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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**January 8, 2007**

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 7:03 PM.

Officers Present:       Stu Snow, Commissioner  
                              1<sup>st</sup> VP/Admin. – Vacant  
                              Warren Wheelock, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Admin.  
                              Bill Worden, VP Competition  
                              Keith Vincent, VP Development  
                              Bobbi Lane, Secretary  
                              Mollie Burns, Treasurer

Appointed Chair:       Gerd Schmidt, Schedule and Webmaster

MAR Present:           Alice Russell, GRJSA / TOPSoccer  
                              Perry Woodford, FWSA  
                              Jon Dawson, HSA  
                              Lucy Schuck, KYSA  
                              Tom Flynn, MpVSA  
                              Rich Sando, MRSA  
                              Marty Torres, NarYSA  
                              Jeri Schueler, TPCJSA

Not Present:           Richard Riedinger, AYSA

**Motion/Second** to approve the December minutes as written, no corrections- **Motion passed.**

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**COMMISSIONER, STU SNOW**

- Introduced and approved to appoint Keith Vincent as District 3's VP of Development.

**2<sup>ND</sup> VP/ADMIN., WARREN WHEELOCK**

- Thank you to Scott Hatfield for being the chair of the Disciplinary Committee this past season.

**VP / COMPETITION, BILL WORDEN**

League Administration

- A policy statement was developed for District III and CYL teams regarding league games postponed or abandoned due to the storm of 12/14 and power outages that persisted for the following week. The official end of League play was extended through 31 December. Many matches were left un-played, unfortunately. Some associations opted not to reschedule during this period (e.g. FWSA)

Awards

- Final standings have been compiled and provided to the proposed vendor. District III awards for first and second place will be plaques and medals as last year. CYL awards were medals for first and second place. These will distributed at the District III office on Friday (1/19/07) to association MARs.



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### Competition Issues

- VP of Development involvement in the team placement process will be emphasized. Hope to have Keith Vincent facilitate and champion the required communications, especially with other district's counterparts.

### President's Cup

- Video DVDs for the District and state finals were received from Skillshow. MARs will be provided the DVDs for the District finals for distribution to teams.

### Starfire issues:

- Permit applications for 2007 have been submitted. We will consider expanding the facility planning for Starfire to include U11. Where useful, we request hosting associations consider that venue.
- It was decided at last month's meeting to have a Presidents' Cup committee for 2007. The goal is to establish hosts and volunteers earlier in the season.

### Information Systems:

- The District 3 webmaster and system developer is Gerd Schmidt.
- Current initiatives include a higher degree of schedule integration across WSYSA. This would include association, district, state, and referee systems.

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

- Had lunch with Mike Margolies, WSYSA's VP of Development.
- Would like to meet with association VP of Development member, and then arrange to visit at the club level.
- Possibly set up a meeting at Soccer Fair in Tacoma, at the AGM.
- This position is still new to me. My interest is in the players and coaches.

### ***TREASURER, MOLLIE BURNS***

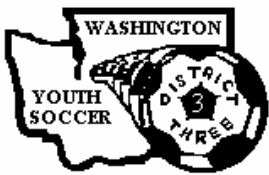
- December balance sheet presented.

### ***SECRETARY, BOBBI LANE***

- No report.

### ***APPOINTED CHAIR (WEBMASTER), GERD SCHMIDT***

- The season is now over and awards can be ordered.
- Unfortunately there were about 20 games (game 14) not played by the end of the extended season. It did affect some standings.
- It is now time to prepare for the 2007 season.
- It is now possible to retrieve real time data from the various referee chapters. The hurdle of the computers being able to exchange the data has been crossed and now all we need is for our associations to give us permission to retrieve the data.
- The data we wish to display is the game location and time and also if there are referees assigned to the game.
- We need our associations to instruct the referee chapters to allow us to have access to this data. There seems to be reluctance from some of the referee chapters to make this data available.
- The schedules in 2007 will then be changed so that each home game (in the schedule) will be a link that will display the game data.



