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BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Sept 13, 2004

The regular monthly District III Board of Directors meeting held at the District III office, 501 D2 30th St. NE, in Auburn was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Present were Commissioner Paige Harder, 2nd VP Stu Snow, VP Competition Bill Worden, VP Development Ken Vannice, Secretary Marty Torres, Treasurer Mollie Burns, Ethics Chair Jenny Silverton, TOPSoccer Chair Alice Russell, AYSA MAR Linda Morgan, FWSA Alternate MAR Perry Woodford, GRJSA MAR Ruth Weber, HSA MAR David Marincovich, KYSA MAR Lucy Schuck, MpVSA MAR Doug Munger, MRSA MAR Wayne Braun, NarYSA MAR Steve Nelson, TPCJSA Alternate MAR Dave Painton. Excused: 1st VP Dan Flint, Disciplinary Chair Warren Wheelock, and Web Master/Scheduler Gerd Schmidt. Guest: WSYS President Dick Mohrmann. A quorum was present.

Motion/Second to approve the Aug 2, 2004 minutes. **Motion passed.**

Guests WSYS President Dick Mohrmann, new NarYSA MAR Steve Nelson and alternate TPCJSA MAR Dave Painton were introduced and welcomed.

Linda Morgan, AYSA MAR graciously brought a sympathy card for the young player from District IV who passed away the previous week. The card was signed by everyone and will be mailed to the player's family.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

COMMISSIONER PAIGE HARDER

Communications- Pacific National Soccer Park article in the News Tribune (Tacoma)

Fife and youth soccer officials are standing by their commitment to build a \$15 million soccer park, despite some recent questions on both sides. The city wants the 12-field soccer complex because officials believe it will draw players and spectators to fill local hotels and motels and boost other businesses. Both sides hope kids can play soccer there in 2006.

But officials said building the park will take more than just planting some grass on a flat piece of dirt. Some Fife City Council members worry in the long term the soccer organizations that teamed with the city might not be able to pay their share of Pacific National Soccer Park.

"Will there be enough money when we get buried into this thing?" said City Councilman Kory Edwards, who favors the park. "I'm concerned about our partners. I don't want to be stuck with a \$15 million park."

Fife's partners are the Washington State Youth Soccer Association, with about 140,000 participants statewide, and the Tacoma-Pierce County Junior Soccer Association, with about 7,000 local participants. If the project is done in phases as planned, youth soccer will hold up its end, said Brian Lawler, an attorney and spokesman for the state youth soccer organization.

Both sides say the recent questions are part of an evolving, complex land development, and they will be answered as the park is built.

"We're all motivated to get this done," Lawler said Friday. "It's great for youth soccer. We need to get our arms around all the factors that affect costs."

Councilwoman Kim Roscoe also worried recently about Fife making payments on two sites: 41 acres first bought for the soccer park and 54 acres where the park is currently planned. Total land payments amount to \$600,000 annually, city officials said.

City Manager Bill Malinen told the council that Fife can cover it. The city plans to sell the surplus 41-acre site off North Levee Road and is evaluating offers.

Mayor Mike Kelley said the council initially thought Fife would buy the land and youth soccer would handle the rest. Then youth soccer proposed that the city help pay for an \$80,000 master plan. The council

talked it over Aug. 24 and is scheduled to discuss it again Tuesday. Kelley favors Fife helping pay for the plan. "It's money well spent," he said. "It will help them get going on collecting money."

Lawler said when the arrangement with Fife began, the soccer organizations thought Fife would prepare the land for development and buy it. When the land "was good to go," youth soccer would develop fields and facilities, he said.

But it's clear now that details and costs need to be better identified, he said. The master plan, which will take 10 months, should help clear up questions and give the soccer organizations enough information to start raising funds to develop the site, he said.

Fife has spent about \$7 million on land for a soccer park - \$4.3 million for the current location near the intersection of 20th Street East and 70th Avenue East, and \$2.7 million for the site on North Levee Road now up for sale.

The new site isn't problem-free. Several of the planned fields might be bulldozed if and when the proposed Puyallup-to-Tacoma extension of the Highway 167 freeway is built, though Fife and the state Department of Transportation are negotiating to minimize impacts.

Utilities must be connected to the site, but hookups are closer and less expensive than at the North Levee Road property. And salmon-bearing Hylebos Creek, which flows near the park property, must be protected.

