



APPROVED DISTRICT III MEETING MINUTES Dec 3, 2001

The regular monthly District III Board of Directors meeting held at the District III office, 501 30th St. N.E. #D2, in Auburn was called to order at 7:06 PM.

Present were Commissioner Paige Harder, 1st VP Dan Flint, VP Development Henry Robicheau, Secretary Marty Torres, Treasurer/GRJSA MAR Ken Vannice, Disciplinary Chair Warren Wheelock, AYSA MAR Stu Snow, HSA MAR Laura Lewis, MpVSA MAR Scott Ruby, MRSA MAR Dan Haisch, NarYSA MAR Chuck Walton, and TPCJSA MAR Marian Bowers. Excused were VP Competition Brian Eaton, KYSA MAR Ken Ward. Unexcused-FWSA MAR. Guests were- David Marincovich, Debbie Hazen. A quorum was present.

Motion/Second to approve the November minutes as written. **Motion Passed.**

OFFICERS' REPORTS

COMMISSIONER PAIGE HARDER

Communications

1. USSF Disciplinary Action Report
2. WSYSA Disciplinary Action Report
3. WSYSA Officer Reports
4. A discussion was held concerning the WSYSA player fee increase, \$.50 of which is for USSF fee increase and will be voted on at the January 26th council meeting."

Report

1. Attended WSYSA BOD meeting. Of the Year awards were discussed. For the Young Referee of the Year, the state would like us to send referees that would be qualified to go Regionals.
2. We should be able to order ODP uniforms from our new sponsor after the first of the year. We can purchase at Soccer West and Soccer Shop. Associations, Clubs, teams, can purchase a uniform that would include a shirt, shorts and socks for \$21.
3. Discussions on geographical boundaries. Sanctions can be withdrawn (not covered by insurance through WSYSA). If anyone refuses to comply, a Grievance Hearing will be heard and a decision rendered. See section 8 page 5 and also 17 and 29.
4. Lori and Trent would like to have meetings with the club and association registrars to go over the new program. Please contact them for a time.
5. Gene Hummels would like to have a 3rd all players issue of Play On which would contain only information from Districts. It would probably be the June issue.
6. Wain had pins and awards for the President's Cup. All Districts are to follow Cup rules in the Administrative Handbook Rule 302 and 602.
7. Dave Shumacher was able to get another C course. The sign ups will start in January. The weekends are the first two weekends in May at Bellevue Community College. There will be no BU18 ODP camp. It will be by invitation only. Same as girls. Anyone interested needs to contact Dave.
8. Bill White is looking for TOPSoccer Chairperson. He needs to know who has TOPSoccer activities. Please let me know so I can let him know. His Ethics committee has dealt with 35 ethics problems so far this year. WSYSA will be sending same amount of referees to Regionals as we always do. Mo is working on the semifinal mentor-ship process now. Pat McNulty is working on ethics guidelines, hearing procedures and rule 602.
9. The state office needs to know what kind of computer systems each Association and clubs use at this time. This is for the Single source database. There should be a demonstration of the new registration program shown at the Council Meeting the end of January.
10. None of the rule changes Wain submitted were approved.
11. As of this writing, the Commissioners along with the VP Competitions that were in attendance decided it would be best for WSYSA to run IDDL with some guidelines from us. We are working on guidelines at this time.
12. Asked about a Player of the Year and Ron Copple advised to put a procedure in writing and submit to the BOD. It will be considered if it is put in writing.

Handouts

1. Reports from WSYSA officers, WSYSA and USSF Disciplinary reports

1st VP DAN FLINT

Report

1. Attended FWSA, HSA meetings
2. Attended District III Disciplinary meetings
3. Attended WSYSA Disciplinary meetings
4. Need time and place for GRJSA, KYSA, MpVSA, TPCJSA
5. Email is DgflintD@aol.com

VP DEVELOPMENT HENRY ROBICHEAU

Report

1. ODP
 - ♦ BU14 trainer Seth Spidahl had to step down from District III ODP due to his involvement with the state ODP Program.
 - ♦ All teams will be training Jan 5 at Sparks Stadium and Jan 6 in Auburn

