



# District III

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED MEETING MINUTES August 2, 2010

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

Officers Present: Warren Wheelock, Commissioner  
Wayne Jensen, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Administration  
Bill Worden, VP Competition  
Lucy Schuck, Secretary

MAR Present: Tracy Peters, AYSA Alternate  
Perry Woodford, FWSA  
Alice Russell, GRJSA and TOPSoccer  
Jim Bader, HSA  
Nicole Jensen, KYSA Alternate  
Brian Eaton, MRSA  
Ray Moffatte Jr, TPCJSA

Appointed: Gerd Schmidt, Schedule & Webmaster

Absent: Scott Hatfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Administration and Disciplinary  
Keith Vincent, VP Development  
Kathy Chromy, Treasurer  
Tom Flynn, MpVSA

**Motion** (Woodford)/**Second** (Bader) to approve the July minutes with changes. **Motion passed.**

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

#### **COMMISSIONER, WARREN WHEELOCK**

- Attended the Soccer Operations Committee (Oversight Committee) meeting this past Saturday, and introduced Perry Woodford to the committee as the person who will be representing District 3 from now on at the meetings. Thank you Perry for agreeing to attend. We know you will do an excellent job representing us. A report of the most recent meeting highlights will be given by Perry.
- Minutes from the 6/10/2010 and 7/31/2010 meetings are in your boxes.
- Had meeting with Wayne and District 4 representatives to discuss the possibility of forming a District Regional League. Wayne will give report.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> VP/ADMINISTRATION, WAYNE JENSEN**

- State Select Committee chair has resigned. In interim, the two co-chairs are Wayne Jensen and Mike Duncan.
- On Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, representatives from D3 (Warren Wheelock-Wayne Jensen) & D4 (Todd Lincoln-Don Stephenson) met at Starfire to discuss ways to improve the D3 league for teams coming from D4 and D7. D7 commissioner (Steve Seddon) had a follow-up conversation with

Wayne on the meeting points. This was an initial meeting to generate topics for discussion and the viability of any ideas it might generate. The topics included:

- Looking at the three models currently used in the state, The D5 model, the D1&2 NPSL model, and the current D3 model
- Select Player Pass for district play was discussed
- Relegation for some age groups during season discussed for higher bracket teams.
- League structure to determine what model would work best, the existing D3 process or a newer one. There was a strong desire to minimize creating layers of oversight or needless committees or rules. The focus was on a league with competitive brackets.
- Fees / registration costs to cover expenses related to referees, fields, scheduler and other admin costs.
- Commonalities on definitions of Recreational and Select was needed to ensure proper placement of teams.
- Seeding, CAP scores, or play in event to set higher brackets initially as options to determine where the top select teams should be placed.
- Two levels of select play for those willing to travel further was idea to minimize travel.
- Setting the league up for teams to move up to a more aligned state league to them move up into RCL if possible as it fits with the long term strategic plans.
- Field availability for possible neutral locations should relegation games be added at the middle or near the end of a season to minimize costs and field availability issues
- Communicating as directly as possible to all coaches on any idea or change to minimize misunderstanding and provide immediate input back before any implementation to avoid pitfalls.
- Mission statement discussed; if needed, would be directed at what league purpose is.
- Initial steering committee to eventually lead to some admin structure for league if needed beyond what already exists
- Alignment with all programs, understanding that we are trying to provide places for all to play and opportunity to either stay put, or move up/down/across based on player metric.
- Travel and geographic boundaries impacts on travel between all leagues.
- Use of the District Regional League (DRL) acronym for now in communications for clarity of topic initial emails.
- Launch date of any idea dependent on ability, we already have several teams playing across District leagues, no need to rush anything that would possibly be poorly implemented, better to change what immediately improves, and plan for what would long term improve.
- D3 registration date extension beyond July 31st, Warren took care of this and had it extended until the 6th for D4-D7 teams
- Mutually shared and matching information and statements on all three district sites.
- Operate with an "Under promise over deliver model," and make sure the initial product shows immediate value.
- Use this process as a method to bring teams back into district play that have left or for teams looking for alternate options that suit their needs.
- Keep all communications and statements clear and concise to make it easier for all parents, coaches, boards to understand what it is.
- Create opportunities to recover lost players or teams that may have become inactive.
- Working list of actual teams and where they are within districts / associations, as well as some demographic to create Membership Accuracy Studies to determine how many U9/10 players there are and how that translates into future teams. Identify reductions or increase before they happen. Start to look at "Why they choose to do what they do- cease to exist, move to other leagues, etc." Can we recover kids / coaches who leave because they can't find place to play or lose interest because of options available.

