

NMYSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2002

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I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:40 am

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Jake Mossman, Mark Paffett, Jim Redner, Bob Schryver, Beth Gooden, Tom Dickerson, Cindy Kellenaers, Gary Concannon, Dennis LaDriere, Mike Oney, Jon Schoonover, Brett Bradshaw.

Members Absent: Debbie Doss (excused); Carol Rhodes Devine (excused); Kirsten Ullstrom; Jack Houston (excused)

III. Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

IV. Communication

E-mail from San Diego tournament. They would like to advertise on our web page. (2) FL Dean & Assoc. Insurance Company requested permission to bid. Discussion to open insurance policies up for bid. Bob Schryver will work on bid and get with Cindy. Will go out for 3-year span. Must be out before 4/1/02. (3) International Center for Education & Sports has implied a connection with Hawaii Youth Soccer. If Hawaii is benefiting then we will try to support. (4) Request from Taylor Ranch to return fees. This has already been dealt with. More information may be presented which could result in additional charges/hearings. Jake will keep the BOD informed. (5) Bill Flor asked about the MasterCard offer. Still pending. Jake will follow up. If not profitable (at least \$300.00) then we won't do.

V. Financial Report

The financial report is looking good. ODP now has a tracking spreadsheet for players. There are some players that are in small pool but have not paid for the large pool, as they should have. Jim needs to identify and ask Mary to resolve. It was noted that advertising still looks low on the P & L. Bob S. will check into. Beth believes the only unpaid advertising is Lee & Associates.

Budget Committee:

The budget committee is working on the 2003 budget. Will base budget on current registration numbers, approx. 16,500. The budget committee still needs budget requests from ODP and Director of Coaching. There is no proposal for a fee increase this year. There is a recommendation that we budget \$3 per player for insurance since the 9/11/01 incident. Reminder that the budget needs to be mailed out 30 days in advance. Numbers must be in by 3/23/02 so that budget committee

can crunch the numbers and present proposal by the next meeting. The next meeting for the budget committee is planned for 4/2/02. Bob S. will get the final proposed budget to Bill F. to post on the web site. Jake reminded the District Commissioners to identify opportunities to increase communities involved in our youth soccer program. He also recognized all the work and effort that Jim, Bob B., Mary and Carol have done on their budget and expenses.

VI. **State Cup Schedule:** see Director of Coaching report

VII. **AGM Report:**

The AGM will be held at the Hilton Gardens. The meeting rooms are slightly smaller and there is some concern that the vendor area is going to be too small. The BOD reviewed the AGM agenda with no corrections or additions. The guest speaker, Dr. Wilson, has been confirmed. His "train the trainer" presentation is entitled "Soccer needs a Mental Skills Revolution". Pat Pullen from Bene- Marc insurance has agreed to sponsor this speaker. Bill asked for a write up for the newsletter inviting and encouraging coaches to come. Beth will send out a packet to the leagues next week. This packet will explain the reimbursement procedures, the lodging and affiliation forms.

VIII. **Chevy Ryan Cup:**

Much discussion ensued regarding the type of tournament that the Chevy Ryan Cup will be. More fields may be necessary because of the open format. No communication between High Noon and Jack as of yet. ***District commissioner**from High Noon believes that hosting will be possible. He will check on access and parking. The BOD agreed that we would use the High Noon site contingent on field issues. Jack stated that there are no sponsorship issues. If we need to run 2 tournaments simultaneously we can do that. High Noon needs to submit their proposal to Jack for negotiation. Jack will present the proposal to the BOD.

IX. **Rules & Revisions:**

Mark Paffett is working on the Travel and Tournament this week. A revision of the handling of State Cup team withdrawals will be addressed before the next State Cup competition. The attempt to withdraw after the draw is not defined. The application states that the application fee is non-refundable however a withdrawal fine is not stipulated. Any withdrawal after draw is forfeiture.

Bylaw change proposal:

Registrar removed from BOD (the duties of registrar will be given to the office staff). The Public Relations position will be removed as it is not functional at this point and has not been for some time. These changes will be proposed at the AGM. Poaching and Recruitment needs further definition. Mark will discuss this issue with the District Commissioners and report back to the BOD.

X. **Personnel:** Closed session

XI. **Unfinished Business:**

Best Western Agreement: has not been finalized. Beth volunteered to call and see if we could get this taken care of and will report back to Jake.

