

2008 MAYSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Town of Westport Hall

Sunday, February 10, 2008

MAYSA Board Members Present:

Kathy Maier, Jim Pilarzyk, Jay Mattison, John Giftos, Jody Knauss, Bill Stroud, Bob Benitez

MAYSA Staff Members Present:

Martine Delannay, Vicki Abshere, Chris Lay, Linda Huttenhoff

Club Representatives in Attendance:

Barry Hartup (Baraboo SC), Elizabeth Lowery (Belleville SC), Carl Pulvermacher (Cottage Grove SC), Anne Aplin (Glacial Drumlin United), Matt Speer (Madison 56ers), Tok Kim (Madison Celtics), Eric Bertun (Madison East and Madison FC), Joe Walsh (McFarland SC), Tom Grogg (Millennium SC), Robert Benitez (Monona SC), Paul Lackner (MYSC), Paul Kirkegaard (Norski), Christine Johnston (Oregon SC), Sharon Pink (Platteville SC), Jody Knauss (Regent SC), Fritz Grutzner (Shorewood SC), Terri Watkins (Stoughton SC), Rich Tomscak (Sun Prairie SC), Mary Mattison (Verona SC), Mohamed Yafai (Watertown), Kurt Eley (Waunakee SC), Karsten Haugen (Wisconsin Heights)

Guests/Presenters:

Hieu Tran (MAYSA Board Nominee), Kurt Sonnentag (WYSA), Jim Launder (WYSA), Tom Grogg (Millennium SC), Rich Riggs (Rettler Corporation), Dr. David Bernhardt (UW Health), Challenger Soccer, SCORE Soccer, Middleton Sport and Fitness

Meeting called to order at 1:07 PM

Introductions of MAYSA staff, Board Members, and Club Representatives

Presentation by Challenger Soccer

They provide recreational, competitive, & collegiate level soccer camps. Last year this group coached 85,000 players. They have a staff of 110 trainers and work locally with Oregon and Mt Horeb Soccer Clubs.

In addition, they provide soccer gear and had a booth set up to display their merchandise.

With the contacts they maintain in the UK they have been able to take players to the UK for additional soccer experiences.

Presentation by SCORE Soccer

SCORE provides soccer uniforms and equipment to soccer clubs. They had a booth set up at the AGM to display their merchandise. John indicated that their products are made in the USA. They work closely with Middleton Sports to provide SCORE products and have worked with MAYSA in the kindergarten program. John invited clubs to take a look at their products & talk to Danny Van Mol if you have questions.

Middleton Sport & Fitness-Danny Van Mol & Rick Hong

Has partnered with MAYSA and had a merchandise booth set up at the AGM.

Old Business:

Members of the AGM approved the 2007 AGM Minutes

New Business:

2008-09 MAYSA Budget presented by Martine Delannay

Blue sheet in packet has the proposed budget and a recap of major points of interest

Major expense item will be the On-line registration system that will take place in the 2009-10 season.

Field Development Program-will assist clubs in the purchase of goals and nets

Kindergarten program will be revamped and clubs will become more involved by providing uniforms to the Kinde program in MAYSA.

MAYSA will emphasize and work more closely with club & referee development and asked for input from club members.

Board meeting minutes and financials are posted on the website monthly.

2008-09 Reddan Soccer Park Budget presented by Chris Lay

Minor registration fee increase for U13 & up age groups for tournaments

MAYSA will begin charging for parking at Badger Prairie Park this year as well.

Chris will be providing some soccer camps at Reddan this summer.

Reddan is making strides to increase donations to the Park. Middleton Fitness has become a major partner with MAYSA.

Chris' salary is split between MAYSA & Reddan.

Reddan will be making some major parking improvements this year and Rettler Corp is providing their services to our fields. In addition, we have contracted mowing services by the David J Frank Co.

Motion made to approve both the financials of MAYSA & Reddan. Both budgets approved as written.

WYSA Update-Kurt Sonnentag

Dept of Workforce Development has been a major issue WYSA is addressing for coaches & referees. WYSA would like to see coaches remain as contracted employees and is utilizing legal resources to represent our clubs. This issue is in the Court of Appeals currently as we have had this issue ruled against us (DWD could go back for 3-5 years if we are ruled against).