## **2<sup>ND</sup> VP/ADMINISTRATION, SCOTT HATFIELD**

- Absent.
- The team ID number will now come up when a referee files a report.

### **VP DEVELOPMENT, KEITH VINCENT**

- Absent. No report.

### **VP / COMPETITION, BILL WORDEN**

- **President's Cup**
  - State coordination -
  - The Soccer Operations Committee approved the President's Cup Rules for 2010 as written—they also approved the name change to the Washington Youth Soccer Recreational Cup. Meeting on Thursday, August 5th at 9:30 or 10AM at WYSA office.
  - ITSportsNet prototype for Recreational Cup registration. Here are the upcoming actions as we prepare to prototype the system for Recreational Cup registration for 2010:
    - Adopt letter of intent / Contract is being signed today.
    - Finalize configuration 5 Aug
    - Develop online payment capability
    - Work with Technology Committee for establishing corporate database access policy to allow population of systems with active data
- **District III League**
  - District 5 teams have approached Dist III.
  - North Puget Sound League (NPSL) IDL
    - Michael Murphy from SYSA/Dist1 Commissioner and Yousef Habash/LWYSA VP of Programs/ Crossfire Select/NPSL, contacted District III regarding potential collaboration on leagues between D3 and NPSL. We need to involve this group in the league formation process. I would expect that participation in the VP Comp meetings would be the correct venue. We are planning a meeting within the next 10 days.
  - PSPL/US Club impacts
    - I would like the BOD to adopt a policy that can be applied generally that would indicate to teams and clubs that standards, leadership, and continuity afforded by WYSA and District III offer higher quality competition and a lower risk alternative for teams than US Club/PSPL.
- **Information Systems**
  - District III will be involved in prototyping of Information System with Affinity in parallel with current systems. The same issues are involved with the ITSportsNet prototype. I am preparing a budget and contract for WYSA approval.
  - The components to be evaluated will involve the league registration process, generation of schedules, score keeping, standings, and disciplinary. This will be parallel to the analogous process currently in production at District III via our locally developed legacy system. Functions to be tested include populating separate systems with association originated registration data (Bonzi) and other legacy data sources such as the referee systems (Ridgestar).
- **State leagues**
  - My opinion is that District III should have online access and approval procedures that involve VP Comp. This would include summary reports.

### **TREASURER, KATHY CHROMY**

- Absent. Report submitted.
- Members of the Finance Committee met last Monday to discuss issues. Hope to have a report for the BOD at September meeting.

### **SECRETARY, LUCY SCHUCK**

- Please sign in. Remember to let me know if you will be absent and who will be attending in your place.
- Please email me your written reports.

### **SCHEDULER / WEBMASTER, GERD SCHMIDT**

- Registration has sort of ended, still finishing with teams from Districts 4 and 7. District III Associations have basically the same number of teams as last year, approximately 500.
- Starting to form the divisions now. We have more teams in the Recreation divisions now than we used to have, but fewer in the Gold divisions.
- Need to address the travel issues, especially for the younger ages.
- Registration went very smoothly.
- There was to be contact with the NPSL with the older teams but I have not heard that any progress was made. Northshore and Eastside did send us older teams.
- We will have our final placement meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at the District office. This meeting is to resolve final placement issues.
- Fall District 3 schedules should be posted on August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- For those Associations that can handle spreadsheets, the scheduling system can produce a spreadsheet of all home games for a club or association.