The project has evolved over the years. Fife bought the original site in 2001-02 to build a city-run soccer park. Then the soccer organizations expressed an interest. Both sides began working on engineering and design and decided that the original land was too costly to develop and too remote from the city commercial district and Interstate 5.

The estimated cost to extend utilities was about \$2 million, Lawler said. So both sides shifted their focus to the 54-acre site. It not only provides a more visible and larger site for fields and facilities, but also accommodates Fife's need for flood control on the Hylebos Creek basin. Some of the lower-lying soccer fields will be used to absorb winter rain runoff. City Manager Malinen said the process to permit and build the park is long and complex. "But that doesn't diminish the commitments on both sides," he said.

Report

1. The past month has been very hectic with league scheduling taking up the major portion of my time. It seems we think we have it handled at the beginning of August then comes all the changes after the schedules come out. What a mess. This year was no exception. I hope in the future to come up with scheduling meetings with the Association VP Comps and the District III VP Comp to help alleviate all the changes.
2. WSYSA has vacancies for some of their committee chairs. As of this writing they are; Recreation Committee Director, Nominating Committee Director, Play On Committee Director, Ethics Committee Director and Communications Committee Director. If anyone is interested in any of these committee chairs please contact Paige Harder.
3. At our last state board meeting Loretta Taylor, Treasurer for WSYSA, announced that she was resigning her position for personal reasons. Henry Robicheau had also announced his resignation earlier. His position was filled by appointment by Bryan Vasbinder. WSYSA still has openings for Treasurer and for 2nd VP. I believe we will be looking to fill these positions. Anyone interested please contact Paige Harder or Dick Mohrmann.
4. At our last WSYSA BOD meeting we were given a presentation from the Online Registration Committee. Over the past 8 months they had looked into a new online registration program for WSYSA to compare it against the SSDB. They did an excellent, thorough study and found 6 online registration programs that they met with and had lengthy discussions on what they could and could not provide WSYSA all the way down to the club level. They also sent out requests to all registrars asking what they needed to help make their volunteer duties easier. With the response they got and through their investigations they brought forward a group called Bonzi. The BOD listened to their proposal and asked many questions. After the presentation there was much discussion and it was decided to wait a week for any questions that we all may have and have a telephone vote as to whether to use this system for next season. The vote happened on Sunday night and it was approved to have Bonzi as our new Online Registration Program. We are now in contract negotiations with them on costs etc. This system will provide on line registration all the way down to the club level, League Scheduling, League Scorekeeping, RMA, Board Contacts, Disciplinary and just about anything else you can think of. There will be a one-time set up fee for the club, association, district and state. That cost is unknown at this time but, as stated previously, is in negotiations. Bonzi says they can have the system up and running all the way to the club level by April 2005. If we would have continued with the SSDB program the cost to WSYSA would have been \$250,000.00 plus the hiring of two more programmers. And it would have taken up to two years to be accessible at the club level. I will keep you all updated as to the cost and the time frames of when Bonzi will be contacting you to start working on your programs. If you have any other questions please contact me or Dick Mohrmann and we will do our best to answer your questions.
5. Gerd has informed us that he is e-mail is presently not working. He is working on it.

6. WSYSA Executive Director-the committee will be interviewing 4 out of 39 applicants.
7. District III 1st VP Dan Flint has resigned due to work conflicts.
8. Bonzi cost is expected to be approximately \$799 plus a per-player fee.
9. On-line tournament application update procedures from the state office

2nd VP STU SNOW

Report

1. It is important for all of us to know our rules and procedures. I am available to any association to meet with them to discuss filing procedures, what can and can't be done, etc.

VP DEVELOPMENT KEN VANNICE

Report

1. Still have not received any applicants for either Director position
2. I would like to change the mod module reimbursement to REC module reimbursement
3. I would like to change the sponsored clinics to advanced coaches education and have the reimbursement policy be the same as the A, B, C policy
4. Would like to have a District III-wide player and parent meeting in December for the past season's U10 players. The purpose would be to go over where soccer is going for U11 and up, explaining district and select. Also having a Rep from all the high-end programs in attendance for the players and parents to talk with. If this goes well I would like to have a pre tryout session with the players on one of the State Cup weekends and then take them to the State Cup.
5. Would like to have a pre-ODP session with time for questions and answers, what coaches are looking for etc.
6. Please bring back your ideas and thoughts.

