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## MEETING MINUTES – May 17, 2011

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Board – Mike Todd, Naomi Johnson, Ron Lambalot, Lance Calloway, Jack Alflen  
Reps – Hal Uderitz, Lance Calloway, Duane Henson, Dan Campbell, Scott Sandygren  
Other – Ellen Hawks

Meeting called to order 7:10 pm. M/S/C to approve April minutes, with corrections.

Commissioner – Notes from May 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting are attached.

Treasurer – Will be sending out copies of our IRS 990 reports for the past 3 years.

Secretary – Would like to get an updated board list from all Associations. Will be putting together an updated District 1 Adm. Guidebook once new bylaws and policies are adopted.

NCYSA – Have tabled talks with Sno-King until they request to pursue further.

SYSA – Not present, no report.

Skagit – Have 82 teams for the Skagit River Tournament, last year was 50 teams.

Snohomish – No report.

South County – No movement with talks between NYSA and NWN. Association will start putting out a quarterly online newsletter. Working on clinics for July, August.

WCYSA – The last weekend of spring is coming up, have had problems getting all the games in due to rain and field conditions.

WIYSA – Not present, no report.

Disciplinary – No report.

Top Soccer – Still working on trying to get a program in NCYSA, have a contact in Marysville that is interested. Arena Sports has donated space and equipment for the SYSA program. Have players in Whatcom and program going great. Coaching Certificate Seminar was held with 15 coaches.

NPSL – The website has been updated with branding and logo in preparation for registration opening on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We have added a section documenting the league winners as well as performance of member teams in state cup. Meeting with D3/NPSL leadership regarding older ages collaboration for 2011 is slated for this Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Next meeting of the NPSL Steering Committee is Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7PM at the Lake Washington, Redmond location. Things are moving along as necessary.

Old Business:

- 1) Budget for 2011-12 has presented; **M/S/C to approve.**
- 2) **M/S/C to approve all proposed bylaw and policy changes as presented:**
  - Document Retention Policy
  - Conflict of Interest Policy
  - By-Law Change to eliminate Dir. of Development (Art. V)
  - By-Law Change to clarify Conflict of Interest (Art. IV)
  - By-Law Clarify Voting (Art. IV)
  - By-Laws Change AGM (Art. IV)

Recommendation that all Association and Clubs update the same to reflect Document Retention Policy and Conflict of Interest Policy.

- 3) WYS Bylaws Changes – As previous discussed District 1 has changes we would like addressed, these need to be submitted with a cover letter and a request to have the response send to entire Council.

New Business:

- 1) Ellen Hawks asked for volunteers for coaching seminars.
- 2) Discussion on WYS Pacific Exchange, good idea but is a logistical nightmare.
- 3) Academic Scholarship – applications reviewed **M/S/C to award \$1,000 to Briley Benner.**  
Discussion to review/revise policy and application. Need to get more exposure for this award.
- 4) Regionals requests received and **M/S/C approved:**
  - \$250 to Brian Janner, youth referee; further same amount awarded to the next 4 young referees who apply by May 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - \$1,000 to U12G NWNationals Red

Next meeting scheduled for June 21, 2011.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.

### May 14, 2011 WYS Annual General Meeting report

- Main business to be conducted was the election of new board members. There were three spots up for replacement (2 elected not to run again, 1 returning) and three added positions: the board can increase the size of the board up to 19 by resolution. They are now at 15. Six candidates were running, so they were guaranteed to be elected.
- Complaint, motion: The association reps expected that the balloting would be secret, but the process established by the WYS office essentially marked the ballots. By motion, the Council specified that the election should be by secret ballot; staff had to hustle to print and distribute new ballots
- Discussion/complaint: Several association reps pointed out that the voting methods in the bylaws basically guarantee that if there are no more candidates than there are open positions, it only takes a single vote to elect someone – even if everyone else disagreed and left their ballot blank or did not turn it in.
- Report: Old administrative handbook is now history: it has been converted to a new format called the Operating Documents. Association presidents were sent an announcement that it is available on line now. No substantial changes in policies/procedures yet; that work is yet to come.
- Report: Hillary Beeler gave a short report on the Member Services Group. She has an administrative blog. She has provided some resources that are useful for boards. Point was made by audience that if info is important, it needs to be emailed out, not just quietly posted on the website or mentioned in a blog. Hillary agreed to communicate in multiple ways.
- Report: Gary White gave a short report that USYSA Coaching Director Claudio Reyna has demonstrated some leadership and established a style of play and training methods that are to be used throughout the organization. Washington State will be a leader in adopting and implementing that new curriculum as it comes out. USYSA will be creating 500 training session over time. Big news is not the content itself, but rather that it is a positive move that USYSA will have a single uniform philosophy going forward.
- Proposal to BOD: A motion was made from the floor that the Board discusses and considers how to address Council's stated concerns about the voting procedures. Motion passed with little or no dissent. It was suggested that it would be desirable that a new board member could only be elected by a majority of the votes represented by the quorum assembled at the AGM, not just a majority of the votes actually cast (which presently only takes 1 vote, since there is no way to vote "no" on a candidate.) Council has no authority to order the Board to make changes, but the Board did not object, and Board Member Steve Scranton volunteered to work on this proposal (as well as some others that have come up) over the next few months. Any proposed changes to bylaws come back to Council for a 30 day comment period, but enactment is entirely up to the Board itself.
- Information sessions after the official meeting:
  - Korrio has yet another offer called Score for your Clubs. They are waiving the annual service fee for one year (\$1.50) and WYS will rebate \$1.00 per player for clubs that sign up before August 15, 2011. (WYS did not say where they had budgeted that lost of revenue/expense.) Thus, basic service for rec clubs would be only a single \$2.75 transaction fee per registered player in the first year. Other services (i.e., their Playflow system of communication, etc) are at additional cost, as desired by each customer. A long discussion ensued about how the data gets from Bonzi users to WYS database run by Korrio. Bottom line is that WYS has yet to work that out, but they now know that they need to get that described clearly for all club volunteers.
  - Tiered Fees discussion by Chuck Porter (WYS Board, and SYSA). He had a bunch of excel spreadsheets and charts, all too small to see. He has come to the conclusion that the \$12.07 fee is exactly in line with the way expenses are split between rec and select at the WYS office. (The basis for that conclusion was not clear too much of the audience. But no one could see his numbers enough to follow what he was saying that well.) He has promised to send out the slides, as well as a program based expense budget that was requested at the player fee meeting. He tried to get the room to agree that it was not worth looking at tiered fees any more, the room did not agree. The bulk of the discussion then morphed into the real driver for this discussion about tiered fees. One camp says that US Club offering services at \$8 is the driver – US Club is winning solely on price and we need to match that. The other camp holds that WYS has a better product that US Club can provide, but that WYS just isn't doing a good job of explaining what they provide for Rec for that cost. A couple of the new board members get it that it is a sales/communication issue, not really a money issue. No conclusion – more work needed. WYS needs to get the promised data out for people to review.

Interesting to note that WYS bylaws call for annual reports from the Board, all state level committees, and all Associations. Only 6 reports were provided: 4 from District 1 associations, 1 from Thurston and 1 from Tacoma, and a 2 page document that has a "first week" menu that sounds delicious.

Respectfully Submitted to the District 1 Board,  
Mike Todd, District Commissioner

May 16, 2011