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MEETING MINUTES – May 26, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Board – Ron Lambalot, Naomi Johnson
Reps – Hal Uderitz, Michael Murphy, Lance Calloway, Marco Soto
Guests – DJ Yasui (Hillwood SC), Andy Westmark (Ballard SC)

No quorum as of 7:35 pm – Minutes from April meeting handed out (will vote to approve at June meeting). Unofficial meeting, reports provided. Motions/Made and Seconded will be sent out via email for vote; will affirm at June meeting.

BOARD REPORTS:

Commissioner –

Washington Youth Soccer: 1) New governance/operating structure for state association approved at AGM on May 10. Eleven nominations for governance board only ten elected. As it was planned to have 13 to 19 Directors, there may be some combined meetings involving the Commissioners. 2) Planning meeting on the 6th of June. This meeting was originally set up for a retreat weekend. The agenda so far is for the commissioners to join the Board of Directors for the morning sessions. The Operating Committee (Exec Dir + Commissioners + ??) is expected to set its next course of meetings for the next few months. 3) Expect to have the new Executive Director/CEO in place by the June 6th meeting, and expect him to be in attendance at the Planning meeting. 4) No info yet on any details regarding new structure for state leagues beyond the quick announcement at the end of the AGM. No LPT's. Intent is to use some kind of RPI-based assessment (similar to PDL/CYL) to invite teams to participate in 'balanced' leagues, and use some form of relegation. There was some vague description of relying on the results of select summer tournaments, but no description of how that would work.

PDL: Expect to have a PDL Committee meeting prior to the DOC meeting on June 8th.

District I: 1) Need to solicit candidates for Alternate Commissioner. Should discuss designating a current board member as an interim plan. 2) Need to resolve District I position regarding the District II IDL proposals. Still attempting to schedule a meeting of the 'committee'.

Alternate Commissioner – Position vacant.

Dir. of Competition – Not present.

Dir. of Development – Position vacant.

Treasurer – Not present.

Secretary – Updated representative list handed out.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

North County – Not present.

Seattle – Seattle United proposal will come to a vote within 45 days. Had issues with NWNationals holding tryouts in SYSA boundaries. This was addressed by Jack Alflen with Nationals and handled unofficially.

Skagit – Request sanction to hold Rec. Tournament in conjunction with Labor Day Kick. Motion and second to sanction.

Snohomish – Paul Hurme is new president of Snohomish Club. Gerrit is still Association President.

South County – Not present.

Whatcom – Spring League finished. Had 199 boys and 178 girls show up for tryouts for Developmental teams. High School Senior's game will be held Wednesday.

Whidbey – Not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) South Snohomish County requested to re-visit holding High School girls games in Spring. As they were not present to provide input; all agreed that keeping season in the Fall is the most beneficial for District league players.
- 2) District 2 IDL – Over the last six weeks through conference calls and in person meetings; consensus is that merging D1 and D2 District leagues would be beneficial to both programs. This would strengthen divisions and afford more equitable competition. Issues that need to be resolved are travel and administrative oversight. All agree that another meeting must be held ASAP.
- 3) Alternate Commissioner – Motion/Made and Seconded that Jack Alflen is designated as interim Alt Commissioner to fill any short-term need until a volunteer is appointed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Financial requests received from U15G NCYSA Evergreen Green and SYSA Emerald City Green Championship Cup Winners to attend Regionals in Lancaster, California. Motion made and seconded to approve \$1500 to each team. Requests from U16G Snohomish United Challenge Cup Winner and U14B NCYSA Evergreen White (Wild Card) to attend Regionals in Tri-Cities, Washington. Motion made and seconded to approve \$500 to each team.
- 2) Academic scholarships applications received and reviewed:
Boys - Scott Anderson, Nathaniel Chamness, Ryan Nichols, Corbin Warner
Girls – Sierra Rivers, Hannah Taylor, Mackensie Watt
Motion made and seconded to give scholarships to Ryan Nichols and Sierra Rivers.
- 4) Ron requested that in place of having a separate phone line for commissioner that he extend his cell phone plan for an additional 1,000 minutes for approx. \$40 per month. As this has been approved in the budget no motion necessary. Also requested to purchase a laptop computer for District business (currently using work laptop). Ron will check out cost and bring back information.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

Next meeting, June 30, 2009 at 7 p.m.