

MINNESOTA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Northwest District Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2011

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The meeting was held via teleconference at 7:00 PM, Thursday, October 27, 2011.

Item: Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Agenda: Approve Minutes of April 16, 2011

Motion: *DL moved to approve the April 16th minutes; BJI seconded the motion; the motion carried by voice vote.*

Item: New Business

Agenda: Update club contacts.

Discussion: *Cox requested all clubs review and update their contact information on the MYSA website to ensure all disseminated information gets to the right people in a timely manner.*

Agenda: Annual General Meeting and review of proposed amendments to the MYSA bylaws/rules.

Discussion: *There was discussion on numerous proposed changes; LYS asked Cox to inquire as to the feasibility of adding a brief rationale to the Board of Directors recommendation to aid the clubs in understanding the recommendation. Concern was expressed relating to the use and meaning of the words "players in combined age groups..." in several of the new proposed rules as it relates to the practice of having younger-aged players play up on an older team. A clarification will be sought at the AGM. Discussion related to the proposed U11/12 field dimensions centered on the proposed change to the maximum length of a field. Several clubs use a permanent marker system to lay out their fields and felt it would be unfair to force them to shorten the field; they were fine with the proposed change to the minimum field dimension.*

Agenda: Nomination and election of NW district representatives.

- Member Representative – two-year term – Don Cox – *APPROVED by unanimous voice vote.*
- Competitive Representative – Girls – two-year term – *no candidates were put forth, Cox provided a description of the duties and responsibilities of the position and a couple of clubs indicated they may*

¹ Tournament only, no league teams

² Recreation only

have someone interested in helping out. Cox requested any potential candidates contact him to go over the process for getting elected or appointed.

- *Recreation Representative – two-year term – no candidates were put forth at this time.*

Agenda: General sharing and issues.

1. *Competitive Committee to discuss classification placement of NWD teams for the 2012 season – Cox informed the group that the topic will be discussed at the Committee's December 3, 2011 meeting. He will notify all club presidents of any decisions coming out of that meeting.*
2. *Soccer field/goal grant applications due January 16, 2012 – Cox informed the group that the applications are available online now and encouraged clubs to take advantage of this opportunity.*
3. *PACT presentations proposal for host sites – one in the north and one in the south – BJI offered to host a presentation in the spring but only if it could be paired it with a series of games for the kids to participate in; the idea is to entice more parents and coaches to attend the PACT portion of the day. LYS and ALX both indicated interest in participating in an event like that. Cox will start discussions with MYSA to determine the feasibility of developing the concept more.*
4. *Winter Symposium, February 4, 2012 – Cox encouraged the clubs to send coaches and administrators to the Symposium, taking advantage of the affordable registration options that will be available, as it always contains very good and very relevant information for them to bring back to their clubs.*
5. *Registrations due March 5, 2012; preliminary schedules to field coordinators sent March 28, 2012; preliminary schedules due back from field coordinators by April 4, 2012; MANDATORY team rep meeting April 14, 2012 – Cox encouraged clubs to keep the upcoming deadlines in mind and to make sure the mandatory meeting was attended by a representative who can make decisions pertaining to schedule changes – missing reps or an inability to agree to proposed changes have caused some concerns from reps in attendance in the past. Cox will get the location of the meeting set and sent out to the clubs as early as possible in 2012.*
6. *Plans for coaching and/or referee clinics – DL is planning on hosting "E" and "D" clinics in February and March, 2012; ALX is planning to host an "E" clinic in the same timeframe, Cox suggested that the two clubs could split the clinics with one hosting the "E" clinic and the other hosting the "D" clinic; DL, LYS and FFS are all planning on hosting referee clinics in the winter/spring timeframe. Cox encouraged the clubs to keep an eye on the website for details concerning these clinics.*

7. Plans for tournaments – *LYS will host a jamboree format event 6/30-7/1, 2012; NWD Invitational tournament will be held at DL on the same weekend as the District League Playoffs; DL will host their 3v3 tournament on 6/9/2012; LYS will host an indoor 4v4 tournament 4/14.*
8. Plans for soccer camps – *LYS plans on hosting Coerver and Challenger camps in June and July; ALX plans on hosting a Challenger camp in June.*

Agenda: Set meeting dates for 2012.

Discussion: *January 22, 2012; February 6, 2012 (teleconference); March 18, 2012; April 14, 2012 (MANDATORY team rep meeting).*

Agenda: For the good of soccer – *Cox encouraged the clubs to refer to the online calendar at the MYSA website to keep on track toward meeting the various deadlines.*

Item: Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.