

**Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA)**  
**Approved Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**February 1, 2013**  
**IYSA Office**

Board Members Present: Salvador Arroyo, Gus Bender, Robert Berkley, Charlie Dyson, Flo Dyson, Peter Glon, Dave Hicks, Stuart Kasten, Gary Seyring. Absent: Michael Zovistoski.

League Representatives: Bob Berkley, Greg Cole, Chris Conary, Flo Dyson, Stu Kasten, Hugh Orlicz, Jay Ray, Michelle Ray, Emily Snyder.

Guests: Mary Jane Bender (recording secretary), Bill Bruno, Tim Deters, Kelly Fairwood, Rick Flores, Bob Hanson, Chris Jamrozy, Ale Jurado, Meaghan Kinser, Hugh Orlicz, Jonathan Orlicz, Fran Pope, Ivan Rico.

The Annual General Meeting was called to order by the President, Gus Bender, at 7:15 PM on Friday, February 1, 2013 at the association offices.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call was taken and the following leagues were present: Barrington Area Soccer Association, Central Illinois Youth Soccer League, Crystal Lake Soccer Federation, Illinois Women's Soccer League, Perry County Soccer League, Schaumburg Athletic Association, Southern Illinois Soccer League, Young Sportsmen's Soccer League.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 3, 2012 Illinois Youth Soccer Annual General Meeting were unanimously approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Gus Bender stated that Illinois Youth Soccer has made many accomplishments this past year. Our emphasis has been on coaching education and meetings with our members to discuss their needs. We have hosted several specialty courses with guest instructors. The ODP has included training sessions in Central and Southern Illinois. He noted that we have head coaches in each of the three districts to provide quality ODP and coaching education. US Youth Soccer Region 2 has moved the boys ODP Regional camps back to Rockford, providing substantial savings for travel expenses. Both Jonathan Spector and Jeff Adkins on behalf of the Cancer-Sucks Foundation in honor of Janet Adkins continue to provide ODP scholarships. We've been successful in the National Championship series. In the U17 Boys final, there were two Illinois teams that faced each other for the National Title. Illinois Youth Soccer is continuing its relationship with the Illinois State Soccer Association and working together to ensure the annual beach soccer tournament is successful. The Soccer for Success program continues to impact more schools and park districts in Chicago. In the past year, we held a successful fundraiser with Abby Wambach and invited a group of girls from the Soccer for Success program to have a private training session with her. Village Bank sponsored our Soccer for Success Program this past year. With the help of our Board, staff and volunteers Gus reported that Illinois Youth Soccer remains fiscally responsible.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Stu Kasten outlined the insurance coverage and informed the membership that Fran Pope handles all of the insurance inquiries in the office. He asked the members to contact the office regarding insurance issues.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Gary Seyring presented the Treasurer's Report and budget. He reported that Illinois was able to spend less than it took in this past year, but the gap is becoming closer. Gary was pleased to report that Illinois received a "clean bill of health" from the auditors. He also noted that this has been the seventh year that Illinois has gone without a fee increase. The budget has been reviewed by the Board and they are looking to keep it balanced. The budget committee has approved a transfer of \$20,000 for new equipment that is needed to keep the office functioning.

**Motion:** Jay Ray moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

## REPORTS

Mary Jane Bender presented the Risk Management Report. She mentioned that the background checks have been streamlined and any questionable reports are sent to our Risk Management Committee Chair Tom Appleton for review. Illinois currently has approximately 60 names of individuals that cannot participate in Illinois Youth Soccer programs who have either been disqualified based on their criminal records or who have not responded to their search reports. According to the insurance statistics, the most expensive insurance claims are Goal Post Injuries and Sexual Molestation. She presented insurance recommendations to prevent actions that could result in claims or lawsuits and would email the information to the leagues.

Central District Commissioner Dave Hicks reported that they had one team that won the US Youth Soccer National Championship in North Carolina. He also reported that there was an increase in the enrollment for Central Illinois Youth Soccer League (CIYSL). There is also an increase in membership for the 2012/2013 season. Dave recognized Mary Jane Bender and Charlie Dyson for being inducted into the Illinois Hall of Fame.

Northern District Commissioner Charlie Dyson reported that there was an increase in the number of players and teams in Northern Illinois. He noted that youth soccer is healthy when the numbers continue growing.

Southern District Commissioner Stu Kasten is pleased to have ODP South available in Southern Illinois and thanked Rick Flores and Jonathan Orlicz for all of their continued support to keep it going. Southern Illinois has continued to show good growth and has been successful partly due to the ODP South. Stu was pleased to be able to showcase and develop the talent they have in Southern Illinois through the ODP process.

Recreational Program Director Gary Seyring described the FREE programs that are currently being offered to our recreational leagues. US Youth Soccer Region 2 Grassroots Director Vince Ganzberg will be present at the Rec Meeting at the Expo on March 2, 2013 and encouraged our recreational members to come out to see both his classroom session as well as his field session for players ages 6-8.

US Youth Soccer Recreational Program Director Hugh Orlicz was pleased to announce that Barrington Area Soccer Association (BASA) has been awarded the US Youth Soccer Region 2 5-Star Accreditation Award for their outstanding efforts in promoting coaching education, referee development, goal safety, kid safety and parent sideline behavior. He stated that BASA has historically done a good job with recreational referee and coaching education.