WYSA is also addressing sales tax issues

WYSA AGM is March 8th at 9am at the Radisson Paper Valley in Appleton. Clubs are required to be in attendance.

Concern raised over length of time it took for WYSA to identify a coach that had been red flagged (coaching pass pulled). Coach registered in August but club not notified until February about red flag. Reason given by WYSA was change made to the Executive Director at WYSA delayed some of the processing. Jim Pilarzyk (MAYSA Board President) asked Kurt to take this information back to WYSA so this issue can be addressed by Peter & Yvonne.

Question raised regarding Work Force Development-How do they determine who is an employee-John Giftos (Attorney & MAYSA board member) directed clubs to look at the criteria on the Wisconsin Department of Work Force Development website for guidance. Clubs may be looked at on a case by case basis.

Direction of MAYSA

Player Safety: Concussion base-line testing-Dr David Bernhardt of UW Health

Dr Bernhardt is a team physician at the UW and works with patients locally as well. Concussions are very common and as kids get to the high school age they become very savvy at hiding their symptom so they are not kept off of the field.

Concussion is a mild traumatic brain injury. It is a change in one's mental status due to trauma to the brain. Coaches need to look for the following symptoms: dazed appearance, confusion, memory loss, headache, dizziness, balance problems, irritable, personality change, slowed response, poor focus/attention and may or may not have loss of consciousness.

Not likely that heading a ball will cause a concussion but head to head contact or head to goal contact may. Heading a ball at the younger age groups (K-4th grade) could be more susceptible due to immaturity of brain. Dr Bernhardt did not recommend teaching heading a ball at these ages.

Player should have long term memory (what had for lunch or who is president for example) but will not remember what happened once injury occurred. If major memory loss occurs then it could be a more serious situation. LOC (loss of consciousness) doesn't necessarily determine the ability to return to play.

Patient should generally rest their brain until symptoms are resolved. May be advised by physician to take a few days off of soccer and school to rest. They should get through an entire day without symptoms before returning to play. If symptoms persist over 10 days or if a seizure occurred then it could be a more complex concussion .

Sideline evaluation-Is player able to process questions? (i.e. repeat series of numbers, months backwards etc.) . The younger the player being coached the more concerned you should be about the player returning to play-no reason to risk their brain.

There are additional very serious complications such as post concussive syndrome that can occur. These are not just related to the seriousness of the concussion or if the player had received a previous concussion.

Neuropsychological testing-Nature and degree of deficit could be determined more effectively. IMPACT is a test that may be available to youth soccer players via WYSA by fall. Test can be taken on-line at a cost of \$10 – this will give the player a baseline test. In the event that the player has a concussion the test could be given again and the baseline could determine any change for the particular athlete. This test has been validated for age 12 & up.

We will put a copy of the presentation on the MAYSA website.

Coaching Development-Jim Launder, WYSA Director of Coaching

Jim reinforced Dr Bernhardt's concern over the younger player heading a ball.

Growing the Developmental Pyramid

Base of pyramid is the large numbers of U9 and under players. Mid range is 1-14 and top of base is 15 & up. Numbers starting to play are leveling off so we may need to look at possible new player pools (city, country, alternative populations). Need to look at costs v benefits (how can we do the best things for the least money), Look at environments. Jim showed video clips of a U6/U7 game/training from 1995 and then made a comparison to a small sided game today. Many more touches on the ball with less coaching.

Important to look at role models and have the top of the pyramid (older & more experience players) come down and assist with younger players.

MAYSA Financial Aid Program – Martine Delannay

Financial Assistance for players that are eligible for Free & reduced lunch program—handout.

Suggestion made to include a question regarding FA on the player registration form.

Millennium Soccer Club-Tom Grogg

Millennium provides soccer services to underserved players in the Madison area. Utilizes resources from US youth soccer, Regent SC and MAYSA to provide these services. Millennium has received support from many companies in the community. They have established a good collaborative relationship with the schools in order to provide information to the children. The high school players have also provided coaching in these programs. Tom has identified transportation to/from games and cost as a barrier to the underserved players. Millennium has brought soccer programs to three neighborhood schools in Madison. Tom indicated that they have a very culturally diverse group of players being served with these programs and would like to expand opportunities to other underserved players in MAYSA.