VP COMPETITION BILL WORDEN

Report

1. The financial summary was e-mailed to everyone. It is a record of team payment. I am working on adds, drops and who still owes entry fees. I will make a master database.
2. Associations are asked to let Bill know if they sent one all-inclusive check or individually for each team
3. Scheduler report:
 - a) The scheduling is now done and hopefully there will not be many changes coming up. Haven't had to redo any schedules these last couple of days.
 - b) We have scheduled 640 teams in 74 divisions.
 - c) The score keeping web site is up and working.
 - d) The referees are using the online disciplinary system. By the looks of things, it may save Warren quite a bit of time.
 - e) We did have problems with the scheduling this year. At our August meeting I had mentioned that we had too many teams requesting the top divisions and some of the teams would get placed in lower divisions. That didn't seem to be a problem until coaches saw that it was their team that didn't get the division requested.
 - f) I placed teams according to strength specified on the entry form. Numerous teams just circled the division and did not specify a strength. It makes placing of these teams very difficult. Some teams thought we should bump non-District III teams in favor of District III teams. I think that would be very foolish. The top division should be for the top teams. It is sad but District III teams are no longer the strongest. Others thought that a team should be placed according to its history of accomplishments.
 - g) If the method of placing teams is to be changed, remember that full participation requires a lot of people to volunteer their time and the placement must be done by the 25th of July.
4. A discussion was held concerning the many changes and late additions and drops. Suggestions for next year include setting a date with no more changes being made, a meeting with VP of Comps to discuss bracketing prior to entry forms being due, and we could send out a list of where teams are bracketed prior to scheduling.
5. Presidents Cup and information was e-mailed to everyone

Handouts- e-mailed to the District III BOD

1. Financial Summary 2004
2. Team Summary 2004

SECRETARY MARTY TORRES

Report

1. I will be purchasing a map so that each association can define their boundaries

TREASURER MOLLIE BURNS

Report

1. Working on the budget for 2005. Committee chairs are asked to e-mail their budget requests to me.

Handouts

1. Balance Sheet
2. Profit And Loss, Budget Vs Actual
3. Profit And Loss Detail

APPOINTED CHAIR REPORTS

ETHIC CHAIR- JENNY SILVERTON

Report

1. Our first ethics hearing was held. The letter of decision by District III was sent within 48 hours by way of overnight mail. We had great committee members from different associations. I was very impressed. Thank you to the committee.

Question- Who receives the minutes from the Ethics meetings? Answer- Kept within the committee

SCOREKEEPER JENNY SILVERTON

Report

1. Score keeping is working well.
2. I want to send a reminder out about selecting one individual and a backup to be scorekeepers. I'm still getting up to four or five scores submitted for one game. I need the names, the e-mail addresses, and phone numbers.
3. When a score is submitted by way of the Web, the intent is to add an e-mail address not believe it blank. I want, with Bill's permission, to withhold submitted scores from those who do not comply with the process, especially after having been informed more than once.
4. Question concerning the comment field on the scorekeeping page. If the comments concern referees, where do I send them? Please send to the assignor or MAR. A reminder is needed to inform everyone that this area is for scorekeeping only.

Handouts

1. Scorekeeping Procedures

TOPSoccer CHAIR- ALICE RUSSELL

Report

1. Tukwila held their TOPSoccer Jamboree to kick off their program. Twelve players were registered. We have the complimentary use of Starfire for 7 weeks on Saturdays from 12 to 2 PM. We will begin Sept 25
2. Contact me if interested in starting a program

MAR REPORTS

AYSA MAR LINDA MORGAN

1. 501c3 application has been completed

FWSA MAR PERRY WOODFORD- no report

GRJSA MAR RUTH WEBER

1. Disciplinary Rep will be John Weber
2. Referee information
 - a) Referees have had 2 years to updates their RMA clearance status
 - b) There has been an issue as to when their RMA clearance expired
 - c) WSYSYSA has declared a state of emergency so those referees can ref until this situation is resolved. However, assignors have been told by the SRC that they may not assign any referees that are not RMA cleared

HSA MAR DAVID MARINCOVICH

1. HSA geared up for new season.
2. New web page by Bonzi

3. HSA Seatac cup had over 100 teams this year.
4. As with all associations, we are short of adult refs and looking for ways to improve the situation. Held 2 clinics with mostly young people attending.