### **DISCIPLINARY, SCOTT HATFIELD**

- No report.

### **ETHICS, WARREN WHEELOCK**

- No report.

### **PROTEST/APPEALS**

- No report.

### **TOPSoccer, ALICE RUSSELL**

- Thanks to Nicole from Kent who is helping to get a program going for the Kent, Maple Valley and Auburn areas.
- McChord program will be starting in September.
- Also working with Orting to begin a program in their area.
- A TOPSoccer Summit will be held August 14<sup>th</sup> in Spokane. There is information on the state website if you are interested in attending.
- Budget. Would like to know if the money left in the budget from our decision not to purchase dinner tables could be allocated to TOPSoccer. There is about \$900 there. Would be used for equipment, training, Buddy t-shirts, etc for all the new programs that will be starting this year. **Motion** (Worden) / **Second** (N. Jensen). Move to reallocate \$900 surplus from award dinner tables to TOPSoccer program for this year. Discussion. **Motion passed.**

### **REC COMMITTEE REPORT, KEITH VINCENT**

- No report. Seems that they are not having state meetings. Nobody knows who chair is at this time. Warren will check with Keith.

### **SOCCER OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, PERRY WOODFORD**

- Attended July 31 meeting with Warren. These are the highlights of the topics covered. We can expect to hear and see or read more in the coming months on these topics. Some of these are in early stages and I do not have answers to many questions.
  - State Cups:
    - Presidents Cup is now the Recreation Cup. Rules, similar to the 2007 rules, were approved on July 31.
    - Commissioners Cup will change. Fred Meyer will not be continuing their sponsorship. New title not solidified yet. Founders Cup may be part of the title.
    - Challenge Cup title still in debate because US Youth calling the regional tournament from this cup the Presidents Cup which is confusing for everyone.
    - Championship Cup unchanged.

- The main event for state may not be more than 5 weeks long this year. There will be something called “play in”. These games will be in advance of the five week cup. More detail will be out soon.
  - The “Play In” may determine if your team is in the challenge or championship cup.
- Sponsorships:
  - Adidas not renewing their sponsorship with US Youth. Question of their state sponsorship is coming up later this year.
  - Continuing to look for sponsors for the state cups.
- One World 2011 coming to Washington State in July 2011. Thirty countries are sending teams to play in the month-long event. Similar to the 1990 Goodwill Games were drawn. The King County Aquatic Center was provided as an example of a legacy of the Goodwill Games. We want a legacy of fields from the One World 2011 event. Will be looking for a lot of help at all levels, including families to host players.
- State Concussion Law:
  - Expecting changes to the current concussion law in the next legislative session.
- Soccer Pacific League:
  - For teams in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia. Probably will have some sort of affiliation with professional teams.
  - Will reinstitute the Canadian exchange, but with changes. Will hear more details by the end of August.
  - Public announcement and more detail will be available soon.
- 2018 World Cup:
  - USSF spending 8-10 million for on the bid. The announcement is due on December 2, 2010.
  - Washington Youth Soccer has made a 50,000.00 dollar deposit to USSF in support of the World Cup Bid.
  - A process for donations and matching funds to reach 125,000.00 dollars is in work and will be on line soon. This includes the 50,000.00 given to USSF.
- WYS says may be fee increases thru USSF which will be passed down to the players.
- Select Committee:
  - Wayne Jensen and Mike Duncan are the new co-chairs of the committee. Much discussion to define select and premier.
- Equity in Soccer:
  - New County group which exists to create equity in underserved community with access to fields. This is a new initiative with intent to provide access to fields for the underserved members of our community
  - Starting with the county and cities could be brought in to the program.
- Player Pass approved for all levels:
  - Pass approved for all levels of play to use state wide for every league, as long as each league also approves their use. Passes will still need to be printed at the local levels.
  - Play up rules will be tightened up and review with new restrictions. By September 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be an online information/technology resource to track use of the player pass in order to limit the number of games a player can play each year.
  - Electronic game sheets / rosters will also be printed.
  - Stand by there are things to work out and do not expect it to be a perfect rule starting out.
- Online Coaches Training:
  - Coaches training will be introduced online this month for coaches unable to make it to other training opportunities.
- RCL Schedule:
  - Fall schedule should be published online Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- New Registrar Handbook was to be posted on August 2.

