farwest Regional Event format and reflect our new regional qualifying event, The Equality State Championships.