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### **TOPSoccer, ALICE RUSSELL**

- Our Tukwila and Tacoma programs will resume in March.
- There will be a meeting on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> at the state office to discuss the TOPSoccer program.
- We are available to come out to your association meeting to help start a program.

## MAR REPORTS

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

- Disappointed in the handling of U11 field and player complaints by associations, districts, and WSYSA. Not everyone is playing by the same rules and the lighter the administrators take it the worse it will get.

#### PDL report.

- The PDL committee is very interested in seeing the GU15 and above Girls teams move to a season that does not conflict with the Fall High School season. The change is being looked at as one of the highest priorities of the PDL and in the best interest of the players. Playing league and high school at the same time is physically demanding and not a positive situation for developing soccer players. I have received positive comments from everyone I have talked too. There is some analysis that needs to be completed and I have made a request to each association or club.
  1. How many teams would be playing?
  2. How many fields would be required to play all games on Saturday?
  3. How many fields would be required if the ages were split with some playing Saturday and some on Sunday?
  4. Is field availability an issue?
  5. Does your association support changing the U15 and above female league season?
- To make this happen for the next season the rules need to be drafted and submitted by February 15. The plan would be for the girls U15 and above to play in early 2008 instead of Fall 2007.
- Issues and impacts include needing to complete tryouts and be ready for LPT's by May 1. But not have a league season for 6 months or longer.

#### U14 being added to the PDL

- The DOC's have requested that the U14's be added to the PDL. The comments on this issue have not all been positive. I have comments from coaches and administrators that want to see the bracketing and league formation changed before agreeing to participate. A couple concerns seem to be universal.
  1. The league needs to be more open to teams and clubs not presently in the PDL.
  2. The prior spring and fall league formation did not work for some teams. The leagues should be set by teams not by clubs.
  3. Five or six clubs should not be singled out and placed in a league based on what club the team came from.
  4. The league foundation is like teams playing each other and some coaches do not feel that is met by the current formation model.
- I expect a request or plan that will add an age group each year for the next 5 years. District 3 DOC's, Darren; HSA, Rob; FWSA, and Greg; WPFCA, are in favor of adding the U14's. The teams in the PDL would not participate in LPT's. The DOC's would like to see the LPT format changed. The financial, physical, and emotional costs are high with today's format. There is a proposal being drafted that could change the LPT seeding and cut the third weekend.
- I received comments from Tom Ament stating opposition to adding U14's.
- I need to know how District 3 and it's associations feel about adding U14's to the PDL.



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### **HSA MAR, JON DAWSON**

- HEAT/Eagles academy is starting up.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

### **KYSA MAR, LUCY SCHUCK**

- No report.

### **NarYSA MAR, MARTY TORRES**

- Mod Recognition Ceremony was well attended and lots of fun.
- Not much going on until after Club elections this month.
- Association elections are in March. President, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, VP Comp, Secretary are up.
- School districts want to charge \$5 per hour for the use of their un-watered, unkempt fields. Might not sound like much but adds up to around \$2000 a season.
- Vassault (Metro Parks field), is revamping field layout. Will end up with 3 large fields, one of which may be turf. Unfortunately- no lights.
- Baltimore Park- meeting with Metro Park and community went well. Plan is to expand existing small field into a full size with lights possible. Unknown how long this will take.
- What was the response to request for WSYSA to not sanction Starfire tournaments for \$50 entry fee?
- Thank-you to Keith for being NarYSA's MAR, and I missed everyone.

### **TPCJSA MAR, JERI SCHUELER**

- We held our annual awards ceremony.

### **MRSA MAR, RICH SANDO**

- No Report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Elections – Keith Vincent will be the election chair. Send nominees to him. Positions up for the “odd” year are: Commissioner, VP/Competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Admin. and Secretary.
- PDL – Perry (PDL Rep) submitted his report, see FWSA report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Girls Soccer Season – See FWSA report.
- U11 fields and players – Take back to your associations “Does this district want to support the current format?”

### **“GOOD OF THE GAME”**

- Welcome and thank you to Keith for stepping in as District 3's VP of Development.

**Motion/Second** to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. **Motion passed.** Next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Lane  
District III Secretary