Sunday, March 3, 2013

NMYSA State Office, Albuquerque, NM

Minutes

NMYSA Board Meeting

NMYSA Board of Directors Present

President – Tom Dickerson

Vice President – Pat Switzer

Chief Financial Officer - Manuel Sanchez

Secretary – Jim Cooper

District Commissioners Representative – Monty Randolph

District Commissioners Present – John Welch (Dist. 2), Jim Cooper (Dist. 3), Scott Stevenson (Dist. 4), Rennae Ross (Dist. 5), Monty Randolph (Dist. 6), Robert Schryver (Dist. 7)

Non Board Members in Attendance

Bill Flor (Staff), Gloria Faber (Staff), Josh Groves (Staff), Jim Tilley (Staff), Paul Quan (State Youth Referee Administrator)

Minutes

Amend the minutes from the Nov. 4, 2012 BoD meeting. Change "NNYSA Scottrade" to "NMYSA Scottrade" in the financial officer's report. A motion to approve minutes as amended. Seconded and approved.

Introductions

Introduced Paul Quan to the members present as the SYRA. Introduced Bob Schryver to the members present as the new District 7 Commissioner from Farmington.

Announcements

Tom, Jim, Josh, Gloria and Heather attended the USYS Workshop which was held in conjunction with the NSCAA workshop. Josh was on a presentation panel.

Discussion of Agenda

1. Officer Reports

Presidents Report – None

Vice Presidents Report – Discussed issues concerning coaching licenses. There needs to be a solution developed between the Youth Module 2 and the USSF 'E' License.

Financial Officer – Discussed the NMYSA vehicle issue and whether spending \$26K would solve the problem or if there a cheaper solution. Manuel went over the NMYSA balance sheet. The Scottrade account does not have an automatic sale provision; currently has \$105K in short term

bonds and \$30K in cash. Stop loss protection is not possible with mutual funds. Manuel sold all intermediate bonds. In the short term NMYSA could acquire Vanguard Funds using \$30K and would allow stop loss protection. The Vanguard Funds would provide 2% growth/year.

2. Status Reports

Coaches Report – Josh proposed integrating the NSCAA coaching courses with NMYSA coaching courses and subsidizing the NSCAA courses to NMYSA coaches. There would also be a fee for "E" licenses. NSCAA courses 3, 4, 5, and 6 would fill in the gap between the YM 2 and the "E" license. Currently, NSCAA charges \$75 for a 3, \$100 for a 4 and 5, and \$150 for a 6. Josh's fee proposal would keep the YM 1 and YM 2 free. NMYSA would charge our coaches \$30 for a 3, \$40 for a 4 and 5, and \$45 for a 6. "E" licenses would now charge \$55 and "D" licenses would remain \$100. Special topics would still be free. The fees for the NSCAA courses would include a 6 month introductory NSCAA membership and access to the NSCAA library and online soccer journal. Josh would need to have himself and a couple of additional instructors take the NSCAA instructors course to accomplish the change.

The proposal was unanimously approved.

NMYSA would continue to plan to host National Youth License courses every 2 to 3 years and NSCAA National courses as needed.

Registrars Report – Discussed league registrations, which are down 727 players from last year for a variety of reasons.

Executive Director Report -

- The 501(c)(3) status was discussed. The IRS has all the documentation and is supposed to get back to our attorney by April 15. Right now, we have done all we can do.
- The NM State Cup draw and schedules are near completed. The Club Pass for teams attending the Regional Championships in Hawaii must have at least 9 players on the roster who competed with the team at the NM State Cup.
- The Far West Regionals are having trouble with teams choosing to rent homes or cottages instead of staying at designated hotels. This would be a problem for us in 2014.
- USYS will no longer be providing money for merchandising at the regional tournament. Individual state organizations will have to make arrangements for merchandising.
- NMYSA will need to provide the Bernalillo Soccer Complex with grass seed and fertilizer for the 2014 regional tournament in the amount of \$10-15K.
- NMYSA needs to aid in the organizing of 3v3 night tournaments in Farmington and possibly in Hobbs.
- Insurance premiums may increase on April 15th.
- 3v3 Kick-it was sold to N. American Sports Group.

3. Committees

State Cup – Covered in the Executive Directors Report.

Rules – Tournament sanctioning for clubs through NMYSA is turning out to be a problem as clubs, specifically Rush, were not getting fields secured through the leagues. Clubs need to obtain sanctioning through their league for this reason.

NM Border Cup postponed until issues are cleared up.

Referee Report – Steve Schafer is the new Director of Instruction. He is the author of the small sided game manager course. Need to have better communication concerning the location, dates and times when clinics are offered. There needs to be more instructors for clinics. This problem is being addressed. Need to develop a better system to track the progress of new referees through assigners and instructors, mentoring. Paul Quan will have a new referee online program. He will make a schedule for referee clinics one year in advance that is online where individuals can sign up. The schedule can still be flexible to accommodate additional courses. Paul plans to go to leagues throughout the state for referee development.

Risk Management - None

DC Report – Continued the discussion with Josh concerning the gap between the NMYSA Youth Modules 1 and 2 and the USSF "E" License. The differences between competitive and recreational teams in the rural communities were discussed. The online coaching courses are a real benefit to the rural communities. Online coaching modules in Spanish would also be a benefit.

4. Old Business

There is no old business to discuss.

5. New Business

Taos would like to have assistance from NMYSA in coordinating friendlies on the NMYSA website. NMYSA will assist but need interested teams and coaches to work out day, time and location for friendly. Should the premier league be pursued, logistics and the number of play dates were discussed.

6. Next Meetings

Board of Directors – Tentatively on April 28, 2013

Executive Committee - Tentatively on?