

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
September 18, 2011

Attending: Tom Dickerson (chair), Pat Switzer (VP), Eric Lopez (Sec), Gary Bauerschmidt (DCG), Manuel Sanchez (CFO), Frank Sanchez (DC Rep & DC7), Scott Stevenson (DC4), Rennae Ross (DC5), Don Aragon (DC6), Jack Whitaker (DC1), Steve Kraemer (DC2)

Non-voters attending: Bill Flor, Gloria Faber, Jim Tilley, Josh Groves (via Skype)

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by President Dickerson.

The minutes of the May 1, 2011 Board of Directors meeting were reviewed and approved.

Reports:

- Tom reported that all employee contracts were completed and approved.
- Pat deferred to Josh to give the Coaching report.
- Manuel reported that we had an overall loss of about \$7000 in fiscal 2011, but an overall gain of \$42,000 because of profits generated by Far West Regionals. He discussed particulars of the financials including that a \$1000 loss in ODP would be offset by previous years ODP profits, and that we had set aside \$6000 as a possible fine for Presidents Cup. Tom inserted that he would not be in favor of continuing to participate in President's Cup with the current structure and there was general agreement.
- Josh discussed a potential change in TIOs. The real draw in smaller leagues would be to have high-quality training sessions (NMYSA Players Clinic) instead of TIOs. It is possible that the term "ODP" actually hurts attendance at TIOs in some areas. Josh also reported that the Coaching Manual is about 50% complete. After discussion, the BoD indicated to Josh to evaluate the cost of translating the YM1 into Spanish and to determine if the resources existed to do it correctly.
- Gloria reported that registrations were down from 2010 by about 700. The largest decrease was in Northwest Rio Grande. NMYSA has an agreement with STYSA to allow recreational players to directly register in each other's state associations. Don commented that we should also try to get the same agreement with North Texas.
- Jim reported on Regionals, Nationals and the US Youth Soccer AGM. He mentioned NCS rules changes which were to be covered during the State Cup report. He also reported on a forgery issue and the Board recommended a course of action for the coaches and players involved.

Committees:

- Tom explained the Club Pass changes made at the US Youth AGM for the National Championship Series.
- Jim presented the rule changes for NCS as recommended by the State Cup Committee. It was moved and seconded that the rules be posted and voted on in November.
- Frank gave the DC report.

New Business:

- Jim explained that Sunland Park had misinterpreted the registration cycle and had asked to have the fall season be included with 2011 registration fees. The Board agreed but stipulated that the spring registrations from Sunland Park be at the full \$18 and expire on 8/31/12. This was moved and seconded and passed unanimously.
- Jim discussed the small-sided referee education course and the fact the USSF and US Youth were supporting us in developing it. Pat asked that we examine the possibility of the cost of that course being borne by NMYSA in the same way that coaching education courses are. The staff is to report about that possibility to the ExComm in October.
- Gloria discussed changes to the international clearance procedures and the potential difficulties with implementation. Based on US Youth Soccer Rule 207, the BoD instructed her to do the best that she can in a timely manner but not to disqualify players unless on the Federation specifically disqualifies them. This was moved and seconded and passed unanimously.
- There was discussion of the Four Corner and Farmington United issue and Frank asked about the BoD's feeling about 2 leagues in one town. The BoD indicated that it was acceptable for there to be two leagues in one town if both were of sufficient size.

Tom asked for good of the game comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.