

Wenatchee Valley Youth Soccer Association
Meeting Minutes 3/24/2008

In attendance: Mike Osborn (WVYSA), Kevin Overbay (WVYSA), James Dickinson (IAL), Rich Hendrickson (IAL), Jana Auvil (BRSC), Tami Gurnard (BRSC), Ryan Rush (BRSC), Bill Leiber (WSC), Sabrina Douglas (WSC), Brad Blackburn (CSC), Jessica Blackburn (CSC).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Mike reported that he was asked by Erik Bakke to run the meeting because Erik could not attend. Mike asked for the consent of the agenda and Tami made a motion to place the discussion of the Hydro lights project towards the beginning as well as the discussion of the season length. The motion was seconded by Brad. The motion went to vote and was passed by all members present.

Mike read the minutes to the council from the January meeting. Jana made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Bill Leiber seconded the motion. The motion went to vote and was passed by all members present.

The council was asked to review the financial report and if there were any questions. Jana asked about the \$10,349.55 that is still showing on the aging report for IAL. Mike reported that this was the money that was to be forgiven from previous years and would work on getting this item taken off. Jana asked to have the \$259.82 that is still owing from the Chelan Club removed also since they were no longer a club. Rich made a motion to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Brad. The motion went to vote and was passed by all members.

The Council was asked if they had reviewed the completed by-laws that had been emailed and if they had any discussion. There was no discussion. Brad made motion to accept the by-laws as completed. The motion was seconded by Ryan. The motion went to vote and was passed by all. The by-laws will be adopted as of March 24, 2008. Tami asked that the association meeting minutes and by-laws be posted to the associations website. Mike said he would ask Kevin Rimes the Associations Community relations to post these to the site.

There was a lengthy discussion about the season length for the fall 2008 season. Sabrina expressed that she was for the longer season so teams would be able to practice. Tami brought up a concern that Big River sent out a survey and spoke with their coaches last year on this subject and over 90% of the members were against the longer season. Mike explained that it would benefit the kids. Jana asked if there was a longer season how would the scheduling be done. Mike reported that teams would still have 10 games the majority of the games would be on Saturdays with a few weekday games that would be played towards the beginning of the season due to daylight. Brad suggested that he would like the older ages to play longer and have the younger ages play a shorter season. The council agreed to the season length and a motion was made. Tami made a motion to have

the U6 thru U8 age groups begin on September 6, 2008 and end on October 10, 2008. Age divisions U9 on up will begin on September 6, 2008 and end by October 31, 2008. The motion was seconded by Rich. The motion went to vote and the motion was passed by all council members present.

Jana mentioned that she would like to discuss the possibility of having a smaller roster for some of the older age groups and still play on full size fields. The council thought this might be a good idea. It was suggested that this item be placed on the next meetings agenda so we may discuss it more at length before the clubs' registrars begin forming teams.

The council also asked that an early July meeting date be set for the Registrars meeting to prevent having as many problems in the past. This item was asked to be placed on the next meetings agenda.

Resolution No. 08-01 (The Hydro Parks field #1 lighting project) regarding the involvement of WVYSA, IAL, Wenatchee and Big River was discussed at length. Jana reported that Big River would not be participating in this resolution due to all Board members being against it. Jana explained that over the last 4 years there has only been 13 games played at Hydro in which only 4 of those games would have needed light. Tami also stated that one of Big Rivers concerns was that the PUD could not guarantee WVYSA first rights usage. Jana stated that for the last few years the association has not had any money and now that they have some they are in a hurry to spend this on something that can't be guaranteed. Mike stated that WVYSA would use Hydro #1 and possibly another area where a field could be placed. He also mentioned that the Hispanic league would use field #3. Jana reported that an email that came from the association stated they wanted to start a complex in the next few years and would need the clubs support. Jana thought it would be more beneficial if the association hung onto the money and placed it in a CD/money market to make more money until we secure a place for a complex. There was a brief discussion on this and a motion was made. Tami made a motion to remove Big River from resolution no. 08-01 and any verbage that pertained to Big River Soccer Club. The motion was seconded by Jana. The motion went to vote and was passed by all council present. Discussion took place. James made a motion to accept the resolution as written disregarding Big River Soccer Club. Rich seconded the motion. The motion went to vote and did not pass. Resolution No. 08-01 will not be financially supported by WVYSA or its member Clubs.

The Clubs' were asked to give reports. Brad reported that Cashmere was working on getting a field up at the fair grounds in Cashmere; He also stated that their board has grown which will help in the coming season. Sabrina reported for Wenatchee that they are in the middle of rostering teams for spring and games will begin soon. Jana reported that Big River is in the process of getting their registration forms out for fall. Rich reported for IAL, He stated that they are almost finished with try-outs and it looks like the majority of the age groups will have enough for 2 teams. Rich also stated that IAL may also begin to get involved with US Club. This will give IAL more opportunities.

However, by doing so it may cause confusion next year when recreational soccer registration is going on because IAL try-outs will be in late May and early June.

Rich also reported on the referee committee. They have not met recently. Sabrina believed that there were approximately 24 people that are newly registered referees. It was mentioned that Christian Clerc may hold another referee clinic in late August.

Mike briefed the council on the U6 coaching curriculum (Resolution No. 08-02). The program will provide U6 coaches information to be able to run practices efficiently and train the kids appropriately. The curriculum will be written by Total Player Sports (TPS). TPS will be paid \$2500 by WVYSA to create the curriculum for the fall season. This \$2500 was already budgeted for and approved at the 2008 January meeting. Mike explained that each club would schedule one day for this training. The cost to the clubs would be \$200. Brad expressed that it may be hard for some coaches to make their clubs scheduled training day. Mike suggested to the clubs that this curriculum be presented to the coaches as a mandatory training session. However, if there are coaches that are not able to train during their clubs time that the clubs inform the coach that they could attend another clubs training session. Mike stated that we would have a U6 curriculum in 2008; in 2009 it'd grow to be U6 & U8, 2010 it would progress to U6, U8 & U9 with each year growing after that. Jana made a motion to accept Resolution No. 08-02 Rich seconded the motion. The motion went to vote and was passed by all council members present.

Mike informed the council that President Erik Bakke and Vice-President Richard Bliggendorf would be stepping down from office on June 1, 2008. It was suggested that Erik and Richard be given public recognition for their years of service. All council members agreed. Mike also mentioned that he and Jennifer Eakle were looking for nominations to fill Erik and Richards positions. At the present time the association has one nomination. The nominee needs to be passionate about the game of soccer, have knowledge of the game, be a team player and be cooperative.

For the good of the game Mike asked that the council have everyone they know vote in favor of the complex by going to the mayors page. He also stated that PDP will begin on 3/26 at 5:30 pm at Foothills. Lastly, Mike reminded everyone of soccer Palooza and the valuable information you can get by going.

The next meeting date was set for Monday April 21st at 7:00 pm. Location to be emailed.

Jana made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Rich. The motion went to vote and was passed by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Items to be on the next meeting agenda: age group limits, registrar meeting, field development.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jana Auvil - BRSC President 3/25/08