State Cup: Jake signed field contract for 4/27 & 5/18-5/19. Jack is to negotiate \$50 for mid week games. Complex has asked for \$150, which is not acceptable. (2) Jim Redner reported on recent hurdles such as field availability and coinciding events. There is a \$3 parking fee on the contract. Beth will approach re: the possibility of putting a coupon on the back of the parking pass. (3) Fine Designs would like to do T-shirt sales. We will agree on a test basis (contract for 1 event-State Cup). (4) Vendors need to deal directly with Jack. Jack will clear vendors under the guidelines of all contracts. (5) Clarification: Bob is working on schedules; Gary is doing the referee schedules. There was a misinterpretation that the leagues were scheduling for State Cup and this is NOT the case. (6) State Cup format will depend on field availability. There was a suggestion of possibly splitting the younger and older age groups. The younger age State Cup competition would be in the fall and the older age group competition would be in the spring. (7) Mike Oney has a concern that areas other than Albuquerque are not being utilized. There is a concern that we are not neutralizing the disadvantage and that his understanding was that even a seated team might have to travel. His recommendation was that travel be equalized. Much discussion ensued. Bob B felt that due to the many complications of State Cup they had done the best they could for the good of all the teams. Mike pointed out that the opportunity to promote soccer throughout the state was gone. Discussion re: going to a format where State Cup would only be played in Las Cruces and Albuquerque. It will be a discussion for next years State Cup.

Coaching Education: Mike Oney presented proposal. (See attached). Anticipate changes if leagues have staff in their locale. There will be information on the web site and a manual will be handed out at the AGM. The leagues will be responsible for the payment of coaching education classes. Bob B. will clean up the descriptions. The "D" license will have a lower max than originally suggested. Agreement to amend proposal as follows: Delete line (fewer than 5 participants require that the DOC is informed and the course is discussed. Special requirements may be needed) and under the D license the number of participants is changed to "8-12". Instead of "the minimum" it will state "D & E" minimum must be met to hold the course or the course will be cancelled". Motion by Tom Dickerson to accept proposal as amended. Second by Gary Concannon.

XII. New Business:

District IV representation: There has not been an active interest shown for this District Commissioner position. Mike Oney will continue on an interim basis. Mike will talk with Roswell since it is the largest league in that district.

Procedure for recording motions: A new form was implemented to record motions. The person making the motion will complete the form. These forms can be categorized and filed in a notebook for quick reference. The motions will still be recorded in the minutes, as is current procedure. The form will then be given to the Rules Chairman for retention.

Lovington: Mike Oney reported that Lovington is considering returning to NMYSA. It was suggested that we invite Lovington in particular to our AGM and possibly meet with them in Lovington. Mike reported they had approximately 450 players last season. This brought up the point that an interest packet needs to be developed. The district commissioners will discuss what needs to be in this packet.

Hardware upgrade: Beth will check with Intel on any possibility of computer donations. Pended until next meeting.

XIII. Reports:

Registrar: Beth discussed the new update for League Organizer. The estimated cost will be \$100.00 for the update. It is Beth's proposal to pay for the league's copy. If the leagues would like their clubs to have the update they would need to purchase it. If they do not already have the \$50.00 association module they would need to purchase that also. The clubs are the leagues responsibility. Leagues will have to order the clubs update directly unless they get back to Beth quickly. One of the features of the new update is the registration form. The registration form will be printed out directly from the program. Beth will get the word out to the leagues and registrars as well as put information in the registrar's manual. Cindy asked about a copy for Risk Management. Jake stated that it would not come out of the RM budget but the operating expenses. Logical Solutions may go to an annual membership fee, which will cover update costs.

The votes will be mailed on 5/9/2002. The last day to contest number of votes is 5/23/02. The vote strength will be set 2 weeks before AGM annually. This year the deadline will be 5/24/2002.

Director of Coaching (Bob Bigney): written report. Jim R and Bob B have had several discussions re: the size of fields, size of ball and number of players that should be allowed in each age group. Small-sided games are not being utilized in several areas. Jim R stated that the policy and recommendations need to be refined with possible grandfathering for the leagues benefit. Bob B and

Jim R will continue to work on this issue. Bill Flor will post it on the discussion page after he receives some information from them.

Bill Flor: Jake asked Bill to remove all information from the web regarding State Cup schedules, Travel and Tournament and Coaching Education until information can be updated. (2) Bill reminded everyone that the content for the May newsletter is due 4/1/02. Articles due to Bill include: Regional Coach of the Year (Jim Redner); AGM (Jake); State Cup Draw (Bob B or Beth); State Cup schedule (Bob B) with note that the schedule is subject to change; and American Cup (Jack H); Regionals; Soccer Jr. (we get \$3.00 back from every subscription; National Meeting (Jake); President's Farewell (Jake); Calendar items and upcoming events; Coaching centerfold article (Bob B); web site usage; Rules & Revisions-where we are at (Mark P); Coaching Education; AGM sessions. The newsletter will go to press 4/15/02.

SYSC report: Tom Dickerson reported that we did not get Far West Regionals for 2004 and 2005. The complex would like input on how to spend the capital outlay. (See attached). He commented that if the complex were to have to move they would be compensated in kind. It was requested that Tom bring the BOD a draft copy of their budget to the next meeting.

DC Representative: no report.

Risk Management: no report.

Good of the Game:

On April 3rd there will be a double header at Mile High Stadium in Denver. The Rapids will play as well as the National Team vs. Mexico.

Bill Lowman was honored at the National Convention in Atlanta, GA for receiving the Region IV Coach of the Year.

Motion to adjourn: Mike Oney

Second: Tom Dickerson