



# District III

AYSA•FWSA•GRJSA•HSA•KYSA•MpVSA•MRSA•TPCJSA

---

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED MEETING MINUTES July 12, 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  
Scott Hatfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Administration  
Kathy Chromy, Treasurer  
Lucy Schuck, Secretary

MAR Present: Robert Chinn, AYSA  
Perry Woodford, FWSA  
Alice Russell, GRJSA and TOPSoccer  
Jim Bader, HSA  
Craig Fuller, KYSA Alternate  
Tom Flynn, MpVSA  
Brian Eaton, MRSA  
Dave Painton, TPCJSA Alternate

Appointed: Gerd Schmidt, Schedule & Webmaster  
Scott Hatfield, Disciplinary

Absent: Keith Vincent, VP Development  
Bill Worden, VP Competition

**Motion/Second** to approve the June minutes without changes. **Motion passed.**

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

- For some reason, has recently been denied access to state's email. It may be that there is a new email box that he didn't know about, but he will look into it.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- Absent. No report.

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

- Absent. Report submitted:

- **President's Cup**

State coordination - ITSportsNet prototype for Prez Cup registration. Here are the upcoming actions as we prepare to prototype the system for Prez Cup registration for 2010:

- Adopt letter of intent / contract
- Finalize configuration 19 July
- 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. Some issues associated with IDL formation:

- 1. Travel is a primary issue. We would need to negotiate with the division participants regarding willingness to travel to Dist 5. As you would travel for quality competition this is not always a given for local teams.
- 2. We prefer to have intervention from your Dist 5 administrators (VP Comp) for an objective perspective and to consider other participants and strategies in forming an IDL. Dist 5 commissioner approval is required.
- 3. Many teams are becoming dual affiliated to posture for decision making later in the process. District III had a reciprocal agreement with the CYL in this regard such that the teams dual registered pending final placement. District III would then refund fees to those who made CYL and accommodated those who did not play CYL in Dist III leagues. Perhaps this is an option in your situation until divisions can be more defined.

North Puget Sound League (NPSL) IDL:

- Michael Murphy from Seattle United and Yousef Habash LWYSA VP of Programs/ Crossfire Select/NPSL
- Contacted District III regarding potential collaboration on leagues between D3 and NPSL, more specifically for the older ages. NPSL has recently voted to move the Girls HS season to start in November at the conclusion of HS soccer. They have some girls teams who prefer the regular Fall season and will likely join D3. They are guessing that there might be D3 girls teams who would like to play in their modified season. Both options allow teams to play in the Commissioner's Cup, a plus for District teams and the State (only 3 teams in U16, U17 and U18 played in 2010 Commissioner's Cup). They also have some boys teams looking for better competition at U17 and U18. The numbers begin to dwindle at the older ages.
- Collaboration between the two leagues and expanding the offering to D1, 2, 3 and 4 teams would make the older ages more viable. It also gives people the option to stay in District leagues rather than joining the State league, which is more expensive, more travel and of lesser value as a whole.  
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.
- The WSSC Jet's B-U13 team coached by Howard Chilcott is seeking approval from District 3 to participate in the North Puget Sound League (NPSL) this fall. This request is prompted solely by a desire to compete with comparable competition during the 2010 Fall Season. They do not believe that sufficient like competition will exist within D3 this coming season.

- **PSPL/US Club Impacts:**

I would like to address as part of policy formulation, our District III philosophy for dealing with non-WYSA programs that have attracted many potential District III teams. This discussion is important from the standpoint of why District III soccer league exists and to what degree we would adapt to increase team participation.

- Firstly, I believe that District III adds value from administrative and technical perspectives. We utilize scheduling strategies and automated systems that allow divisions to be formed, schedules to be constructed, and communications to be propagated regarding league status. We interact with state as reps of associations.
- Secondly, we have a structure and knowledgeable officers that understand and execute basic soccer functions. These include disciplinary, placement,

development, etc. The structure incorporates rules, standards, policies, and procedures that have been demonstrated to positively affect quality of play and competition in the leagues.

