

**Illinois Youth Soccer Association
Approved Minutes of the February 2, 2008
Board of Directors Meeting
IYSA Office**

Present: Salvador Arroyo, Gus Bender, Bob Berkley, Flo Dyson, Pete Glon, Dave Hicks, Stu Kasten, Peter Richardson, Gary Seyring, Ian Mulliner (Coaching Representative), Tom Landi (Referee Representative).

Guests: Vago Galounis, Jay Ray, Mary Jane Bender (recording secretary)

The regular board meeting was called to order by the president, Gus Bender, at 9:05 AM on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at the association office.

Gus Bender welcomed Flo Dyson and Peter Glon to the IYSA Board.

ELECTIONS

The Board elected the following officers:

President: Gus Bender
Vice President: Dave Hicks
Treasurer: Gary Seyring
Secretary: Stu Kasten

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 8, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gary Seyring presented Treasurer's Report. Budget Committee will submit to the Board prior to March 1, 2008 recommendations regarding the US Youth Soccer fee increase.

MOTION

Dave Hicks moved to accept the proposed change to the 019 IYSA Risk Management Policy. Motion was unanimously approved.

Proposed Change to the 019 IYSA Risk Management Policy:

(Additions are underlined.)

Statement of Position

In order to implement the policies identified above, commonly known as the IYSA Kid Safe Program, the IYSA has adopted the following positions:

1. ~~The IYSA shall exclude from all of its programs any adult person with a documented history of molestation, sexual abuse, exploitation, physical abuse or any other crime against a minor. "Other crimes against minors" include, but are not limited to, neglect, harassment, child~~

~~abandonment, violation of a restraining order and providing or selling alcohol or unlawful drugs to a minor.~~

2. 1. The policies enumerated above, including exclusion from programs, shall apply to the following:

- a) Coaches, including assistant coaches;
- b) Trainers, evaluators, chaperones;
- c) Board of Directors or managers of all clubs, leagues, and organizations affiliated with the IYSA, if they have direct contact with the players;
- d) All employees of IYSA;
- e) Individual contractors who enter contracts with the IYSA who have direct contact with minors;
- f) Referees, if such persons have direct contact with minors (including players or youth referees) outside the presence of such persons' parents, other than the routine officiating of games.

3. 2. The IYSA shall adopt special rules of conduct, which will apply to all ~~adults~~ persons who have direct contact, and supervision of minors.

IYSA Board Policy RM-1 Board Policy for Exclusion from Programs Operated or Affiliated with the IYSA

~~Adult persons shall be subject to exclusion from participation in any manner and at any level for any programs directly or indirectly overseen by IYSA, including its affiliated leagues, clubs and/or organizations for conviction within fifteen (15) years of the date of signing the Disclosure Statement of any of the following crimes: murder, kidnapping, rape, robbery, arson burglary, manslaughter, extortion, indecent liberties, incest, vehicular homicide, prostitution, corruption of a minor, unlawful imprisonment, sexual exploitation of a minor, child abuse or neglect, child molestation, sexual misconduct with a minor, promoting pornography including electronic or internet, distributing drugs or alcohol to a minor, violation of any child abuse restraining order, commission for assault/battery where judgment is rendered any time during the ten (10) years prior to the date of the receipt of the Disclosure Statement.~~

Every person working in any capacity with youth members of the Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA) shall annually complete and sign a disclosure statement on a form promulgated by the IYSA. No person who has been convicted within fifteen (15) years of executing an IYSA Disclosure Statement shall be allowed to participate in any program directly or indirectly overseen by the IYSA, including its affiliated leagues, clubs, teams, and or/organizations if he or she has been convicted of murder, kidnapping, rape, robbery, arson, burglary, manslaughter, extortion, indecent liberties, incest, vehicular homicide, prostitution, corruption of a minor, unlawful imprisonment, sexual exploitation of any person, child abuse or neglect, child molestation, sexual misconduct with any person, possession of electronic or internet pornography, distributing unlawful drugs, providing alcohol to a minor, violation of any restraining order, or any crime of physical violence.

Any person so disqualified may appeal to the IYSA Risk Management Committee for a waiver of the disqualifying condition based on facts and circumstances unique to the basis for the conviction. The decision of the Risk Management Committee, with or without a formal hearing, shall be binding.