Handouts

1. Dan Flint's resume for consideration as ODP coach

VP COMPETITION BRIAN EATON

Report

1. We are having the referee payment issue for President's Cup. Send bills to Ken Vannice. District III should establish a procedure and policy to pay referees.
2. We need to reserve the fields that Henry used for ODP for the upcoming Mini-LPT for May 10-12 and May 17-19 if at all possible. Include Fridays in case we need them. If the tournament can be completed in one weekend (including Friday) then by all means let's do so. Providing less strain on people's time (multiple weekends) and avoid Mother's Day weekend if at all possible. The weight of the games should be scheduled on the second weekend and the first only being used if necessary. The teams that choose to can play in tournaments as well.
3. The web site that District IV has used for scheduling, scorekeeping, and assigning referees is something that should be looked at strongly until WSYSA comes up with a final solution to the problem on their end. If the above deadlines were followed then schedules could be done and sent out to the association field schedulers to schedule game times. They would in turn send that information back to the District III scheduler to be posted on the web site. Then, if any game were to be rescheduled, including game time, it would have to be done through the District III scheduler to be posted on the web site. The web site could be used to notify all involved immediately of any changes. Even if a team did not have e-mail the opposing coach would still need to make voice contact 72 hours to notify the opponent of the game time so this would still be covered. Teams and/or referees would also be able to report their score on the web site as well.
4. Should bullet #3 not be possible it is my recommendation that in the future SKCSRA be used for assigning all referees for Mini-LPT's and the President's Cup. Their resources are much greater and they take great pride in making sure games are assigned. There are some logistical issues to be worked out on that but nothing we could not handle if we compromise a little bit.
5. The Scorekeepers scenario we are using this year is working very well. Unfortunately, due to the scorecard issue we have not been able to do a fair comparison this year. However, from a data entry stand point and getting the scores in timely manner scorekeepers have been a great asset. This is a great opportunity to get more people involved. I think outside of the initial search, once we had them it has been a much smoother process. This would become unnecessary should bullet #3 occur.
6. Speak with the Associations and see about reserving two fields next to each other with lights for October 21st to November 3rd to play the President's Cup games. There could be two games every night on the two fields provided the hosting association can help out and use other fields for their league games there could be six more games on each field on weekends. That would leave room for 84 games over that two-week period (excluding Halloween night). We had less than 50 games this year. It would also be my suggestion that the games be scheduled using the later dates as much as possible.
7. Paige and I have discussed forfeits quite a bit. It is my recommendation that forfeits be allowed on a one-time basis with a \$100 fine to be paid by the forfeiting teams association. Should a team forfeit a second time said team would be declared ineligible for future play thus forfeiting the remainder of their games and their association would be fined \$300. Should the game not be forfeited in a timely manner, the money collected from fines would be used to pay for referees and field costs for the hosting association provided the hosting association is not the forfeiting association. The hosting association

would need to submit the referees name and proper address to be paid by District III directly and the same would be true for the field cost. This would be done to avoid anyone attempting to improperly defraud money from District III. Any extra money would be applied towards awards for the teams. This is the only fair way to handle this for all involved. The objective is for all to play, not for a chosen few that get to play whenever they feel like it. I also feel this would discourage that type of action.

8. I would also like to suggest that there be a standard set up for associations offering to host Mini's, President's Cup and ODP tryouts.
9. Awards will hopefully be available in mid January and we are trying to do medals this year versus patches.

Compliments to Brian on his scheduling of the President's Cup. Not many league games had to be rescheduled.

SECRETARY MARTY TORRES- no report

TREASURER KEN VANNICE

Report

1. We have NSF league checks. Ken will send a letter to request funds.
2. NSF check from ODP. Henry to handle.

2002 Proposed Budget

1. The budget currently runs from March to Feb. Would like to propose a bylaw change so that the budget runs from Jan to Dec. Ken will email the proposed change to the secretary for distribution to the BOD.

The following is the proposed bylaw change sent by Ken Vannice.

Article V Section 2

Replace; *"The Treasure, with support of the executive board, shall prepare a proposed budget for the next fiscal year. The proposed budget shall be submitted to the District Board at least 30 days prior to the AGM."*

New; *"The Treasurer, with support of the executive board, shall prepare a proposed budget for the next fiscal year. The proposed budget shall be submitted annually to the District Board at the October Board of Directors meeting, voted on at the December Board of Directors meeting and implemented in January."*

2. Please note the following proposed changes:
 - ♦ Would like to budget for a banner in the window downstairs (under 1st VP)
 - ♦ Warm ups for each officer
 - ♦ \$500 to pay for tax preparation
 - ♦ Moved Web expenses to 1stVP
 - ♦ Change postage under Disciplinary from \$100 to \$450
 - ♦ Will move Disciplinary to 1st VP
 - ♦ There is a balance of \$10,000 in the savings account for teams competing at Nationals. The 2002 proposed budget does not allow for more funds to be set-aside for Nationals.
 - ♦ As there is a balance of only \$2,500 in the savings account for teams competing at Regionals, the 2002 proposed budget allows for funds to be set-aside for Regionals.
- Budget Questions-
- ♦ Why is the budget set up as a deficit? Answer- to allow for all possibilities for expenses. Many officers do not request refunds for all their expenses. The budget should reflect an allowance for all expected expenses regardless of whether or not reimbursements are requested. It was suggested that a balanced budget could be presented with lower expectations of expenses. Amendments to the budget could be made if necessary.

Please discuss this with your associations. Voting on the budget is at the AGM.

Handouts

1. Budget Overview for 2002
2. December Balance Sheet
3. Budget vs actual
4. Profit and Loss Detail

APPOINTED CHAIR REPORTS

DISCIPLINARY CHAIR WARREN WHEELOCK

Report

1. Dan Flint and Warren attended a meeting at the state covering the single source data base program. The program should work out well for the Districts.