- The summary here is that there is a tendency to forego standards of operation and process when customers/clients argue for flexibility and accommodation of perceived special requirements. However, it is of certain risk to respond to these pressures without a pragmatic approach to ascertain if the value added by those standards and rules outweighs the added customer base. There is inherent value to continuity of process yet we must be responsive to changing requirements.
- My personal belief is that the wisdom and knowledge of the District III BOD, individuals such as yourselves, must be exploited for decision making related league standards and operations and that the players and coaches opinions must be filtered heavily. Therein lies the ideological difference I see between what District III offers versus US Club/PSPL. The "battle" should be documenting the performance of our league and making that available for decision making by teams and coaches rather than short sighted, reactionary strategies.
- These impacts are currently impacting all associations but specifically MRSA has had to consider what strategy to adopt to keep teams. We have considered overriding rules and procedures to respond to specific team demands.
- I would like the BOD to adopt a policy that can be applied generally in these situations. I believe that such a policy would indicate to teams and clubs that standards, leadership, and continuity afforded by WSYSA 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.
- **State Leagues:**  
On June 24, VP Comp coordinated with MARs registrar approvals and fee payments for the state league applications. My opinion is that District III should have online access and approval procedures that involve VP Comp.
- Cap Committee meeting next week.
- Fall state league spreadsheet:

Team Name	Team Number	Registration Category	Final 09/10 CAP
FPSC Fury '97	303123107	U-13 Boys	N/A
South Hill Revolution B97 - Black	303129628	U-13 Boys	N/A
Synergy FC 97 Orange (Flint)	309209140	U-13 Boys	N/A
South Hill Revolution G97 - Black	303129660	U-13 Girls	N/A
Synergy FC 97 G Orange(Pogson)	309209385	U-13 Girls	N/A
FPSC Fury '96	303123080	U-14 Boys	7.15
CSC Arsenal '96 Gold	308201073	U-14 Boys	N/A
Synergy FC 96 Maletich	309209400	U-14 Boys	N/A
MVP Rapids 96 Navy	339580023	U-14 Boys	6.42
FPSC Fury '96 Red	303123082	U-14 Girls	6.24
Synergy FC 96 White	309209410	U-14 Girls	N/A
MRFC-96 Blue Kocher	311249054	U-14 Girls	6.35
MRFC 96 White (Adams)	311249086	U-14 Girls	N/A
SHSC Revolution 96 Heather - Black	311250099	U-14 Girls	6.79
Kent United G96 Green	317276131	U-14 Girls	5.77
FPSC Fury '95 Red	303123040	U-15 Boys	6.39

