

**District IV BOD Meeting
January 23, 2010
Oxford Suites Hotel - Silverdale, WA
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Call to order: @ 7:09 p.m.

Roll Call: Called by District IV Administrator

Position/Title	Name	Status	Position/Title	Name	Status
Commissioner	Kasey O'Leary	Present	KPYSA Rep.	Montee Geister	Present
1 st Alt Commissioner	Lloyd Hansen	Present	NSYSA Rep.	Tim Nash	Present
2 nd Alt Commissioner	Carl Blaisdell	*Late	OYSA Rep. Alt.	Ken Garling	Present
Director/Competition	Todd Lincoln	Excused			
Director/Development	Tom Cowdery	Present			
Secretary	Angelina Gallegos	Absent			
Treasurer	Tom Forstall	Present	DIV Administrator	Don Stephenson	Present
Director/Fundraising	Vacant	N/A			
Guests:			Guests:		
Julie Jones	KPYSA Secretary		Sherry Geister		

Arrived at 8:02 PM – Mr. Blaisdell

Administrator announced that a Quorum was present in accordance with the District IV Bylaws Article V Section G.1.b. (at least ½ Member Associations Representatives present).

Minutes:

- The board addressed the approval of Draft Minutes from the District IV 12/19/2009 BOD Meeting.

M/S – To approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2009 District IV BOD meeting as written. Passed/Unan

Communications:

- Administrator: {Don Stephenson}
 - Don informed the board that Mark Grindrod recently suffered a heart attack and has just undergone bypass surgery.

M/S to send Mark Grindrod a get well card now and possibly some other gift (flowers/plant) in the future. Passed/Unan

Officer Reports:

- Commissioner {Kasey O'Leary}:
 - Kasey has received lots of e-mail from members within District IV and also from outside of District IV inquiring about the current health and conditions of youth soccer within Washington. Because of this, Kasey has called for a Presidents

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- Meeting for all District IV member Club/Association Presidents next Wed (1/27/10).
- Kasey asked both Montee Geister (KPYSA President) and Tim Nash (NSYSA President) to speak about what they saw and heard at the Washington Youth Soccer Player Fee Meeting conducted earlier today:
 - Tim Nash provided his commentary to the board on his observations during the Washington Youth Soccer Player Fee Meeting –
 - He was appalled by the budget presented by Washington Youth Soccer who are making changes to the organization to be more professional. It was full of errors that were acknowledged during the meeting.
 - He asked if Washington Youth Soccer really wanted everyone to vote today on the Player Fee which is based upon this budget proposal with all its errors, but no one else supported a delay.
 - He was disappointed that the proposed budget includes income from the proposed Regional Club League (RCL) which has yet to be finalized and approved. Therefore, the income side of this budget may be way off if the RCL does not come about in Fall 2010 as hoped and currently budgeted for.
 - Montee Geister provided his commentary to the board on his observations during the Washington Youth Soccer Player Fee Meeting –
 - He noted that Washington Youth Soccer was citing 130,000 players but were only accounting for 116,000 players.
 - Unfortunately there were errors in the budget presented, but he felt most of the questions raised were addressed. He did not feel that it was necessary to delay the Player Fee vote and call another meeting after all the errors in the budget were corrected. The Budget is to be corrected and sent back out to the members once corrected. The Proposed Player Fee was to same as last year – no increase asked for.
 - Kasey noted that few of the questions asked about the budget could be answered by any of the Board Members including the Treasurer. Most of the questions were referred to the office book keeper.
 - Kasey also noted his concern that the budget included the figures for the RCL based on the belief that the PDL will come under the States control this fall under the RCL. However to date, the PDL has not yet agreed to this.
 - Kasey attended the Washington Youth Soccer Oversight Committee meeting last Saturday.
 - One of the topics discussed was the RCL. Kasey stated he was supportive of this proposal. However he also believes it must be implemented correctly and should not be forced to start this fall if the members are not yet ready. The state is working to achieve a consensus prior to implementation and will not necessarily conduct an actual vote concerning this.
 - A Senator from the State of Washington representing the Spokane area of the state has sent Washington Youth Soccer a letter expressing his displeasure in

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decision of the Washington Youth Soccer's Governance Board to remove Spokane Youth Sports Association Soccer (SYSAS) as a member of Washington Youth Soccer. There has also been the phased removal of the Emerald City Soccer Club from Seattle Youth Soccer Association.