KYSA MAR LUCY SCHUCK no report

MpVSA MAR DOUG MUNGER

1. There was a grand opening at our new field turf site on Sept 1
2. A \$3000 donation was received for the Ravensdale Field Fund
3. We don't have enough referees due to RMA that have not cleared.
4. Margarethe Halliday is the temporary VP Comp- her contact information is on our website
5. Asking for everyone to display good sportsmanship on the sidelines and to make only positive comments

MRSA MAR WAYNE BRAUN

1. Things are going well
2. MRFC and the Cascade club have new leaders
3. A Jamboree was held last weekend

NarYSA MAR STEVE NELSON

1. 2004 season off and running
2. NarYSA utilizing Old Truman, Mason (field turf), Gonyea/Kandle, and Vassault Park for District and state league matches
3. Continuing FREE soccer clinics for Metro Parks
4. Steve Nelson, new NarYSA MAR and Disciplinary Rep. Dick Tallman will remain as alternate.

TPCJSA ALTERNATE MAR DAVE PAINTON

1. As mentioned at the last meeting two FC United players, Taylor Hoss, and Nik Besagno were selected for the U17 National Team program. In addition Danny Wenzel, and Tony Armitage, also United players, were selected to participate in the U-15 National Team Camp. Both earned spots in the final pool. FC Royals player, Tiana Brockaway was for the for the GU15 pool.
2. Seven FC United coaches were selected to assist in the 2004-2005 Washington State ODP program
3. The Royals have had their U16, U17, and U18 teams selected to participate in the NCAA Women's Final 4 Showcase, a top event for college exposure.
4. The 2nd annual Puyallup Valley Kick-Off soccer tournament was held Labor Day weekend.
5. Total team count for this years play is 364, with 450 coaches resulting in the scheduling of 1,775 games for the upcoming season.
6. Pacific National Soccer Park:
 - Website approved and should be up and running September 1st. www.pacnat.com
 - Continue to work on grant opportunities with government and private sources.
 - PLAY ON article by Brian Lawler in the last issue.
7. Upcoming Clinic:
 - What: Dr. Dan Freigang Clinics
 - When: Sept. 11 and Sept. 12. 11 -3 pm both days
 - Where: Mt. Tahoma High School (new)
 - Cost: Free
 - Summary: TPCJSA is proud to announce the presentation of a series of clinics by Dr. Dan Freigang - "In the Zone Training Systems". After Dr. Dan's presentation we will have coaches clinics by age specific learning. This part of the program is presented by TPCJSA, and coaches from F.C. United and the F.C. Royals. This is a team building program to provide all the youth teams in our association with a stronger and a better learning environment for the kids. Our goal is to provide the coaches with the proper tools to teach the skills of soccer and make it fun for all.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VOTING FOR DISTRICT III OFFICERS

1. **Motion/Second** to require a simple majority for the election of District III Officers. **Motion passed** with 2 nay votes and one abstention.

NEW BUSINESS

ROSTERS FOR DISCIPLINARY

1. Please send/email to Bill Worden if you have not already done so.

2005 BUDGET

1. The Executive Board is working on the budget proposal, which will be presented in Oct.

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

1. Will bring the proposed changes by November meeting

PAC NAT

1. The contract between Pac Nat, Fife and WSYSA needs to be finalized
2. TPCJSA has hired Varsity and is investigating sponsorships, partnerships, etc

OF THE YEAR

1. Deadline to District III is Dec 1

DISTRICT III 1st VP

1. Anyone interested in this position, please send your résumé to Paige

QUESTIONS FOR WSYSA PRESIDENT DICK MORHMANN

1. Q- Where does WSYSA stand on alcohol served on sites where games are played? A- WSYSA cannot legislate private enterprises.
2. Q- If the state sanctions an event and alcohol is served, will this affect future sanctioning.? A- Possibly

FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME

FWSA MAR PERRY WOODFORD

U10

1. Perry discussed FWSA's procedure for holding a meeting prior to the end of the season for U10s to inform them of their options at U11. They discuss the tryout process, etc. This has had a positive impact on number of players attending tryouts.

BLAST OFF TOURNAMENT

1. Have found more coaches cheating by putting in ineligible players. Perry sent letters to those coaches and their associations.

WSYSA PRESIDENT DICK MOHRMANN

1. I will be attending an assembly with other State Presidents and Directors of Coaching to coordinate more coaching and referee courses.

Motion/Second to adjourn at 9:39 PM. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Torres
District III Secretary