

**Illinois Youth Soccer Association
Approved Minutes of the September 13, 2008
Board of Directors Meeting
IYSA Offices**

Board Members Present: Salvador Arroyo, Bob Berkley, Gus Bender, Flo Dyson, Dave Hicks, Stuart Kasten, Gary Seyring, Jeff Steinback.

Guests: Charlie Dyson, Mary Jane Bender (recording secretary)

The regular board meeting of the Illinois Youth Soccer Association was called to order by the president, Gus Bender, at 9:10 AM on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at the association offices.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 26, 2008 IYSA Board of Directors Meeting were approved as corrected.

RICHARDSON RESIGNATION

Gus Bender accepted Peter Richardson's resignation from the board and thanked him for his involvement over the years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gary Seyring discussed Treasurer's Report and Budget. He anticipated a reduction in registration income due to NISL not registering their teams with the IYSA.

MOTION

Jeff Steinback moved to table the discussion concerning the Midwest Soccer Alliance Tournament Business Plan until October 11, 2008 and that the information be submitted to the board as soon as possible prior to September 28, 2008. Motion seconded.

Motion approved.

MOTION

Gary Seyring moved that with the exception of the Directors Cup, the IYSA office continue with the events and programs listed in the 9/13/08 office report until further notice from the board. Motion seconded.

Motion unanimously approved.

MOTION

Jeff Steinback proposed that any referee aged 18 or older must submit to a background search. Motion seconded.

Motion unanimously approved.

INDOOR INSURANCE

Board agreed that the concept of extending IYSA insurance coverage to indoor play is a good one but wants information regarding the details and parameters regarding the indoor coverage.

ADULT RECREATIONAL SOCCER

Board consensus is the IYSA needs more information before including adult recreational soccer.

MOTION

Jeff Steinback moved that subject to the qualification that IYSA does not function as an insurance broker, IYSA will work with Bollinger to offer our members and families access to competitively priced health insurance programs.

Motion approved.

MOTION

Peter Glon moved that a tournament may keep up to 20% of each team's tournament entry fee if the tournament is cancelled due to an act of nature prior to the start of the tournament. Motion seconded.

Motion unanimously approved.

MOTION

Peter Glon moved to remove Paragraph 38 from the Tournament Host Sanctioning Agreement. Paragraph 38 states "We agree that we will not require a team to use only housing accommodations approved or provided by this Tournament/Tournament Host or other organization. Further, we agree that the use of this Tournament's housing accommodations is not a requirement/condition for rejecting or accepting a team to this Tournament."

Motion seconded.

SECONDARY MOTION

Stu Kasten moved to table the motion to the next board meeting. Motion seconded.

Motion to table the motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION

Gary Seyring moved to accept State Cup dates as presented. Motion seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

Flo Dyson moved to increase the State Cup team entry fee to \$225. Motion seconded.

Motion failed.

MOTION

Dave Hicks moved to increase the State Cup team entry fee to \$175. Motion seconded.

Motion passed.

MOTION

Gary Seyring moved to charge each team participating in State Cup an advance team fee of \$30 per round including the bye rounds. Motion seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

Flo Dyson moved to eliminate the Illinois Cup due to change in financial situation.

Motion failed due to a second.

LEAGUE DUE DATES

Gary Seyring asked the board to consider for the next board meeting the due dates for submitting league data and application and registration payments to the IYSA.

COMPETITIVE LEAGUE APPLICATION

Gus Bender asked the board to review for the next board meeting simplification of the league application process.

COACH'S PASS/BACKGROUND SEARCH

Gus Bender asked the board to consider for the next board meeting state issued coaches passes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into executive session at 1:45 PM.

The board reconvened the regular meeting at 2:20 PM.

MOTION

Gary Seyring moved to approve the International Soccer League of Rockford and Salem Soccer Association. Motion seconded.

Leagues unanimously approved.

IRS REQUIREMENTS

Gary Seyring discussed the new Internal Revenue Service requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

Peter Glon asked to place Midwest Regional League on the agenda for the next IYSA board meeting.

BOARD MEETINGS

Commencing in 2009 and thereafter, the board designated the following dates for the IYSA board meetings:

First Saturday in February
Third Saturday in April
Second Saturday in July
Third Saturday in September
Second Saturday in December

The next IYSA board meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2008.

Gus Bender declared the board meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.



Office Report 9/13/08

Grants

Illinois Youth Soccer received grants from the US Soccer Foundation, US Youth Soccer, the Women's Sports Foundation and The Greater Cincinnati Foundation for its Inner City Programs.

Inner City Programs

In addition to our ongoing Chicago Girls Soccer League and Chicago Pride Soccer Program, our Inner City Program involved Easter Seals, Wyman's Church, the Englewood Boys & Girls Club, South Side Y, Chicago Police Soccer and several community centers and park districts. We were able to provide soccer programs to nearly 1000 at-risk inner city children. We are also working with the US Soccer Foundation and the Chicago Park District to build a turf field at Williams Park, located in the center of the 16 Dearborn housing developments and next to Williams Elementary School.