Executive Director Mary Jane Bender introduced the staff and their role in the state office. She reported that goal post injuries are still occurring and emphasized the need to anchor both used and unused goals according to the manufacturers' standards. She suggested that members look at the Goalzilla's inflatable iGoals. The iGoals are portable and easy to put up and take down. Mary Jane advised that Illinois Youth Soccer has produced a Concussion Notification Form that has been reviewed by the University of Miami's Concussion Program and approved by Bollinger Insurance. Once approved by the Illinois Youth Soccer Board, it will be distributed to member leagues and sanctioned tournaments. Mary Jane congratulated Kevin Cathelyn from Reed-Custer Soccer Club for being selected as the US Youth Soccer Administrator of the Year at the US Youth Soccer Convention in Indianapolis on January 18. He will be honored at the Illinois Youth Soccer Awards Banquet on March 1.

Illinois Youth Soccer Marketing & Communications Director Chris Jamrozy presented the marketing report. He was pleased to announce that Illinois is continuing their sponsorships with Chipotle and Score. Chris also advised the members about the portable iGoals that Illinois currently uses at its events. He encouraged the members to come out to the Illinois Youth Soccer Expo on March 2, 2013 in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Illinois Youth Soccer Director of Coaching Rick Flores has continued to be busy setting up and conducting coaching education courses throughout Illinois. Illinois has had a 45% increase in licensing courses and US Soccer Federation has implemented a new D License Course that is scheduled to begin in July, 2013.

State Cup Director Bill Bruno reported on the Illinois State Cup, Illinois Presidents Cup, and Illinois Cup. Bill reported that Illinois had 20 teams that advanced on to the US Youth Soccer Region 2 Tournament with 14 teams qualifying as Illinois State Cup Champions and 6 advancing as either a wildcard draw or through the Midwest Regional League.

Illinois had three winners at the regionals, two of which advanced on to the National Championship in North Carolina. Illinois was also able to send two additional teams to the National Championships through the National League. For the first time ever, the U17 Boys final involved two Illinois teams. Bill stated that the US Youth Soccer Region 2 Tournament will be held in Iowa and the National Championship will be held in Kansas. Illinois saw an increase in registrations for the Presidents Cup. The U17 Girls Libertyville won the Presidents Cup Regional Tournament and advanced to the Presidents Cup National Championship. The 2013 Presidents Cup Regional Tournament will be held in Kansas and the Presidents Cup National Championship will be held in Florida.

ODP Director Jonathan Orlicz stated that the number of ODP participants has remained equivalent to the prior year. He emphasized that the ODP offers supplemental training and the program is always looking to involve new qualified coaches. He thanked Ivan Rico for all of his help with the administration of ODP.

Soccer for Success Program Director Ale Jurado reported that three new sites have been added to Illinois Youth Soccer's Soccer for Success program this spring. The funding for the program has been provided by the US Soccer Foundation as well as our fundraising efforts. Thanks to the funding, the Soccer for Success program has continued to be free to the participants. Ale is pleased to announce that the Soccer for Success program will be registering its first ever girls team this spring with the Illinois Women's Soccer League.

The TOPSoccer report was presented by Rick Flores who praised Shawn Danhouser for reaching out to new programs. Rick stated that Illinois is planning to host the US Youth Soccer Region 2 TOPSoccer symposium in Illinois this summer and will continue to run more TOPSoccer clinics in Illinois. If your league is interested in hosting a TOPSoccer course for your members, please contact Rick Flores at the state office for more details.

Tournament Director Hugh Orlicz has continued to travel to the various sanctioned tournaments throughout Illinois to help them control risks and to assist them with tournament concerns. He thanked Dave Hicks and Central Illinois Youth Soccer League for hosting a Tournament Directors and Tournament Assignors meeting in Springfield.

Illinois State Referee Administrator Tim Deters announced that the State Referee Committee (SRC) has consistently registered over 5,000 referees throughout the state. The SRC is pleased to be honoring Caroline Kurdej and Stefan Markovic as the Youth Referees of the Year at this year's Award Banquet. If you need assistance with your referee program, please contact the Illinois State Referee Committee at 847-690-9881. Tim stated that two Illinois referees were selected to officiate at the 2012 US Youth Soccer National Championship and Jordan Pramuk, as a result of his performance there, was invited to participate in the 2013 National Championship. He announced that he has been in contact with several leagues to incorporate their mentoring programs with those offered by the SRC.

## **ELECTIONS**

Gary Seyring conducted the elections.

Gary Seyring nominated Charlie Dyson for the Northern District Director position. No nominations were made from the floor. Greg Cole moved to accept the nominated slate as the elected slate. Charlie Dyson was elected by acclamation.

Gary Seyring nominated Gus Bender for the Director-at-Large position. No nominations were made from the floor. Jay Ray moved to accept the nominated slate as the elected slate. Gus Bender was elected by acclamation.

Flo Dyson nominated Kelly Fairwood for the Director-at-Large position. No nominations were made from the floor. Jay Ray moved to accept the nominated slate as the elected slate. Kelly Fairwood was elected by acclamation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Gus Bender declared the Annual General Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.