

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
11-13-2011
NMYSA Office

Attending: Tom Dickerson (chair), Pat Switzer (VP), Frank Sanchez (DC Rep and DC7), Scott Stevenson (DC8), Monty Randolph (DC6), Jack Whitaker (DC1), Rennae Ross (DC5)

Non-voting present: Mark Paffett (Risk Manager), Gloria Faber, Bill Flor, Jim Tilley, and Josh Groves (by Skype)

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Minutes of the BoD meeting of 9-18-11 were approved.

Reports:

- President: None
- Vice-President deferred to Technical Director.
- CFO: Tom reported in Manuel's absence on the budget and financial statements. Tom also explained the IRS requirements for non-profit boards to review the corporate tax returns. Jim clarified a procedure for allowing BoD members to review the taxes before they are filed.
- The coaching report consisted of the following:

ODP: Pools are being named; invitations have gone out. Pools are smaller this year, as per instructions from BoD earlier this year. Players can still get recommended to the list by an ODP staff member. Pat and Heather are trying to get NMSU fields for the pool training in Las Cruces in January because the Parks Dept. there won't let us use the High Noon fields.

Youth Module 1: Josh is looking into getting it translated into Spanish. Looks like 80-100 hours of voice over translation work needed. He's talked to a Spanish speaking UNM graduate, who was a club soccer player, who is interested, and may cost less than other groups. It will probably cost NMYSA about \$2500 to do this. Jim and Josh were asked to clarify with Massachusetts Youth Soccer would own the content of the Spanish language version since we purchased the license to use the English version/content of the YM1 from them. Las Cruces said that 80% of their coaches have completed at least one licensing course - they are required to do so in many leagues across the state. In Gallup, they can coach one season before being required to then take at least one licensing course for coaches.

The motion was made and approved to spend up to \$2500 to translate the audio and written portions of the online YM1, and for Jim and Josh to clarify NMYSA's ownership of the finished product.

- Gloria reported that many leagues are down in numbers compared to this time last year, and we were down last year, too. We know why the fluctuations in many of the leagues/districts, but would like to come up with new ways to attract players statewide.
- Executive director:
There are three referee abuse cases pending at this time.

Application for Kohl's is in, and they have our dates. We are looking to get a scheduling program for Kohl's and 3v3 (if approved later on in this meeting.)

The Small-sided Referee Certification is proceeding slowly. There was some discussion about making this a part of the AGM in June, in an attempt to standardize the small-sided rules around the state. Las Cruces is the only league to have published their small sided

games rules as written by USYS, others have local modifications. It is hoped this course will help cut down on referee abuse cases.

We verified the BoD meeting schedule for the remainder of the year: February 26 and April 29 are BoD meetings, March 25 is an ExComm meeting and June 9 is the AGM.

Committee reports:

- State Cup: It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the rules changes based on the US Youth Soccer changes to the National Championship Series. The BoD also approved changes to definitions in Section 3.02 to make them consistent with previous rule changes.
- Risk Management: Privacy policy posted on the website comes up for a review every 6 months and is current.
- DC Report: There is a meeting before the BoD @ hotel at 8:00 a.m. It will be a regular occurrence.

Old Business:

Small sided referee funding: Based on a proposal from the Ex Comm: A motion was made, seconded and passed for NMYSA to pay for one small-sided referee course per league during the remainder of this fiscal year up to \$4000 (\$2000 from parent education funds, \$2000 from referee line-item budget).

New Business:

- Frank discussed the FCYSL/FUSA situation. Tim Kellenears has been replaced on FCYSL board and the two entities are working to stay together. Stacy Irwin is now the acting chairman. Venom, a competitive club under FCYSL, is now affiliating with Arsenal out of Southern Colorado. Jim has told Venom they can associate with Arsenal without becoming their own "league" in Farmington. Arsenal had originally approached FUSA to affiliate but FUSA said no due to the high cost.
- 3v3 Program: There is a proposal from the Ex Comm to allocate \$2500 from reserves to fund the startup of an ongoing 3v3 program operated by NMYSA. Two tournaments are to be held in Albuquerque possibly one in Santa Fe, and one in Roswell (initially). One of the reasons for NMYSA to run 3v3 events is sanctioning for the referees. There was discussion about trademarking the logo on 3v3 t-shirts because it is different colors, and as the NMYSA logo is trademarked already. Talking about "branding" the 3v3 series by making a "tournament" logo rather than a "product" logo. We are looking down the line to include a 3v3 State-type championship tournament. Maybe even moving the State championships around the state! Motion was made, seconded and passed to allocate \$2500 to start the 3 v 3 series and to have Jim proceed with that.
- Jim reviewed potential structural issues with the State Referee Committee, and the fact that they have a recent requirement to file tax returns and that they have not been filing 1099s under their own tax number.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.