IYSA Board Policy RM-2 Board Policy Regarding Appeals of Suspensions or Exclusions

~~Any person subject to any suspension or exclusion pursuant to the policies adopted by the Board of the IYSA may appeal any such suspension or exclusion to the Board of Directors through the established Appeals Committee. All appeals shall be handled by procedures adopted by the Board and made available to any person who exercises his or her right to appeal.~~

IYSA Board Policy ~~RM-3~~ RM-2 Board Policy for Suspension from Programs Operated or Affiliated with the IYSA

Pursuant to United States Youth Soccer Association Rule 4043 and policies adopted by the IYSA, any person participating in any IYSA program who becomes a defendant in any litigation, the outcome of which would subject the litigant to exclusion under the policies identified in BOARD POLICY RM-1 or any litigation based on activities otherwise detrimental to the welfare of minors shall be subjected to suspension from all soccer-related activities until such litigation is resolved by court order. The phrase “matters detrimental to the welfare of youth players” shall include all the offenses listed in BOARD POLICY RM-1 and may be extended to include other crimes or charges of moral turpitude. For purposes of this policy, the phrase “a defendant in litigation” shall include the arrest, indictment, citation or equivalent “formal charge” of any adult person for any crimes or other offenses listed above. The IYSA RMC will determine the period of suspension subject to appeal.

SMALL SIDED GAMES FORMAT

Bob Berkley, Flo Dyson and Peter Richardson reported on their meeting to standardize small sided games. Peter Richardson submitted his league format. Based on the feedback from the IYSA Technical Committee and State Cup Committee, the Board will reconsider the playing numbers and sizes for the Illinois Cup and tournaments at the next board meeting.

COACHING REPORT

Ian Mulliner presented the coaching report. State Cup Seeding Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 13, 2008. Club Directors of Coaching Meeting is on Thursday, March 6, 2008.

US YOUTH SOCCER STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT

Gus Bender presented the US Youth Soccer Strategic Planning Report.

US YOUTH SOCCER POLICY ON ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

Board will review the US Youth Soccer Policy On Alcohol, Tobacco, and Illegal Drugs.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Appeals & Disciplinary Committee – Gary Seyring presented report.
2. Soccer Start Committee – Gus Bender presented report.
3. Hispanic Program – Salvador Arroyo will meet with Hispanic leagues regarding referee issues.
4. Cup & Games Committee – Gus Bender distributed Ohio South’s recommendations regarding the Technical Area.

IYSA AWARDS BANQUET & SOCCER EXPO – MARCH 7 & 8, 2008

Mary Jane Bender provided update.

US YOUTH SOCCER MIDWEST REGIONALS – JUNE 20-25, 2008 - ROCKFORD

Mary Jane Bender presented status on regional tournament. The IYSA will contact the Illinois club that circumvented the regional hotel draw and process.

REFEREE REPORT

Tom Landi presented the referee report.

ODP REPORT

1991 Boys ODP team qualified for US Youth Soccer National ODP Championship in Frisco, Texas in March.

NEW BUSINESS

1. State Issued Coaching Pass
2. Voting Structure
3. Minimum Game Requirement for State Cup
4. League Requirement for Midwest Regional League

FOR THE GOOD OF SOCCER

Gus Bender thanked Jeff Bradley and Tom Appleton for their commitment and services to the players and the IYSA.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting of the IYSA is scheduled on April 26, 2008.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into executive session at 11:00 AM.

Gus Bender declared the board meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.



ILLINOIS SOCCER REFEREE COMMITTEE

ISRC Report for IYSA Board Meeting 2/2/08

- 1) We are now 1/3 of the way through with our referee clinics. A number of referees have already gone through the system and we are anticipating a heck of a lot more!
- 2) This weekend both Tim Deters our State Youth Referee Administrator and Casey Mitchel our State Director of Assessment are attending an advanced Instructional Training Course in Minnesota in order to get their State Instructor's designation.
- 3) We are in the final stages of the planning process for the housing of the 250 + Regional Referees that will be needed when Illinois hosts this years Youth Regional Championships.
- 4) We have four candidates of out of Illinois going for their 2009 National Referee Badges. Don Dellavia who represented Illinois in last years Youth Championship Finals is one of the candidates.
- 5) MattO'Brien from Rockford, who represented us at this past years Regional Tournament in Des Moines, will be refereeing at this years ODP Championship Games in Texas.