

- Washington State Referee Committee -

**Committee Meeting Minutes – Lake Washington youth Soccer Association – Wednesday –
April 9th 2008**

Present: Ram C. Prasad (Chairman), Frederick J. Mabbott (State Director Assessment), Juris Jansons (State Director of Instruction), Wally E. Beaumont (Managing Director Instruction), Roberto A. Alvarez (State Youth Referee Administrator), Donnie Roberts (Adult Representative), David Painton (Youth Representative), Doug Andreassen (State Youth Association President), Sue Jones (Secretary), Andrew Boyd (Treasurer), Thomas Butler (Assistant to Treasurer). **Guests:** George Maitland (State Youth Treasurer) & Kit Logue (State Adult Treasurer)

Not Present : Betty Schmeck (State Referee Administrator), Timothy W. Busch (State Adult Association President), Phoebe Russell (Referee Registrar)

Greetings and Introductions

Meeting called to order by Ram Prasad at 6:47

Approval of October 2007 *motioned by Donnie Roberts with no corrections noted, seconded by Roberto Alvarez, all agreed.* (Note: no minutes for February, no quorum)

Chair reported on status of Net Bank's \$7,000.00 remaining fund loss. Until Net Bank sells its remaining assets, recovery may take over a year. Several chapters requested board members attend their chapter meeting for member questions in the past few months. Ram to meet with Spokane members, Roberto, David and Andrew to meet with Pierce County members during the month of April.

Chair discussed Goals and Objectives of the Business Plan, items need to show status and new priorities. The chair would like to see the updated Business plan posted and updated to the Web Site. Updates from Directors are to be submitted to the Secretary for recording.

The Youth State Treasurer, George Maitland discussed several items. Net Bank, 501C, Credit Card and an outstanding bill due for State Camps. The chair will forward all documents to George for review of the Net Bank status. The 501C status will need to be addressed by both presidents and for further discussions. Credit Card issues for transferring funds to USSF in Chicago, currently office staff is submitting in small increments (7,500.00) due to current limit, still unresolved.

A Motion to pay the outstanding balance of \$12,467.00 to the State Youth Association for State camps was submitted by Fred Mabbott, seconded by Donne Roberts, all agreed.

Doug Andreassen briefly spoke to the board regarding upcoming events and the huge increase in soccer enthusiasts over the next two years. With the summer Olympics and new state professional games, more youth will be involved, which means more referees and more fields. Doug believes there will be a 50% increase in participation throughout our state.

Tom Butler reported the financials are now available on line utilizing Q-Books. The financials will now be available with up to date banking information for anyone needing access. Tom Butler also, reported at present, there are no requirements in Washington State for any Employment Securities to be paid.

A motion to allow access to financial information on line, to all Chapter Presidents was submitted by David Painton, seconded by Donnie Roberts, all agreed.

Director Reports

SRA Director Report is attached for minutes. Also SRA/SYRA Workshop in Colorado Springs 03/29/08

SYRA Director Work plan report is attached for minutes. Noted the Oregon based Manchester United Nike cup has requested more of our referees for this event. Roberto stated each year this request has increased 2 fold with no adjustment to the current year budget. Also, discussed the regional event in Hawaii and the increase in hotel / airfare costs compared to prior years. 35 referees have been selected to participate in this event. Roberto briefly discussed a new mentoring program called EXCEL, coordinating with Betty, Juris and Josh Wilkins.

A motion to increase the budget line item by \$1,300.00 from the contingency budget for referee expenses to the Manchester United Nike cup was submitted by Fred Mabbott, seconded by Donnie Roberts, all agreed.

A motion to increase the budget line item by \$6,000.00 from the contingency budget for referee expenses to the 2008 Regional was submitted by Fred Mabbott, seconded by Andrew Boyd.

SDA Director reported the new on line assessment feature has helped decrease the delay in Referee assessment information and voucher requirements. Fred stated the biggest issue at present, is the assignors given games either too hard or too low for assessments. Once the assessment process has started and if the referee fails their first assessment, they must do two more games, at the same game level originally assigned. Roberto briefly stated that a state assignor position would solve that issue if implemented.

SDI Director reported Lake Washington Technical College now offers enter level referee clinics every month. This past month 166 referees attended two training sessions at the Pro and Advance Clinics with Sandy Hunt and Farhad Mansourian as instructors. Also Pierce County held its annual training event with 300 attendees and Brian Hall as instructor. Discussed instruction clinics for trainees to train referees. The USSF 2008 Administration Handbook is available on the Web; there are changes from the printed version to the web site for further review. State training hours have changed from 19 to 12 and Intermediate training hours to 13.

Treasurers Report is attached for minutes.

The board discussed the new high level professional games coming to our State with the increased need for higher level certified referees was emphasized by all. The Veterans cup this year (July 8th-13th) will hold a male youth referee academy for about 25 up and coming referees.

A special Thank you to Tom Butler and Mike Lechnar, from the chair, for all their hard work in providing excellent support during these past transitional years from no financial statements to the availability of on line accessible statements.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Action Items 04/09/08:

Web Site	: Pierce County not connected to Web – Site
501C	: Currently under Youth account.
Chair	: Send all related Net Bank documents to George Maitland, State Youth Treasurer
Chair	: Send check to State Youth Treasurer
SYRA	: Finalize billing of all State Camps
SYRA	: To send 20 Candidates to Manchester United Nike cup
SYRA SRA, SDI	: Prepare a mentoring program – Workshop meeting prior to August EXCEL
Secretary	: Business plan updated
Secretary	: Drivers ?? Veterans Cup
Secretary	: Minutes to Chapter Presidents (Draft)
Treasurer	: Q-Books access to Youth State Treasurer and Adult State Treasurer
SDI	: Send information regarding Lake Washington entry level clinics to Secretary

Respective submitted by: Sue Jones, Secretary 04/12/08

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