

Sunday, November 4, 2012

Clubhouse Inn, Albuquerque, NM

NMYSA Planning and Board of Director's Meeting

NMYSA Board of Directors Present

President – Tom Dickerson

Vice President – Pat Switzer

Chief Financial Officer – Manuel Sanchez

Secretary (Acting) – Jim Cooper

Director of Cups and Games – Gary Bauerschmidt

District Commissioners Representative – Monty Randolph

District Commissioners – Rennae Ross, John Walsh

Non Board Members in Attendance: Stephanie Stynes, (TYSL), Bill Nordin (DCSL), C.O. Taylor (NWRGSL), Ann Cernicek (LAYS), Jason McClure (LCYSL), Don Aragon (CYSA), Josh Kuhnley (OCYSL), Mark Paffett (Volunteer of the Year), Bill Flor (Staff), Gloria Faber (Staff), Jim Tilley (Staff), Josh Groves (Staff)

Minutes

Minutes from the September 23, 2012 Board Meeting were amended and approved.

Introductions

Tom asked the meeting attendees to state their name and introduce themselves to the group. Tom then asked Mark Paffett to come to the front of the room and presented him and award for Volunteer of the Year. Mr. Paffett is a former District Commissioner and President. He is responsible for authoring many of the governing documents that we operate under.

Discussion of Agenda

1. Officer Reports

Presidents Report – Tom mentioned that he and the NMYSA staff along with a referee representative and two of our instructional staff attended the Far West Region Work Shop in Tahoe.

Vice Presidents Report – None

Financial Officer – Discussed balance sheet. The NMYSA Scottrade account was discussed as the current investment balance exceeds the amount previously approved by the NMYSA Board.

Manuel asked that the board approve the current balance invested. Manuel also asked if NMYSA would want any more funds invested in the Scottrade account. Manuel indicated that he could put into place triggers that would notify us and allow us to sell should the investment reach a determined balance. Pat Switzer was opposed to investing any more in the Scottrade account but put forth a motion to allow the investment to remain at the current amount (see balance sheet) and for the triggers be put into place as a safeguard. Any more investments amounts will be determined at a later meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

2. Status Reports

Coaches Report – Josh presented a detailed outline concerning ODP, Coach Education and Coaching Manual. He also illustrated in further detail concerning the difference between USSF and NSCAA licenses. Josh would like to use the NSCAA courses to fill in gaps between NMYSA Youth Modules and USSF courses. Refer to handouts.

Registrars Report – Discussed league registrations and variations in player registrations per league, (see attached report). Gloria Also mentioned that the Goal Post Safety Guidelines for Removal Goals have been sent out to all of the leagues along with cautions stickers that should be placed on all removable goals.

Executive Director Report – Discussed the need to move the NMYSA Articles of Incorporation from the 501(c) 3 to a 501(c) 4. This needs to be done quickly in order to meet the timetable imposed by the New Mexico Attorney General. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended Articles of Incorporation. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Refer to Executive Directors Report for further items discussed.

3. Committees

State Cup – Discussed changes to the Entry deadline and opting out of regionals for teams winning the state cup and not wanting to attend regionals due to the cost.

Rules – Changes to the Tournament Manual have been posted to our website and an electronic vote will be taken Nov 15.

Referee Report – Discussed the benefits of the game manager for the small-sided games for U6-U8 age group. Las Cruces has used the game manager this past fall season, very successful, and has freed up referees for other age groups.

Risk Management – Las Cruces (LCYSA) asked about options the state has available to help with problem coaches. They were also informed of rules for the league currently in place but have yet to be enforced for both parents and coaches.

DC Report – Discussed the need to fill open District Commissioner seats. NMYSA and local leagues need to focus efforts towards the recreational player and teams for increased participation.

4. Old Business

A motion was made and seconded to elect Jim Cooper as Secretary to the NMYSA Board of Directors. The motion passed.

5. New Business

As part of the planning meeting, Tom asked each league to discuss some of the issues they would want to add to the information already proposed for the long range plan.

The long range discussion was centered on field availability for local leagues throughout the state. Las Cruces has huge problems with fields between the league and city, very contentious between both parties. Taos has similar problems except they are not at odds with the city. Suggestions were made from other leagues on how to approach city governments to build more fields as multi use facilities. Taos also has issues providing enough games to their teams. Suggestions included working with Los Alamos, and the Duke City League on creative ways to schedule games outside of the community.

Other topics included concussion/injury education for coaches and parents, creating a “best practices manual” for leagues, and introducing a team parent annual training similar to Virginia Youth Soccer.

6. Next Meetings

Board of Directors – Tentatively on February 24, 2013

Executive Committee – Tentatively on March 24, 2013.