

**Illinois Youth Soccer Association
Approved Minutes of the December 8, 2007
Board of Directors Meeting
IYSA Offices**

Board Members Present: Tom Appleton, Salvador Arroyo, Gus Bender, Jeff Bradley, Dave Hicks, Stuart Kasten, Peter Richardson, Gary Seyring.

Board Members Not Present: Bob Berkley, Jeff Steinback.

Board Representatives Present: Tom Landi (Referee Program), Ian Mulliner (Coaching Program)

Guests: Janet Adkins, Flo Dyson, Louis Mateus, Mary Jane Bender (recording secretary)

The regular board meeting was called to order by the president, Gus Bender, at 9:15 AM on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at the association offices.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 27, 2007 IYSA Board of Directors Meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gary Seyring presented Treasurer's Report and audit.

MOTION

Tom Appleton moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and audit. Motion was unanimously approved.

GCSL

A copy of Vago Galounis' email dated December 3, 2007 to the IYSA regarding GCSL league status and compliance was distributed to the board. Gus Bender's response dated December 7, 2007 to Mr. Galounis was reviewed and approved by the board.

REFEREE REPORT

Tom Landi presented the Referee Report.

SMALL SIDED GAMES

MOTION

Tom Appleton moved that the board adopt the IYSA Technical Committee's Recommendations regarding field sizes, playing numbers, roster sizes, and goal sizes as recommendations with the following exception. Effective August 1, 2008, the IYSA shall mandate the IYSA Technical Committee's Under 12 Recommendations for State Cup and IYSA sanctioned tournaments.

Peter Richardson requested roll call vote. Yes: Tom Appleton, Stu Kasten, Dave Hicks, Gary Seyring. No: Peter Richardson, Jeff Bradley. **Motion passed.**

ODP

Pursuant to the October 27, 2007 minutes, Dave Hicks and Salvador Arroyo reviewed and praised the ODP process. Ian Mulliner presented the ODP report.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Tom Appleton deferred the proposed change to Rule 019 to the next board meeting.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Additions are underlined.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

B. CATEGORIES

The IYSA has the following categories of members:

1. Voting Members – Soccer Leagues
 - a. Competitive Organizations
 - b. Recreational Organizations
2. Non-Voting Members
 - a. Referees
 - b. Coaches
 - c. Individuals
 - d. Associates
 - e. Clubs

C. ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

All organizations seeking membership in the IYSA must submit a written application that specifies the category of membership. The IYSA Board of Directors shall prescribe procedures for becoming a Member and the dues and benefits of membership. The IYSA Board of Directors shall have final authority to determine the qualifications and acceptance or rejection of any application for membership. The Board must approve membership by a majority vote.

1. Definitions.
 - a. Soccer Leagues: A Soccer League shall be defined as any organization administering soccer for clubs and teams. Any such organization as defined by the IYSA must be headquartered in Illinois or within such territory under the jurisdiction of the IYSA. There shall be two types of Soccer Leagues: Recreational and Competitive. The IYSA Board of Directors shall define the requirements for each category of Soccer League.

- b. Referees: A Referee shall be defined as those individuals who are registered with Illinois State Referee Committee and the United States Soccer Federation, Inc. for the current referee registration year. A Referee member is a non-voting individual member of the IYSA.
 - c. Coaches: A Coach shall be defined as those individuals who are registered with IYSA as coaches during a seasonal year. A Coach Member is a non-voting individual member IYSA.
 - d. Individuals: Any individual, including any athlete, trainer manager, administrator and official active in soccer in the State of Illinois may become an Individual Member of the IYSA. An Individual Member shall have no voting rights or other representational rights in the IYSA.
 - e. Associates: An Associate Member shall be defined as an organization formed to advance a particular aspect of soccer, but not responsible for recruiting, training, fielding, and funding of soccer players. An Associate Member is a non-voting organization member IYSA. Recognition of an organization by the IYSA as an Associate Member shall be extended to the governing body of the organization, and not to the general membership or programs of the organization.
 - f. Clubs: A Club shall be defined as an organization that trains soccer players and enters teams in Soccer Leagues. A Club Member is a non-voting organization member IYSA.
2. Applications By Organizations
(except for adding the above heading to C2, this section remains the same)

(D thru H remain the same)

- I. Each paid up voting member organization, in good standing, shall be eligible to vote at the Annual General Membership Meeting or any special meeting involving all members as follows: *(except for adding “voting” above, this section stays the same)*

MOTION

Tom Appleton moved to adopt the proposed change to Article II Membership. Peter Richardson requested roll call vote. Yes: Tom Appleton, Salvador Arroyo, Jeff Bradley, Dave Hicks, Stu Kasten, Gary Seyring. No: Peter Richardson. **Motion passed.**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Appeals & Disciplinary Committee – reported in executive session.
2. Budget Committee – presented in Treasurer’s Report.
3. Coaching Committee – reported in executive session.
4. Cup & Games Committee – no report.
5. Hispanic Program – Salvador Arroyo expressed concern about membership and tampering issues.
6. Mediation & Dispute Resolution Committee – John Hannan and Aleks Mihailovic suspensions were unanimously upheld by US Soccer Appeals Committee.
7. Soccer Start Committee – IYSA received a US Soccer Foundation grant for its Inner City Program.
8. Tournament & Travel Committee – no report.

2008 US YOUTH SOCCER REGIONALS

The board agreed that IYSA stipends for the US Youth Soccer National Championship series be withheld from any Illinois team that does not abide by the regional hotel draw and process.

NEXT MEETING

The next IYSA board meeting is scheduled on February 2, 2007.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into executive session at 1:30 PM.

Gus Bender declared the board meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

APPROVED