## **TREASURER, KATHY CHROMY**

- Q: When Warren is not present at a meeting, who is next in line to conduct the meeting? Ans: 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, VP Comp, then VP Development.
- Report distributed. 3 line items added to the budget to clarify. 2 on first page, 1 on last page so we can account for these bills that have come in very late, so are showing up this year. This year so far, we are paying out \$11,000 from other years. Reason: not getting the bills quickly once they come in.
- Auburn billing issue – Jan/Feb 2010 minutes reflect the billing issue we are still dealing with today, and they are now threatening to send to claims. If Auburn does not submit an accurate billing statement to reflect what was used for District 3, then they will not be paid. We have explained this many times already. From now on & no exceptions, no invoice, no payment. The new Finance Committee will be working on a clear policy about this.
- There are still \$8,000 showing for registration fees that we got late. Kathy needs the bills as soon as you get them.
- Volunteers for Finance Committee needed. Alice, Lucy, Perry, Wayne, Scott, Tom, Dave, Kathy now are on the committee because nobody has come forward. The Committee will form procedures so there will be one way to pay things and make everything clear from here forward. Looking for conference calls, and a meeting in the fall to finalize budget so that can get put together earlier this year. Need new ideas, but not one person should be deciding everything. Q: Can the Commissioner override a funding decision? Ans: Everything should go thru Council, especially when it comes to money. First meeting will be at the District 3 office, after that, conference calls should suffice. Others who are interested are welcome to come.
- Regional Travel Money – Already committed \$250 to Zach Pendt at our June meeting who has now been selected to referee at Nationals. The 6 letters submitted before the stated deadline of June 15<sup>th</sup> will receive \$290 each. Discussion about referee funding vs team funding.
- National convention attendance should be discussed by the finance committee. Q: Should we send all BOD or only some? Assign workshops? Should new board members be allowed to go their first year on the board? With money tighter, these things need to be discussed. One idea given was to have ½ of the board go one year, and the other half the next year. Do we need to attend at all? Also, want focus on what they do when they are there at the convention to help the district.
- Q: What are we building our bank accounts up for? Ans: Have not made any money and haven't put any in recently either. Checking account down until we receive registration fees again.
- WYS Awards Dinner is this weekend. Cost has gone up significantly to \$100 each person. No BOD member got any specific information about the dinner except back in May when the date was announced. Got one request from a District 3 "Of the Year" nominee requesting \$200 to send them to the dinner. Warren and the BOD decided that since they are representing D3, then D3 should pay for our nominees to attend, but will not be purchasing an entire table this year. A check will be sent to the Associations for: 1 nominee from Federal Way, 3 nominees from Highline for a total of \$400. The balance from this line item will be put toward the deficit we are currently showing.
- **Motion.** (Jensen) Move that \$400 of the available \$1000 out of the budget be made available for the District 3 "Of the Year" nominees to attend the WYS Gala Dinner should they choose to attend. **Second** (Hatfield) Discussion. **Motion Passes.** Checks will be written to the Associations.

## **SECRETARY, LUCY SCHUCK**

- No report.

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

- One team from Dist 5 has asked to play in D3 because they want a better level of competition than what is currently available in Vancouver. Have asked Bill to find out more information about travel, competition, etc and what was available.

- District can set up own Presidents Cup registration, as before, and set own dates. Now discussing online payments and a new program. Nobody seems to understand what is going on with Presidents Cup. Online may have to do with state leagues only, but the communication has not been clear enough to understand.
- Presidents Cup – Will have registration and have something up in September. Opposed to turning a system loose that we have no experience with on a smaller scale first. Tacoma declined to participate when they found that they'd have to re-enter all the players information. Need more information from Bill. Now, the state does not have access to D3 data.

#### ***DISCIPLINARY, SCOTT HATFIELD***

- No report.

#### ***ETHICS, WARREN WHEELOCK***

- No report.

#### ***PROTEST/APPEALS***

- No report.

#### ***TOPSoccer, ALICE RUSSELL***

- Have a meeting this Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>. Please send your Association representatives to attend. Meeting will be from 1:00 - 3:00 for anyone who wants to attend.
- Looks like Orting will have new program this fall.
- A new program should also be starting up in Lakewood.
- Q: How do the programs all run? Ans: How each program runs depends on area field availability and how the program is set up by the people involved.

#### ***REC COMMITTEE REPORT***

- No report.

### **MAR REPORTS**

#### ***AYSA MAR, ROBERT CHINN***

- Much talking about RCL, merging, etc. State seems to be pushing to become bigger clubs. Feeling is that probably won't happen. Seems that clubs/associations would need to merge premier club with another one who is already an approved RCL. Can cross share an RCL club that already exists. Lots of opposing information out there which makes for a lot of confusion.
- Girls U16 Synergy Team won the Kent Cornucopia Cup Tournament over the weekend – Congratulations to them!

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

- No report.

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

- There is a West Seattle BU13 team who has made a request to play in the NPSL this fall for better competition. HSA is asking D3 to allow them to play in NPSL this fall, because this needs Commissioner approval. Lots of discussion.
  - Gerd – When play inter-district, need Commissioner approval to play in other league or district. NPSL sent us email saying they've had requests from some of our teams wanting to play in their league, and asking how we would like them to handle it. We said needed Commissioner approval. D1 has policy not to allow, but we typically have more competition so usually get requests to allow others to play within D3. This is why D1 and D2 got together to form NPSL - to be more competitive. Perhaps a case of the grass is

