

Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA)
Approved Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
February 12, 2010
IYSA Office

Board Members Present: Gus Bender, Robert Berkley, Flo Dyson, Dave Hicks, Peter Glon, Stuart Kasten, Gary Seyring.

League Representatives: Jan Berkley, Greg Cole, Jim Dash, Flo Dyson, Harlan Franklin, Michael Gorell, Stuart Kasten, Jay Ray, Peter Richardson, Ryan Snyder, Rick Walker.

Guests: Janet Adkins, Mary Jane Bender (recording secretary), Bill Bruno, Tim Deters, Chris Jamrozy, Ale Jurado, Scott Kegarise, Meaghan Kinser, Ian Mulliner, Hugh Orlicz, Jonathan Orlicz, James Pinter, Fran Pope, Michelle Ray, Steve Welsh.

The Annual General Meeting was called to order by the president, Gus Bender, at 7:15 PM on Friday, February 12, 2010 at the association offices.

ROLL CALL

Barrington Area Soccer Association, Central Illinois Youth Soccer League, Crystal Lake Soccer Federation, Greater Libertyville Soccer League, Illinois Women's Soccer League, Inter-Community Soccer League, Northern Illinois Soccer League, Perry County Soccer League, Princeton Youth Soccer League, Schaumburg Athletic Association, Young Sportsmen's Soccer League.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 6, 2009 IYSA Annual General Meeting were unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gus Bender presented the President's Report. He thanked the leagues for staying true to the mission of the IYSA. The IYSA has reduced service fees and streamlined document submissions, facilitated by our partnership with Gotsoccer. The IYSA extended insurance for our members and is providing an introductory coaching course free of charge to our recreational leagues. Due to the difficult economy, the IYSA reduced the ODP process from the overnight ODP state camp to a 1-day ODP state combine. The IYSA is a non-profit organization that remains at the forefront of youth soccer, provides youth soccer programs to organizations, offers coaching and referee education, and implements guidelines to make soccer a positive experience for everyone involved. Gus expressed his appreciation to the IYSA Board, leagues, directors and staff for their support and positive direction.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Stu Kasten outlined the insurance coverage.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gary Seyring presented the Treasurer's Report and budget. The Board voted not to raise fees this past year and accepted the budget as presented unless funding has been withdrawn for a specific program. Considering the decrease in membership, the certified audit indicated that expenditures exceeded revenues by approximately \$1900. He was pleased to report that the certified audit indicated that the financial statements presented fairly the position of the IYSA and conform with generally accepted accounting principals.

Motion: Michael Gorell moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

REPORTS

Mary Jane Bender reported that 14% of the background searches come back with a record. The majority of the records are for traffic violations or duplicate hits. 4% of the hits did not respond to the record response request and remain pending.

Central District Commissioner, Dave Hicks, reported that Central Illinois Youth Soccer League has implemented an U8/U9 Academy structure and accepted teams from the Northern District. The U14 SASA Girls Team won the President's Cup. This year's Young Referee of the Year is from Springfield. He thanked Gus Bender for his leadership through the challenges and recognized the staff for their programs.

Southern District Commissioner, Stu Kasten, stated that there is a renewed interest in forming recreational leagues and the Southern Illinois Soccer League has grown by 18%. He thanked the Board and staff for their support.

Recreational Program Director, Gary Seyring, presented the report and was pleased that the IYSA office is reaching out to the recreational leagues. He thanked the recreational leagues and staff for their support.

Executive Director, Mary Jane Bender, reported that the majority of our recreational leagues have very knowledgeable Boards and quality administrators who are using the latest technology. Many recreational leagues are converting to the Gotsoccer registration system. Kathy Ayers of the Plainfield Soccer Association and Gregory Cole of the Crystal Lake Soccer Association were selected the Illinois Administrators of the Year. Peter Konar from Mt. Prospect Green White was selected the Illinois Volunteer of the Year. More recreational leagues are hosting our introductory coaching course that is available free of charge to our affiliated recreational leagues. The IYSA Awards Banquet & Soccer Expo will take place on March 5 & 6, 2010. The Chicago Fire and Chicago Red Stars are partnering with the IYSA for the Soccer Expo. Chicago Red Stars Head Coach Emma Hayes will be the primary speaker at the awards banquet. Other speakers include David Lowe, Former Derby County Manager & Wigan Athletic First Team Coach and Tosh Farrell of the Everton Football Club. ODP still continues to attract the top players who are not involved in the US Soccer Academy. The IYSA Inner City Program is considered one of the best soccer programs for at-risk children in the U.S. We were invited by the US Soccer Foundation to meet with Senator Durbin's, Senator Burris', and Congressman Gutierrez's staff to introduce our Inner City Programs and advocate for US Soccer Foundation's appropriations. She thanked the Board and leagues for their support.

Director of Marketing & Communications Chris Jamrozy asked the leagues to provide him with information that he could use to market their programs.

Director of Coaching, Ian Mulliner, reported that he has been conducting pre-season coaching clinics for community based member organizations.

State Cup Director, Bill Bruno, presented the State Cup report. He reported that 20 IYSA teams advanced to the US Youth Soccer Midwest regionals and four qualified for the nationals and one won the US Youth Soccer National Championship.

ODP Administrator, Janet Adkins, reported that this is the third year that our ODP is using The Everton Way online curriculum and the parents are excited with the program. Due to the difficult economy, the IYSA changed the ODP process from the overnight ODP state camp to a 1-day ODP state combine.

Inner City Program Director, Ale Jurado, reported that the IYSA Inner City Program continues to increase and provide hope and opportunities to at-risk children.

Mary Jane Bender presented the TOPSoccer report. She stated that 30% of the children in our Inner City Program have obesity issues, attention deficit disorders and learning disabilities that require the most dedicated coaches.

Tournament Director, Hugh Orlicz, reported that he met with the Tournament Directors in southern Illinois. His priority is to meet with all referee assignors to re-implement the referee assessment process. He also recommended that teams participate in the Chicago Beach Soccer Tournament hosted by the IYSA in July. It's a unique and great event for all levels of teams.

State Youth Referee Administrator Tim Deters reported that nearly 5500 referees registered in 2009. The Illinois State Referee Committee (ISRC) launched their new website which is linked to that of the IYSA. The ISRC sent 19 Illinois referees and 3 mentors to the regionals. Andy King was selected to the US Youth Soccer Nationals.

Recreational Referee Program Director, Hugh Orlicz, stated that the Grade 9 course is part of the US Soccer referee program and is a less expensive and good alternative for recreational leagues.

ELECTIONS

Gary Seyring conducted the elections.

The Nominating Committee nominated Gus Bender for the Director-at-Large position. No nominations were made from the floor. Gus Bender was elected by acclamation.

Bob Berkley nominated Mike Zovistoski for the Director-at-Large position. No nominations were made from the floor. Mike Zovistoski was elected by acclamation.

The Nominating Committee nominated Salvador Arroyo for the Northern District Commissioner position. Jan Berkley nominated Charlie Dyson for the position. The nominations were closed and ballots distributed to the delegates. The ballots were counted and the results were reported to Gary Seyring who declared that Charlie Dyson was elected as the Northern District Commissioner.

Gus Bender congratulated and welcomed the new Board members.

FOR THE GOOD OF SOCCER

Gus Bender thanked Jeff Steinback and Salvador Arroyo for their many years of service to Illinois Youth Soccer.

On behalf of the IWSL, Flo Dyson thanked Gus Bender and the staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Gus Bender declared the Annual General Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.