

**MINNESOTA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**  
**Northwest District Meeting Minutes**  
**January 17, 2010**

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	East Grand Forks	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fargo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fergus Falls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Forks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heartland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Little Falls	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minnewaska	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moorhead
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thief River Falls	<input type="checkbox"/>	Long Prairie <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pelican Rapids <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

The meeting was held at the American Legion Club in Detroit Lakes, MN.

**Attending:** Don Cox, NWD Competitive Director, Lynn Eaton, Bemidji; Vicki Masteki, Little Falls; Virginia Regorrah, EGF; Peter Phaijah, Crookston; David Carter, Detroit Lakes; Duane Rostad, Alexandria; Tom Johnson, Fergus Falls

**Item: Approve Minutes of April 25, 2009 and October 18, 2009**

**Motion:** Detroit Lakes moved to approve the minutes of both the April & October meetings with the correction in the October minutes that LAYS is affiliated with USSF not USYA; Crookston seconded the motion; the motion carried by unanimous voice vote

**Item: Presentation – Registrar training**

**Minutes:** Ranae Orr, Director of League Operations for MYSA conducted registration training for all new and seasoned club registrars while the NW District Board met

**Item: Update club contacts**

**Action:** New volunteers or current ones; make certain you update your club contact on the MYSA HelloPage; each club needs to take responsibility for this update

**Item: Update from December and January Competitive Committee and Board of Directors meetings**

- The minutes for these meetings are on the MYSA website
- Referee rules summary card; trying to distribute that to a wider group of the membership; currently with the coaches package only
- Considering giving special attention to new team managers and coaches at the Mandatory Team Manager Meetings; giving them more introductory information
- MYSA is considering placement of the NW District teams; NWD has been self selecting at the C2 level; the MYSA Competitive Committee is supposed to make these selections; there will be no change this year; SWD is C3 but can register individual teams at another level but have to join another district for league play
- Considering what to do with festivals and abrupt changes in weather

<sup>1</sup> Recreation only

<sup>2</sup> Currently disaffiliated

- There will be league playoff awards this season
- MYSA will discourage scheduling games on the day that all games need to be reported prior to district playoffs
- The Minnesota Soccer Times is adding district and parent sections; if clubs have something to bring forward, send a report to District Rep Cox
- MYSA is concerned there is too much member information available on the web; MYSA will begin to reduce certain information availability

**Item: 2010 summer season**

- Competitive league club request form; the form is available on the MYSA Website under Publications; this is to be used as a set of scheduling parameters for a club, signed by the club president and forwarded to the district's competitive representative; the original schedules will be built from these forms; teams will not be able to modify their schedules until the mandatory team manger meeting

Action: Clubs need to pay attention to this submittal to help set their initial schedules and reduce the need for subsequent changes

- Scheduling options:
  - Weekends – try to stay away from weekends, if possible
  - Try to keep to only two games per week. More practice time-less games is a desired goal, if we can achieve it. Start games in May – teams may elect to do this at the mandatory meeting.
  - Use of "American-National" league grouping to cut travel may be an option depending on the size of the leagues.

Action: Clubs should send their preferences for the above set of bulleted items to District rep Cox

- Leagues formation is March 13; clubs need to submit their teams by 5:00 pm March 8 to MYSA (see MYSA Calendar)
- Number of games; home-away ratio – same mix? Different mix?
- Number of fields per site – how many games could be handled at the same time?
- Exhibitions – scheduled early in season – prefer no exhibitions, if possible.
- Play-off Options – full slate or district only
  - Structure of our district tournament
  - ♦ Those team not participating in the state playoffs
  - ♦ Can only be single elimination, given what is in the MYSA rules at present

Action: Clubs should consider whether they are interested in hosting the district tournament and district playoffs

**Item: General Sharing and Issues**

- Plans for coaching or referee clinics for 2010
  - Alexandria; "E" Certificate; April 9, 10, 11; is on the MYSA Website

- Detroit Lake; Referee recertification and new; March 20, 21 (See State Referee Association website); referee clinics may be free of charge this year
- Plans for tournaments for 2010 – hosting and participating in
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Detroit Lakes 3v3; June 5; \$75 entry fee; three game guarantee; Ages 10 - 19
  - Grand Forks; June 11, 12, 13
  - Tri-City; June 18,19, 20; not sanctioned again by MYSA so travel permits will be required; get the travel permits early to
- Plans for soccer camps for 2010
  - BSU Indoor Polar Soccer Camps begin January 23
  - BSU Summer Camp; June 7 - 12<sup>3</sup>
  - Crookston Challenger; June 21 - 25
  - Alexandria Challenger; June 14 -18
- Use of allocated fine funds (if any from 2009 season)
  - Very small amount available this year

Action: Crookston motioned to use the funds to support the NW District Tournament; Alexandria seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote

- Olympic Development Program
  - We will try to get an MYSA representative to the NW District Board meeting in March.
- Calendar dates and deadlines; see the end of these minutes and the MYSA Website

**Item: Next meeting**

- February 21; Director Cox will try to set the meeting up for teleconference
- March 7 will be a regular meeting in Detroit Lakes

**Item: For the good of soccer!**

- Bemidji is starting a TOPSoccer program
- John Schneider (Alex) is willing to schedule U10 again
- Alexandria established a social media policy and establish a Facebook account and they are expecting this to be a great communication tool
- Alexandria Soccer Complex; working with YMCA and high school; will have nine full sized fields with a lighted central stadium; it is a couple of years away from reality