- District V has now agreed to regionalize/combine under Region V. The state (Washington Youth Soccer) will hire an administrator to oversee that area meaning we will all be paying for this new position. Jan Glick has been part of this reorganizational process of District V.
- Marty Torres (TOPSoccer Director) attended this meeting and was displeased that the TOPSoccer Budget was being reduced. Marty asked the Oversight Committee to fund her attending the National TOPSoccer Convention. The committee members were in agreement to send her, but Troy Maxcy (Board of Directors Secretary) stated that this was not part of the Oversight Committee's responsibilities and would be handled by the Governance Board. Tracy Murphy also noted this was the responsibility of the Governance Board. This is just one example of the continued problem of all concerned to fully understand the organizational relationships and responsibilities of the Governance Board (Board of Directors) and the Oversight Committee.

- 1st Alt Commissioner {Lloyd Hansen}: *No Report*

- 2nd Alt Commissioner {Carl Blaisdell}: *No Report*

- Director of Competition {Todd Lincoln}: *No Report*

- Dir/Develop {Tom Cowdery}: *No Report*
 - Montee Geister asked Tom Cowdery if he was in contact with Gary White (Washington Youth Soccer Technical Director). Tom stated that he had not been but that he remains in contact with John Wedge who is the Regions/District's Educational Director/Coordinator. Montee stated that Mr. White's presentation at the Player Fee Meeting earlier today was one of the best of the day and included talk of five (5) different three (3) hour presentations/educational courses that he was getting ready to roll out. Information on this should be available soon on the Washington Youth Soccer website under Resources. Tom Cowdery stated he would look into this further.
 - Kasey then also noted that Tracy Murphy provided a presentation on Soccer across Washington – an outreach program allowing Hispanics to registrar directly with Washington Youth Soccer vice an individual club/association. This program is also providing for bi-lingual coaching classes.
 - Kasey also noted David Griffiths presentation. He is carrying on with the state's After School Program.
 - Tom Cowdery stated that he has only been hearing from John Wedge and not Gary White directly.

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- Treasurer {Tom Forstall}: *see written report*
 - Tom reviewed his written report. This opened a discussion amongst the board.
- Secretary : *No Report –*
- Dir/Fundraising : *No Report – position Vacant*
- District IV Administrator {Don Stephenson}: - *see written report*
 - Don addressed the following items in addition to his written report:
 - Don asked for District IV Board Members to agree to attend the following Member Club Award Ceremonies:
 - TSC – tomorrow 1/24 at the Elks Club at 1:30 PM – Tom Forstall stated he would attend.
 - NKSC – Sat. 2/6 at the NK Community Center Auditorium at 6 PM – Tom Cowdery will check his schedule to see if he can attend.
 - BIYSC – Fri 2/19 at Woodward Middle School at 7 PM. Lloyd Hansen stated he would attend.
 - Met with the Pumas Exec Director recently to discuss scheduling issues that affect their tryouts. During that meeting, he expressed a desire by the Pumas new Head Coach (Peter Fewing) to be able to call the local youth soccer coaches on the phone and speak with them. I told him that the District did not have the authority to simply provide that contact info, but that I would pass this request along to the Member Associations for them to discuss with their clubs. Coach Fewing called me again on this last week and I restated the district’s position again. So – tonight - I am passing this request along to the member associations for them to discuss with their clubs.
 - WestSound DOC (Lee Christee) has contacted me about the District posting the Kitsap Soccer Club logo on the District IV website. I responded by sending him a copy of the minutes where the board authorized me to do so and informed him that I have not been directed to remove it so that is why it remains today. It is one of 5 rotating Logos that appear when anyone visits the District IV home page. I suggested that if Mr. Christee felt this was a problem to have his club address this with KPYSA and if they also felt it was a concern, then they could bring this to the District to re-evaluate.

Action Item – **Administrator** - Place “Kitsap Soccer Club Logo on D4 Website” as an Agenda Item under Old Business for the next District IV BOD Meeting.

8:02 PM – Carl Blaisdell arrived.

- Don reminded all that the District IV AGM is approaching and we need to be prepared to continue past this time as an organization within Washington Youth Soccer. The following positions are up for election:

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- Commissioner
- 2nd Alt Commissioner
- Director of Competition
- Treasurer

We need a nomination committee.

The board discussed this and Kasey appointed Lloyd Hansen (1st Alt Commissioner) to be the Chair of the District IV Nomination Committee. The District IV AGM is currently scheduled for Saturday 3/20/2010.

Don requested that each of the individuals currently filling one of these positions up for election contact Lloyd by next week with your intentions. He would like to post that information on the Website in the Calendar for all to know who is running.

Association Reports:

- KPYSA {Montee Geister}: - *see written report*
 - There were a few questions asked by the board and answered.