Illinois State Cup

596 teams participated in the 2008 Illinois State Cup this past May and June. The state tournament was played over six weekends and included several weekday games due to unprecedeted weather-related cancellations. Our appreciation is extended to the Illinois teams for their patience with the constant field changes in our effort to save them for the regionals. Our state championships were concluded on the Sunday prior to the regionals. History was made when the Elgin Pumas, the first Hispanic club team, not only won the U13 Boys Illinois State Cup championship but the regional competition. The Chicago Fire Juniors Red U15 Boys, the Eclipse Select U16, U17, and U18 Girls teams represented Illinois and the Region at the nationals. The 2009 dates are attached for your review.

Midwest Regional League

Even without the Academy teams, 60 Illinois teams enrolled in the MRL in spring 2008; only 48 were accepted. Five MRL wildcards came from Illinois and the Eclipse Select U18 Girls won the regionals to advance to the nationals. Only 48 out of the 82 Illinois teams that enrolled for fall 2008 were accepted. Limiting the number of teams to 8 per age division disqualified the U13 regional champion Elgin Pumas team.

ODP

Over 1300 players participated in the 2008 Illinois ODP process. The IYSA used "The Everton Way" as the Illinois ODP curriculum. Tosh Farrell of Everton participated in our winter ODP training sessions, ODP State Camp, and Expo using ODP players for the demonstrations. Approximately 130 players participated in our ODP Goalkeeper Academy, 180 in our Player Development Camp, and 225 in our State Camp. We sent an older and younger team to the regional camp in the 94, 95, and 96 boys and girls age groups. We sent single teams to the regional camp in the 91, 92, and 93 age groups. Our 91 boys participated in the ODP nationals.

2009 Illinois ODP Tryouts & Trainings:

November 8, 2008	1994, 1996 Girls and 1994, 1995, 1996 Boys	Decatur Sports Complex
November 22, 2008	1992, 1993 Girls	Schaumburg Sport Center
November 23, 2008	1992, 1993 Boys	Schaumburg Sport Center
November 15, 2008	1996 Girls	Schaumburg Sport Center
November 16, 2008	1997 Boys & Girls	Schaumburg Sport Center

2008 US Youth Soccer Region II Championship Report

19 Illinois teams participated in the US Youth Soccer regionals. For the 4th time, Illinois Youth Soccer hosted the US Youth Soccer Region II Championship in Rockford & Loves Park, Illinois. Although the Rockford Park District did their best to save the fields for the regionals while meeting their obligations to previously contracted events that in years past would not have impacted on the field conditions, the unexpected weather conditions and massive flooding eliminated the Sportscore 1 fields, submerged under several feet of water, and stressed the Sportscore 2 fields. Just 3 days prior to the start of the regionals, the Rockford Park District was able to relocate Sportscore 1 games to Rock Valley College.

Despite complications due to construction at the Metro Centre, the team check-in and opening ceremony went well. Although some people express doubts about the necessity of having an opening ceremony, it is at the massive opening ceremony that the participants realize the enormity of the regionals and most parents like it. The weather cooperated and

with the exception of the final day, the storms bypassed the regional site. Fortunately, the indoor center was able to accommodate the trophy presentations during the inclement finals.

Chicago International Invitational

Illinois Youth Soccer hosted its 4th Chicago International Invitational for U15 boys. This event was sponsored by World Sports Chicago. Participating teams were two US National Teams, Hamburg SV from Germany, Lions 36 from Nigeria, Blanco's Team from Mexico, two US Academy teams and an Illinois ODP team. Since Illinois Youth Soccer is a member of US Youth Soccer we wanted to include a member team and months ago solicited a regional ODP team. When the regional ODP team declined to participate in the Chicago International Invitational, within two days we were able to assemble an Illinois ODP Team that tied the Sockers, US National Team, and Hamburg in the tournament. We would like to expand this tournament to include U16 girls' teams.

Chicago Beach Soccer

Illinois Youth Soccer hosted its first beach soccer tournament for U12, U14, U16 and U19 boys and girls teams at Montrose Beach in Chicago. This event was held in conjunction with the Illinois Senior Soccer Association. Benyam Astorga and Francis Farberhoff of the US Men's Beach Soccer National team were available to sign autographs and scout for talent to invite to next year's US Beach Soccer World Cup squad.

This event was supported by adidas, Athletico, Chicago Fire, and Chicago Red Stars.

Copa Chicago

Illinois Youth Soccer will be hosting its 12th annual Copa Chicago for Hispanic boys and girls teams, ages U6-19, on October 4-5, 2008 at Calumet Park in Chicago. This year's tournament is being sponsored by State Farm, Chicago Fire and Chicago Red Stars.

List of IYSA Events & Programs:

- AGM
- Soccer Expo & Awards Banquet
- State Cup
- Illinois Cup
- Regionals
- Midwest Regional League
- Director's Cup
- ODP
- Copa Chicago
- Chicago Pride
- Chicago Girls Soccer League
- Inner City Programs
- Coaching Education
- Referee Education
- Chicago Beach Soccer
- Chicago International Invitational
- Network News
- E-newsletter
- Tournament Inspections

Staffing

During the summer we had three college interns that helped us with our numerous events. The interns are back at school and Janet, Meaghan and Jonathan are working fewer hours due to school commitments. We are currently operating with four full time employees.