**Item: Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM**

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.bsusoccercamps.com/>

**Item: Calendar of Events**

<b>JANUARY 2010</b>	
18	<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>
20	Recreation Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m., MYSA State Office
<b>FEBRUARY 2010</b>	
1	Last day to submit Petition for Variance in Team Placement form to Competitive Rep.
5-6	U.S. Soccer Federation AGM: New Orleans, La.
6	Winter Symposium: Minneapolis Convention Center
6	Minnesota State Cup Informational Meeting: Minneapolis Convention Center
13	Competitive Committee Meeting: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, MYSA State Office
13	Board of Directors Meeting: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., MYSA State Office
15	<i>President's Day</i>
17	Recreation Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m., MYSA State Office
21	NW District Board Meeting; by teleconference
25-27	US Youth Soccer Workshop: Fort Worth, Texas
<b>MARCH 2010</b>	
1	Competitive League Scheduling Club Request Forms due to Competitive Reps
5	Minnesota State Cup Applications due to MYSA by 5:00 pm
7	NW District Board Meeting; Detroit Lakes American Legion; 12:00 PM
8	Competitive Teams (including U18-U19 Premier) & Coaches submittals due to MYSA by 5:00 pm (no deadline for Rec, Rec Plus & Tournament Only)
13	Competitive Committee Meeting and League Formation: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, MYSA State Office
13	Board of Directors Meeting: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., MYSA State Office
17	Recreation Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m., MYSA State Office
29	<i>Passover begins at sundown</i>
<b>APRIL 2010</b>	
1	New competitive affiliate member applications due in MYSA State Office by 5:00 pm
2	<i>Good Friday</i>
4	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
8	Preliminary schedules sent to Field Coordinators by 5:00 pm
10	Competitive Committee Meeting: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, MYSA State Office
10	Board of Directors Meeting: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., MYSA State Office
15	Field schedules due back from Field Coordinators by 5:00 pm to MYSA
21	Recreation Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m., MYSA State Office
23	Minnesota State Cup begins (U13-U18): Lakeland, Minn.
24	Mandatory Summer Comp. Team Managers' Meetings: Locations set by District
30	Deadline to apply for Mike Warter Scholarship
<b>MAY 2010</b>	
1 & 2	District Select Spring Festival: Shakopee, Minn.
3	Last day for U9-U19 competitive players to drop, transfer or over roster by 5:00 pm
3	League play may begin
8	Competitive Committee Meeting: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, MYSA State Office

8	Board of Directors Meeting: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., MYSA State Office
9	<i>Mother's Day</i>
23	Minnesota State Cup ends (U13-U18)
28	Deadline to register for U9/U10 Summer Jamboree by 5:00 pm to MYSA
31	<i>Memorial Day - MYSA Office closed</i>
<b>JUNE 2010</b>	
4-6	Minnesota State Cup (U19 only): Lakeland, Minn.
5-6	ODP Weekend: location TBD
11-13	Grand Forks Tournament
12	U9/U10 Summer Jamboree: TBD
12	Competitive Committee Meeting: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, MYSA State Office
12	Board of Directors Meeting: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., MYSA State Office
20	<i>Father's Day</i>
24	All league <b>rosters statewide are frozen</b> at 5:00 pm. No additions to the roster after this date (excludes play-ups)
<b>24</b>	<b>Deadline to sign-up for MYSA Summer State Tournament by 10:00 pm via website</b>
25	Deadline to register for Kohl's American Cup (Recreational Event)
25-30	US Youth Soccer Region II Championships: Beavercreek, Ohio
<b>JULY 2010</b>	
4	<i>Independence Day</i>
5	<i>Independence Day Observance - MYSA Office closed</i>
5-9	1995 Girls ODP Region Camp
6-10	1997 Boys ODP Region Camp
7-10	1998 Boys ODP Developmental Camp
7-10	1998 Girls ODP Developmental Camp
9-11	1993 & 1994 Girls ODP Tournament
10	Kohl's American Cup (Recreational Event): Northfield, Minn.
10	TOPSoccer Jamboree: Northfield, Minn.
10	Board of Directors Meeting: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., MYSA State Office
10-14	1996 Boys ODP Region Camp
11-15	1996 Girls ODP Region Camp
12	League play must end
13	Scores must be reported via the website by 10:00 pm
14-18	1995 Boys ODP Region Camp
15-18	1997 Girls ODP Region Camp
15-18	1991/1992 Girls ODP Regional Invite
15-18	MYSA League Playoffs: (rain day: July 19): Locations set by District
16-18	1993 & 1994 Boys ODP Tournament
20-22	MYSA Regionals (rain day: July 23): Hudson (WI), Maple Grove, St. Louis Park and Shakopee
20-25	US Youth Soccer National Championships: Overland Park, Kansas
24	MYSA Summer State Tournament play begins: Coon Rapids, Lakeland and Lakeville
24-25	US Youth Soccer AGM: Overland Park, Kansas
30	MYSA Summer State Tournament ends

**AUGUST 2010**

9	Rules/policies/bylaws submissions due to Rules Committee in MYSA State Office by 5:00 pm
9	Competitive team submittals due to MYSA by 5:00 pm
11	League Formation Meeting: MYSA State Office
14	Competitive Committee Meeting: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, MYSA State Office
14	Board of Directors Meeting: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., MYSA State Office
16	Minnesota State High School season begins
19	Preliminary schedules sent to Field Coordinators by 5:00 pm
23	Schedules due back from Field Coordinators to MYSA by 5:00 pm
28	Mandatory Fall Comp. Team Managers' Meetings: Locations set by district