

**Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA)**  
**Unapproved Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**February 4, 2011**  
**IYSA Office**

Board Members Present: Gus Bender, Robert Berkley, Flo Dyson, Dave Hicks, Stuart Kasten, Salvador Arroyo, Gary Seyring, Michael Zovistoski.

League Representatives: Jan Berkley, Greg Cole, Kelly Fairwood, Michael Gorell, Juergen Huettner, Jen Mateus, Jay Ray, Ryan Snyder, Michael Zovistoski.

Guests: Mary Jane Bender (recording secretary), Bill Bruno, Tim Deters, Dorian Figgers, Luis Gonzalez, Chris Jamrozy, Ale Jurado, Ian Mulliner, Hugh Orlicz, Jonathan Orlicz, Fran Pope, Michelle Ray, Emily Snyder.

The Annual General Meeting was called to order by the president, Gus Bender, at 7:25 PM on Friday, February 4, 2011 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, Perry County Soccer League, Princeton Youth Soccer League, Raptor Youth Soccer League, Schaumburg Athletic Association, Southern Illinois Soccer League, Young Sportsmen's Soccer League.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 12, 2010 IYSA Annual General Meeting were unanimously approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Gus Bender presented the President's Report. Illinois Youth Soccer continues to promote coaching courses that emphasize player development and has entered into a relationship with Coerver Coaching to provide Illinois Youth Soccer camps that teach player skills in a friendly, learning environment. The State Referee Committee program has created a mentoring program that teaches beginning referees practical skills on the field. Illinois Youth Soccer enforces risk management standards including but not limited to background checks, goal safety, weather safety, and health concerns. The U13 Illinois Midwest Regional League (MRL) has been a successful qualifier to determine the Illinois MRL participants. Special appreciation was expressed to Jonathan Spector and the Christopher Quon Foundation for their ODP scholarships to deserving Illinois ODP players. Gus thanked the Illinois Youth Soccer 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. He was pleased to report that the draft of the audit indicates that the financial statements presented fairly the position of Illinois Youth Soccer and conforms to generally accepted accounting principals. Although revenues are down due to the tough economic times, program revenues exceeded expenses. The Board voted not to raise fees and accepted the budget as presented unless funding has been withdrawn for a specific program.

**Motion:** Jan Berkley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

## REPORTS

Central District Commissioner Dave Hicks reported that there was an increase in the enrollment for Central Illinois Youth Soccer League. The IYSA office staff was helpful during the league's transition to Gotsoccer. He extended his best wishes for a recovery to Janet Adkins.

Southern District Commissioner Stu Kasten reported that there are three new recreational leagues in Southern Illinois. Southern Illinois Soccer League has continued to maintain a steady growth in the number of players and teams over the past few years. He expressed his regrets about the St. Louis Athletica team folding and that there is no pro team in the St. Louis area.

Northern District Commissioner Charlie Dyson reported that the recreational numbers are holding steady while the competitive numbers increased by 1%. The Illinois Women's Soccer League has had continuous growth since 1973. Young Sportsmen's Soccer League numbers have also increased.

Hispanic Program Director Salvador Arroyo reported that several clubs have supported the development of a Hispanic competitive league in Chicago.

Recreational Program Director Gary Seyring asked the recreational leagues to take advantage of the programs offered by Illinois Youth Soccer and US Youth Soccer. He thanked the recreational leagues and IYSA staff for their support.

US Youth Soccer Recreational Program Director Hugh Orlicz discussed the online component of the Youth Module coaching course that was developed by Region II and the Regional Recreational League Recognition Program.

Executive Director Mary Jane Bender reported that there was an increase in membership. Nearly 900 players were enrolled in the 2010 Illinois ODP. 118 Illinois teams participated in the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional League. More than 10,000 competitive teams in all 55 state associations throughout the US began their US Youth Soccer National Championship Series quest by participating in their respective state association's State Cup. From the Illinois State Cup competition in the U13 to U19 age groups and the MRL, twenty-two Illinois champions advanced to the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regionals. Including the Illinois National League teams, six Illinois teams qualified for the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series nationals. Congratulations to the U14 Boys Select Eclipse team from Young Sportsman's Soccer League for winning the national championship. The Illinois Cup is an opportunity for community-based teams in the U8 to U12 age groups to compete in a statewide tournament. Nearly 90 youth teams participated in the Chicago Beach Soccer Tournament at Montrose Beach in Chicago. The IYSA was able to provide free soccer programs to over 1000 at-risk children living in Chicago's inner city thanks in large part to a grant from the US Soccer Foundation and the Greater Cincinnati Foundation. Special appreciation was extended the Board and leagues for their support.

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 stated that 22 Illinois champions advanced to the US Youth Soccer Midwest regionals. There was more diversity in the representation with the boys' champions coming from five different clubs and the girls' champions representing four clubs. Including the National League teams, six Illinois teams qualified for the nationals and one won the US Youth Soccer National Championship.

ODP Administrator Jonathan Orlicz stated that the number of participants doubled in the ODP Central District in Bloomington. The 1995 boys Illinois ODP team and 1995 girls Illinois ODP team will be representing Region II at the ODP National Championships in Phoenix. US Soccer U18 National Team Coach Mike Matkovich is working with the Illinois ODP players and Tosh Farrell designed a new online curriculum for Illinois ODP.

Inner City Program Director Ale Jurado reported that the IYSA Inner City Program continues to provide hope and opportunities to at-risk children. The number of program sessions have increased to three times per week.

Dorian Figgers presented the TOPSoccer report. He appreciates the partnership between Illinois Youth Soccer, the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Board of Education to provide soccer programs to children with disabilities.

Tournament Director Hugh Orlicz stated that IYSA sanctioned tournaments receive an important marketing advantage by being listed on the 6-state Tournament Center website.

State Youth Referee Administrator Tim Deters thanked Illinois Youth Soccer for supporting referee development. He reported that Illinois has over 5300 US Soccer certified referees, 136 assignors, 72 instructors and 44 assessors. 21 Illinois referees participated in the US Youth Soccer Regionals in Beaverton, Ohio. Illinois' Monica Orjuela who was selected as the Region II Referee of the Year will be honored at the US Youth Soccer Workshop in Louisville, Ky. Greg Dopka was invited to referee at the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series in Phoenix, Az. Rich Grady will oversee the referee mentoring program. There is a 36% turnover after the first year and 74% after three years. Flo Dyson requested the referee report to include the number of female referees.

Recreational Referee Program Director Hugh Orlicz wants to bring the Grade 9 Recreational Referee program to more community-based leagues. He encourages referees to become Grade 8 certified. Illinois has one of the top five largest number of Grade 8 certified referees in the US.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Gus Bender stated that the IYSA Camps are geared at community-based programs.

Ryan Snyder asked the Board to review the voting structure.

Flo Dyson thanked IYSA staff and introduced IWSL board member Kelly Fairwood.

## **ELECTIONS**

Gus Bender conducted the elections.

Jay Ray nominated Flo Dyson for the Director-at-Large position. No nominations were made from the floor. Flo Dyson was elected by acclamation.

Jay Ray nominated Peter Glon for the Director-at-Large position. No nominations were made from the floor. Peter Glon was elected by acclamation.

Jay Ray nominated Dave Hicks for the Central District Director position. No nominations were made from the floor. Dave Hicks was elected by acclamation.

Jay Ray nominated Gary Seyring for the Recreational Program Director. No nominations were made from the floor. Dave Hicks was elected by acclamation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Gus Bender declared the Annual General Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.