- OYSA {Ken Garling}: - *see written report*

- NSYSA {Tim Nash}:
 - Finally did get representatives from NSYSA to the various State Cups.
 - Noted that office staff does not handle e-mail very well when they (staff member) do not think they are responsible for an area in which an e-mail question is sent to them.
 - A discussion ensued about Spring Leagues and State Cups and problems experienced this spring. Don noted that we (District IV) do not have a well defined process covering the Spring Season for our competitive team placements. KPYSA Rep noted a problem concerning an FC Crush Team that played U14 PSPL in the fall, registered to play up 1 year in the Spring State League (i.e. U15) and then registered to play U14 in the Challenge Cup. The team had inquired of the state to add a U15 player to the team for the Spring League and initially received an incorrect answer from the state office. Part of the problem in dealing with this was an Office Staff member being on vacation and no one else responding to messages sent to that individual to cover their area of responsibility. Team was also attempting to deal directly with the state office vice through their Club/Association Registrars. The FC Crush President has already corrected the problem with the team not going through their registrars for such matters.

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recommended changes as deemed appropriate to the District IV Operating Procedures to a future board meeting.

Committee Chair Reports

A. District IV Competition Committee {Todd Lincoln} *No Report*

Unfinished Business:

A. Review of outstanding Action Items {O'Leary} *Attached*

- Kasey reviewed and updated the status of the District's Action Item List – the one lone item was deleted from the list by Kasey.

B. District IV's Future in Washington Youth Soccer {O'Leary}

- This will be discussed at the upcoming District IV President's Meeting to be conducted this coming Wed (1/27/10).

C. District IV Award Ceremony {Stephenson}

- Don asked the board if we really wanted to do this as we have in the past. If so, then we all need to get busy and forward me listings of all the volunteers we need to recognize. We would need to pick a date. Last year we conducted the ceremony in February. Typically we have recognized about 100-200 volunteers and typically have about 25% appear at the ceremony.
- The board discussed the issue.
- Board decided to continue to recognize these volunteers but not to conduct a separate District IV Ceremony. Instead, the District will forward the certificates to the Associations/Clubs for them to present at their local meetings and to continue to recognize the District IV People of the Year at the District IV AGM.

Action Item – **Don Stephenson** – Produce Certificates of Appreciation for this past year's volunteers to be recognized by District IV.

New Business:

A. Proposed D4 Budget 2010-2011 {Forstall} *Attached*

- Tom F. reviewed the current proposed budget developed by the District IV Executive Board. He specifically noted:
 - dropping of Byte Sized Coaching (Don reviewed the statistics for its use for the past year – broken down by club)
 - no increase in paid contractor fees
 - reduction of the D4 Player Assessment to \$0
 - use of a portion of the District's current bank account balance to cover a projected loss of \$15,000 – thus lowering the District's current bank balance.
- The board discussed the situation. This is the proposed budget that will be voted on at our upcoming AGM.

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B. Proposed Change D4OP 2010-01 {Stephenson} *{Attached}*

- Don reviewed the proposed change. The change was proposed primarily due to changes to lengths of seasons for competitive teams and for many teams now participating in both a Fall and a Spring Season. These fees were created initially to enable the District to cover the cost of the District Administrator. Don also noted that the newly proposed budget was created with these proposed fees.
- The board discussed and recommended a few corrections.

M/S - To approve proposed Change D4OP 2010-01 as corrected. Passed/Unan

Action Item – Don Stephenson – Bill applicable Teams/Clubs for this Spring Season District IV Scheduling Fees.

C. D4 “Of The Year Nominations” {Blaisdell}

- Don previously sent out copies of the District IV People of the Year Nomination packages received from our member associations to the members of the board.
- The Board discussed the nominations and decided to submit the following nominations packages to Washington Youth Soccer as the District’s nominees:
 - Administrator of the Year – Lou Marcotte
 - Volunteer of the Year – Mark Leonetti
 - Girls Recreational Coach of the Year – Stephen Bucy
 - Boys Competitive Coach of the Year – Phil Avison
 - Girls Competitive Coach of the Year – Phil Avison

D. Referee Contract with KPSRA {O’Leary}

- Kasey stated he will discuss at Wednesday’s upcoming Presidents Meeting. KPYSA Rep will be involved on this committee.
- Don noted that the KPSRA Youth Soccer Assignor was currently upset with all the changes that have been occurring this Spring which is due to how the state has planned the Cup and the current Spring Leagues.

E. KPYSA feelings on States Restructuring {Geister}

- KPYSA feels that it would be beneficial for us within District IV to be proactive in how we deal with the restructuring changes being proposed by Washington Youth Soccer. Kasey stated that this would be discussed at the upcoming Presidents Meeting this Wed.
- Don asked the OYSA Rep if anyone from OYSA would be attending the Presidents Meeting this Wed. Ken confirmed that both Tom Harris and Dave Brasher plan on attending this meeting.

General/Good of the Game

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