

**WSYSA DISTRICT II
December 12, 2007
LWSD RESOURCE CENTER**

Present: Shari Tumey, Commissioner; Santa Kriebel, Alternate Commissioner; Michael Spong, NYSA Rep; Ed Eldredge, SnVYSA Rep; Jim Vordale, VP of Competition; Connie Nelson, Sec/Treasurer; John Addison, EYSA Rep; Joel Hussey, LWYSA Rep

Not Present: Martin Doyle, VP of Development.

Guest: Deb Sternagel, NYSA President

Meeting was called to order at 7:26PM by Shari Tumey, District II Commissioner.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of November minutes.

MSC #07 11-1 Vordale/Addison - Motion made to accept minutes as presented. Motion passed, one abstention.

Association Reports:

Eldredge – SnVYSA

- VP of Development for SnVYSA sent a letter to all coaches addressing the issue of referee abuse. This is an issue that is being discussed within the association.

Addison – EYSA

- EYSA recently held a retreat to discuss direction for the association. Issues discussed included: voting equity between large and small clubs within the association; term limits for presidents; bylaw changes; and expansion of the board.
- Still exploring the possibility of having a U-11 developmental league. The Issaquah Club Select Program has had much success with this concept and is willing to spearhead this project. SnVYSA expressed potential interest in participating in this league.
- EFC has added two assistant coach directors. One will oversee the girls program the other the boys.
- EYSA would like to see EFC become a more integral part of the association using their resources, including coaches, to help the association overall.
- It is hoped that the Preston field will be playable during the State Cup.

Spong– NYSA

- The new Canyon Park turf field has been damaged with the recent rain. A sink hole has developed under the turf.

Hussey – LWYSA

- Congratulations to LWYSA's GU14 Kickers on winning the President's Cup.
- On December 15th the Crossfire Academy teams will play against Washington Premier Academy teams at Starfire.

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- Tentative date to go before King County for the expansion to 60 Acres South will be in mid January.
- This will be Joel's last meeting as he steps down as LWYSA Rep and President for LWYSA. Andy Hill has been elected the new President and he will become the new rep or appoint one to the board.

Officer Reports:

Commissioner – Tumey

- There was no vote on the new calendar.
- LPTs for the 2008-09 season will be in June.
- Proposed changes in the WSYSA calendar will take affect in 09.
- Once the WSYSA budget is presented, Shari will email to all associations for review. Prior to the January Council meeting there will be a two hour window to address concerns on the budget. Deb has requested that all costs be spelled out. Shari advises that associations will get notes on assumptions that were made to create the budget. There is no projected increase in player fees.
- MLS is well ahead of its ticket sales goal.
- The MLS has also advised it is not interested in partnering with any clubs at this time.
- Current talks are under way to possibly bring the PDL under the state programs. This is an ongoing discussion but very close to an agreement with those involved.
- Some districts are having their own Summits. If you are interested in having one for District II, please contact Shari.
- There will be a new sponsor for WSYSA coming soon. Watch for more information.
- USYSA is rumored to be asking for an increase in funds.
- Soccer Fair will be held at the Tacoma Convention Center on April 26, 2008. EYSA will provide the demonstration soccer team and coach for District II.
- Todd McGann would like to know by December 14th how many people from District II will be going to the National Convention in Pittsburg, PA. February 7-10, 2008. Currently Jim Addison, Ed Eldredge, Michael Spong and a rep from LWYSA are possible candidates.
- District III will be moving their girls to spring to fall in line with the State Leagues.
- A new policy was created to help prevent moving players who still have financial obligations from one association to another.

Alternate Commissioner – Kriebel

- Happy to have a successful season almost completed.
- To solve the problem of equalizing the CYL teams who do not play the same number of games during the season (CYL A had 9 teams; some played 12 matches, some played 13), Santa will take a team's total number of points and divide that by the number of games played to determine standings
- This is the last weekend for the CYL.
- Gearing up for the girls Spring season.

Secretary/Treasurer – Nelson

- Budget vs. Actual Report was distributed.
- Reminded all associations to submit their field costs for the President's Cup.

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VP of Competition – Vordale

- President's Cup went very, very well.
- Jim reiterated the need for a co-chair since this is such an overwhelming job. Deb will be stepping down next year.
- Thank you very much to Deb and Santa for all of their help.

VP of Development – Doyle

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review of the President's Cup
 - Co-Chair Deb Sternagel recommends looking for another venue for district finals other than Interlake High School.
 - Notes to make for next year include reminding coaches that the rules for playing time are 50% per game at all levels including state finals. This is in compliance with the WSYSA rules of competition.
 - Also remind coaches that District II has no ability to reschedule games once they have reached the state portion of the cup.
 - Educating the coaches has been a tremendous help in most areas.
 - The procedure manual will be ready for next year's leadership team.

MSC #07 11-2 Krieble/Hussey - Motion made to give remaining two gift cards to the BU15 and BU16 wildcard teams. Motion passed. Santa will give the team mailing information to Connie.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Scheduling will begin for the girl's teams. It will be a 10 game season with no placements.

GOOD OF THE GAME:

- Thank you to Deb Sternagel for her years of service as the Chair of President's Cup for District II. Under her leadership the President's Cup has evolved into an outstanding tournament, offering recreational teams an exceptional experience in local play. Your hours of time and effort have been greatly appreciated.
- Congratulations to Eastlake High School's girl's soccer team who became state champions. The team is composed of many players from District II. Also congratulations to Chuck Krieble, their coach, who is an active volunteer in District II from SnVYSA. He was named Washington State's Coach of the Year for Large Schools.
- Thanks to Joel Hussey for his time, efforts, wisdom and insight while serving on the District II Board.

Meeting adjourned 8:55PM

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Nelson, District II Secretary