- always greener, and could be that since not very many of our teams have registered yet – only about 68 now – that is why they are asking, in order to cover their bets. This whole issue has been discussed with Bill. D1 reps have requested a meeting which is planned for when Bill gets back from vacation, but that is in 2 weeks and needs to get dealt with soon. Many teams from D2 are in that league. The more we allow to go, the fewer we will have here, and typically the competition within District 3 is the strongest in the whole area. The team asking for permission is the '97 Jets BU-13. Q: Why didn't they enter the state league? Need more information.
- August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline – No movement allowed after that. Most league deadlines are around this time. There is potential that a team who wants to come back after 8/1 may find that there's no more room here for them.
  - Teams register with NPSL, but players register in District 3. We also do disciplinary here.
  - Much discussion. Permission will not be given for them to go. At this time we do not see a compelling reason to allow this, but could be persuaded at a later time with additional information.
- **Motion.** (Woodford). District 3 will not support the BU13 '97 Jets team playing outside of District 3 without further justification of level of competition. **Second** (Hatfield). Discussion. **Motion passes**, 1 abstention.
  - Gerd will make the decision with Warren and Bill if get additional information about level of competition because the deadline is coming up before our next BOD meeting in August. Bill is available via email if needed. If this is okay with everyone, that is how it will be handled.

**GRJSA MAR, ALICE RUSSELL**

- No report.

**KYSA MAR, CRAIG FULLER, Alternate**

- Kent Cornucopia Cup Tournament concluded this past weekend and was successful thanks to a hardworking tournament committee under the direction of Director Jim Drobny. Had more teams entered than Starfire Adidas cup and Snohomish tournament over the same weekend.
- Thanks to Warren for coming to handle any Disciplinary during the tournament.

**MpVSA MAR, TOM FLYNN**

- Talking with other Associations about what to do next year. Lots energy going into how to react and be proactive with the RCL, especially because there is no information from the state to work with and there are too many unknowns. May do some joint competition with other associations. Hard to know how to proceed with no accurate information coming about the regional clubs.
- Please make sure to have a District representative at any meetings that you have between associations.
- Q: how are we going to be impacted by the RCL next year and going forward. May be that there is no growth and no impact of RCL within District 3. All Associations are trying to cover all their bases for their teams and clubs. They have teams already involved in US Club/PSPL already.
- To form an RCL, there are 3 requirements in order to be approved: there must be 25 miles between RCL's, must have more than 4,000 players, and have state championship cup points that places you in the top league. Once apply and give your application, then it is voted on and they'll say either yes or no – still no guarantee to be accepted even if an association meets all the criteria. Very confusing and frustrating.

**MRSA MAR, BRIAN EATON**

- Talking with other area Associations. Interesting state league placements over last several weeks that they have been dealing with.
- Will have teams wanting to play in the USCLUB PSPL.
- We are getting different answers to the same questions on the RCL.

- In process of team placement, state ruled that all teams will play in either the WYS leagues or in US Club leagues or they will be out: this affects South Hill club. This will be in effect for everyone next year. Not allowed to play in both leagues. Auburn and MpVSA allowed teams in both last year. KYSA did not allow dual registration during fall league. Discussion will be ongoing.
- State – U18's division 1, there are teams that probably should have been moved up, others probably should not have. Obviously, CAP scores were not the only thing taken into consideration with placement. Would be nice to understand the state's system for placing teams in the state leagues so that everyone would understand the formula.

***TPCJSA MAR, DAVE PAINTON, Alternate***

- RCL discussion taking up most, if not all of the time during meetings. South Hill wanting in, lots of discussion. Not sure of registration numbers.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Spring soccer. Should we add a D3 spring league next year for U-11 thru U-18? Please ask your Association for input.
- NPSL is forming league from mid November to approximately January. Planned to have 10 games for girls U15 and above who play high school soccer but don't want to play in state league in Jan.
- Email was sent to Brian Eaton for U15-U19 HS league for anyone interested in playing. If this is inter-district play, need D3 approval. Teams will pay cost of playing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- None.

**Motion/Second** to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. **Motion passed.** Next regular BOD meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the District 3 office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lucy Schuck  
District 3 Secretary