

**Illinois Youth Soccer Association
Approved Minutes of the October 27, 2007
Board of Directors Meeting
IYSA Offices**

Board Members Present: Tom Appleton, Salvador Arroyo, Gus Bender, Bob Berkley, Jeff Bradley, Stuart Kasten, Peter Richardson, Gary Seyring

Board Representatives Present: Tom Landi (Referee Program), Ryan Snyder & Chad Jones (Coaching Program)

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

The regular board meeting was called to order by the president, Gus Bender, at 9:30 AM on Saturday, October 27, 2007 at the association offices.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into executive session at 9:30 AM.

The board reconvened the regular meeting at 10:35 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 21, 2007 IYSA Board of Directors Meeting were approved.

MOTION

Tom Appleton moved to have the minutes of the IYSA Board Meetings be placed on IYSA website after a 3-day review period by the board. Motion unanimously approved.

REFEREE REPORT

Tom Landi presented the Referee Report.

AFFILIATES

Gus Bender distributed the first draft of proposed changes to Article II Membership, Section B (Categories) and Section C (Admission to Membership). Gus Bender asked the board to review and provide input regarding the proposed changes at the next board meeting; copy attached.

ODP

Gus Bender stated that over 1000 players have enrolled in the 2008 ODP. The IYSA will continue to provide the best program and it is supported by the clubs and the college coaches.

MOTION

Peter Richardson moved to have the ODP process be re-evaluated. Motion passed.

MOTION

Gary Seyring moved to have the IYSA Technical Committee and Janet Adkins conduct an evaluation of the ODP process and submit their assessment and program to the board at the next board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

MIDWEST REGIONAL LEAGUE (MWRL)

Discussion ensued regarding expanding the number of teams that can qualify for the Midwest Regional League.

MOTION

Gary Seyring moved to have the IYSA Technical Committee determine the number of teams and the process for selecting the teams for the MWRL. Motion passed.

SMALL-SIDED GAMES

Ryan Snyder and Chad Jones presented the IYSA Technical Committee's report regarding small-sided games. The IYSA Technical Committee endorses small-sided games for U12. Discussion ensued.

The board requested that each competitive league investigate and submit to the IYSA, for a vote at the next board meeting, ways to implement U12 small-sided games.

STATE CUP

U12 State Cup is contingent on the U12 games format.

GCSL

The board will submit questions to the GCSL regarding its league compliance to IYSA rules and regulations.

LEAGUE APPROVALS

Gary Seyring moved that the following leagues be approved as IYSA recreational league affiliates. Motion was unanimously approved.

1. CCC Soccer Association from Carterville
2. Collinsville Soccer Association
3. Kaneland Youth Soccer Organization
4. Max Indoor Soccer League/Northern Media
5. Centro de Formacion Elgin Pachuca
6. Raptor Inner City Soccer League
7. South Side Chicago Fire

NEXT MEETING

The next IYSA board meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2007.

Gus Bender declared the board meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Treasurer's written report submitted after the board meeting.

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Annual audit is in process and should be completed prior to the next board meeting. Current un-audited statements disclose expenses exceeding revenues by approximately \$80,000 for the 2006/07 fiscal year.

No change in insurance rates for 2007/08 fiscal year.

Board will review team and player fees for fiscal 2008/09 with likely increase due to increases in US Youth Soccer fees.

APPROVED

**Proposed Bylaw Changes
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Additions are underlined.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

A. ELIGIBILITY *(This section remains the same)*

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 above Applications By Organizations, this section stays the same)

(D thru H remain the same)

- I.** Each paid up voting member organization, in good standing, shall be eligible to vote... *(except for adding "voting" above, this section stays the same)*