- Soccer Across Washington is working with The TPCJSA Don Mears on a high school league for U15 to U19. There is a group of people that cannot play on Sundays and Dons ideas will provide an option.
- The first Spanish coaching clinics: 22 participants in a Spanish language D course with 10 receiving the national D license.
  - An E course is coming up with a focus on females. There are 13 women signed up. Males are welcome too.
- The Top Soccer report was pretty much what Alice mentioned.
  - Summit coming up and Top Soccer has been added to the weekly in review.
  - Kent's new program was mentioned.

## **MAR REPORTS**

### ***AYSA MAR, TRACY PETERS, Alternate***

- Team who attended Regionals event sends their thanks for the District's financial support. They had a 1-1-1 result.

### ***FWSA MAR, PERRY WOODFORD***

- No report.

### ***HSA MAR, JIM BADER***

- No report.

### ***GRJSA MAR, ALICE RUSSELL***

- No report.

### ***KYSA MAR, NICOLE JENSEN, Alternate***

- Talks between Dos FC and Maple Valley regarding the possibility of DOS FC becoming the Premier option for Maple Valley has ceased for this Fall's Season.
- Mod/Rec registrations are closed and teams are formed.
- Petrovisky Park Update. We are moving forward, just waiting for a final bid. Target date is May 2011. There will be one field for sure, second field is still TBD.
- Cornucopia Cup was a success! We are grateful for the return of the original committee to run the tournament this year.
- KYSA has renewed our 501 status for 2011.
- KYSA is hosting D and E clinics this month. The D is full but the E still has room. E Clinic will be held August 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- KYSA Board approved a donation to the US Soccer World Cup Bid of \$1.00 per registered player within KYSA only if matched by WYS.
- KYSA has met with TOPSoccer to try and form a Kent Chapter. We have also invited Maple Valley and Auburn to participate since there is no chapter in either of their associations.
- Dos FC held their tournament last weekend. It was successful with an all Club picnic / BBQ following with skits and games. It was a lot of fun for everyone attending.
- KYSA has sold all of this season's Sounders tickets. These ticket sales fund our KSD Initiative that puts a set of regular season tickets into every Kent elementary and middle school to be used as an incentive for students.

### ***MpVSA MAR, TOM FLYNN***

- Absent. No report.

### ***MRSA MAR, BRIAN EATON***

- Teams formed. Registered 29 teams in state leagues or District 3. Only 1 team is playing elsewhere.

**TPCJSA MAR, RAY MOFFATTE, JR.**

- Kathy can now review the TPCJSA finances.
- May have a “High School League” in the TPCJSA area for fall. If teams or individual players want a place to play, send them down and will fit them in. This will be a recreation league for multi-age older teams, playing on Saturdays. Requesting informal approval from the District – if have objections please contact them, otherwise, will go ahead with the planning process.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- None.

**GOOD OF THE GAME**

- Blast-Off Tournament, Girls was held last weekend. Would like to recognize a team from Highline who showed excellent sportsmanship when they matched the reduced roster size of their opponent because most of the opposing team was stuck in the I-5 closure traffic – Thank you! The traffic and closure effected 36 teams participating in the tournament.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Division Professional Teams (Big PDL): There was a good article in the newspaper recently about the Tacoma Tide team. TPCJSA hoping to help get fans to their games to support them. Most of the roster is players who grew up in our area. Will give more information later, and will try to organize a “District 3 Day” or other events to help support.
- Next Presidents/Executive Board meeting will be held Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the District Office.

**Motion/Second** to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. **Motion passed.** Next regular BOD meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the District 3 office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lucy Schuck  
District 3 Secretary