2. The state would mail out Disciplinary forms.

WEB MASTER GERD SCHMIDT- not present

MAR REPORTS

AYSA MAR STU SNOW- no report

GRJSA MAR KEN VANNICE

1. Jeff Vert is proposing a 40 acre soccer complex in North Sea Tac

HSA MAR LAURA LEWIS

1. Thank you to Dan Flint for attending a Highline meeting.
2. The Holiday Cup went very well and was very successful.
3. As there is a referee shortage, Cindy Moore is trying to recruit more. Adults are especially needed.

KYSA MAR KEN WARD- not present but report was emailed to the secretary

1. KYSA will be publishing a newsletter to our members later this month. If District III would like to submit an article you can send it to Debbie Doyle. debrickdoyle@home.com, Or debrickdoyle@attbi.com (253)852-1054. The deadline is Dec. 20th.
2. Next Board meeting is Dec. 12, 7:00pm at the 116th Fire Station in Kent.
3. We have a high percentage of our select teams involved in the State Cups this year. 21 out of 25 teams will be participating.
4. We are trying to have a spring recreation program and would like to open it up to teams from other associations as to be able to form leagues. Please contact Carl Johnson at kysarec@aol.com, or (253)852-1054.
5. There is a skate party/registration for our spring mod and recreation league on Jan. 10. At the TLC Family Skating Center, 10210 SE 260th in Kent. There several more open registration dates and forms are available online at www.kysa.org.
6. Our AGM will be Feb. 13 at Sunrise Elementary 7:00 PM in Kent. One of the Board positions that will open will be that of President.

MpVSA MAR SCOTT RUBY

1. New President is J. B. Ruth
2. Working on a soccer field complex with approximately 50 acres. Still 2 to 4 years away.

MRSA MAR DAN HAISCH

1. Sumner Soccer Club will most likely stay in MRSA with some changes. Sumner has a new president.
2. Sumner High School is changing their field from grass to turf

NarYSA MAR CHUCK WALTON

1. Held 4 TOPSoccer clinics as a small pilot (trial) program. Went very well. Planning more for the spring. A coach and player from Sumner Soccer club attended to get ideas for a TOPSoccer program in their area.
2. Nortac held a Mod party with a Disc Jockey. Great fun.

TPCJSA MAR MARIAN BOWERS- no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

"OF THE YEAR" NOMINATIONS

1. Due at the January BOD meeting

NEW BUSINESS

PRESIDENT'S CUP CONCERNS

1. Administrative conveniences are taking priority over and hobble the Cup by which the majority of our youth could and would be served.
2. Oct 15 is a better registration deadline as far as the President's Cup is concerned.
3. The President's Cup could then be moved to a later date with Finals the 1st weekend in Jan. League games would be finished; better fields would be available.
4. Want to see a better program for President's Cup.

5. Some districts do not schedule games on the weekends that President's Cup games are held. Their season is then extended.
6. Questions as to why the State Cup Director does not handle President's Cup.
7. A proposal will be made for Paige to make a motion for rule revisions for the state BOD.

COACH'S TAMPERING QUESTION

1. A coach of a D1 team invited a player from a Classic team to play in a friendly with his team. The player then missed training with his team. Is this tampering? There were mixed feelings/opinions as to if this is tampering. If the coach did not mention next season, is it tapering? Since Coaches may not contact players, is it tampering?
2. The MAR is asked to present the complaint in writing with signatures and substantiated information. Coach tampering/ethics complaints must be made in writing to the District III 1st VP and may be sent to the State coaches' ethics.

BYLAWS

1. WSYSA Rule 602, 603, 214 and USSF Rule 701. Concerns have been raised concerning these rules and their implementation. Paige and Dan will visit every Association to discuss these rules.

ODP COACH APPROVAL

1. Dan Flint has presented his resumé for ODP coach. Dan was asked to leave the room so that this could be discussed. **Motion/Second** to accept Dan Flint for BU14 ODP coach. Discussion of Dan's qualifications followed. **Question was called for and then withdrawn.** Question as to if there is a conflict of interest because Dan is a District III Officer. It was felt that there is no conflict of interest as Dan is not the District III VP of Development. **Question was called for. Motion passed.**

FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME

ELECTIONS

1. Henry Robicheau announced that if a qualified person volunteers to run as District III VP Development, he would not run. If no one steps forward, he will run. The possibility of a chairperson for ODP and an ODP Handbook with FAQ was discussed.
2. Ken Vannice is interested in running for Treasurer for another 2 year term.
3. Dan Flint is interested in running for 1st VP for a 2 year term.

BYLAWS

1. Copies of USSF Bylaw were handed out

STATE CUP DRAW

1. Fife High School, Dec 7, 7PM. Marian would appreciate volunteers.

TURKEY TOURNAMENT

1. Thanks to Ron Copple for attending.

Motion/Second to adjourn at 9:25 PM. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Torres
District III Secretary