MAYSA Field Development Program-Chris Lay

Field Development Program handout is in packet. MAYSA would like to provide some assistance (\$10,000 max) to clubs that need assistance with a maximum amount given to any club per year of \$1,000. These funds can be used to help purchase goals, nets, painters, etc . Form is on the web site and can be completed by a club official. Fiscal year is July 1-June 30.

Referee Development-Linda Huttenhoff

U13 & up games (including rec) will be assigned using the Arbiter this spring. It is very important that teams attend reconciliation meetings offered by MAYSA to try and eliminate game conflicts prior to these games going on the Arbiter. This spring MAYSA clubs will continue to assign referees for the U13 & U14 rec teams and will then send the assignments to Linda so they can be added to the Arbiter. It will be important for club assignors to be in constant contact with Linda to monitor referees at a game. Let Linda know if someone in your club needs access to the Arbiter.

On-Line Registration-Martine

WYSA Task force is getting demos from around the country and will be asking for bids by 5/1. WYSA is anticipating costs to be reflected in player registration fees. MAYSA anticipates reflecting these costs in the MAYSA budget so initial costs do not have to be passed down to clubs. Task Force would plan to have training sessions starting this fall. Club registrars will be attending a meeting (possibly in March) to review on-line options. Clubs are invited to send questions and comments to Martine so they can be shared with the task force.

Direction of Reddan Soccer Park-Jay Mattison

Reddan is on a schedule to improve fields, bathrooms, parking, and improve traffic flow with another entrance.

Field Maintenance Clinics-Rich Riggs of the Rettler Corp

Rettler Corp has extensive experience with working on athletic fields. Rettler Corp has a maintenance contract and provides extensive services to Reddan that have helped improve our fields significantly. As part of the on-going contract with MAYSA, Rettler Corp will be offering some free clinics to our clubs. Field maintenance is critical to keeping fields playable. Aerifying is the #1 thing that can be done to improve fields. Fertilizer is a 2nd critical thing done to fields. Rettler can also provide suggestions on the use of growth regulator, equipment needs, etc. Dates for clinics will be set in the near future. Per Rich, "you never want field conditions to determine the outcome of a game".

Policies

2008 Tryout Rules/Dates Policy – Kathy Maier, Chris Lay

Handout included in packet. The Tryout Committee met recently and was in agreement that the Tryout rules from last year went well for the most part. The changes made to the policy are: All clubs with competitive teams are asked to provide an informational statement to MAYSA regarding the particular teams they intend to offer, the tryout dates have been extended to May 22-June 18, rather than having the roster identification meeting, MAYSA will act as a clearinghouse to for players that do not receive an offer.

Recruitment Policy

In general the coach of a team is responsible to educate their parents on recruiting. All coaches and club officials are strongly encouraged to explain these policies to the parents on their team prior to season.

Registration Policy

Statement added to policy: A club must offer to refund fees to the players or parent/guardian if a player is asked to be rostered on a team other than the one he/she originally agreed to play for.

MAYSA Board of Directors Election (Three Positions)-Jay Mattison

Three positions open on MAYSA Board. Nominations received from Jim Pilarzyk & Dr Hieu Tran. Jay asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were received.

Introduction of Nominees:

Dr Hieu Tran-(see nomination form). Hieu has a 10 year old son that plays in the classic league and feels that a lot of good things are going on in the soccer community. Dr Tran indicated that he has a lot to offer the board from both a player & parent perspective.

Jim Pilarzyk-(see nomination form). Jim has been the president of the MAYSA board over the past year. Jim wants to give back to the soccer community and is most proud of having active committees on the board and an active board that is making great strides for MAYSA.

Voting by Member Clubs

Motion made to unanimously accept nominations of the two candidates. Motion approved.

For the good of the game

Bill Stroud & Tory Pomeroy are retiring from the MAYSA Board after many years of service. We want to thank both Bill & Tory for all of their contributions to our soccer board and community.

Creating a Street Soccer Culture throughout MAYSA –Handout provided in packet. Chris Lay is more than willing to come to clubs to help develop.

Motion made to adjourn meeting 5:07 pm. Motion carried.