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Len Rogers
President

Dave Laraba
Executive Director

WVSA AGM 2011 7PM Minutes
Saturday November 12, 2011
4H Camp, Barboursville, WV

Agenda

1. Call to Order – President Len Rogers called the meeting to order at 7PM
2. Roll Call – Staff conducted the roll call by sign in sheet. Votes present Youth 40/72 Adult 2/3 BOD 8/12 total 50/87 A quorum was present.
3. Minutes of 2010 AGM were approved as printed **MC/ Wayne Co**
4. Communications Letter from Rusty McQuade was read expressing her thoughts as she retires after serving on the WVSA BOD for 15 years.
5. Old Business- None
6. Reports of Officers
 - a. President Len Rogers reviewed his printed report and announced that USYS Region I was buying a second vehicle for each state. Region I provided a car for WVSA DOC Bob Gray several years ago. This new one will be a Suburban to be used by Ex Dir Dave Laraba and to support ODP and Referee travel.
 - b. Executive VP John McCrady had no report
 - c. Secretary / Treasurer Thresa McCrady The budget / Actual report for 10-11 was reviewed by Dave.
 - d. VP Adult Aaron Wood reviewed membership numbers for adults as in the 80-900 range which is an increase. SWASL is expanding to include college club teams. Tina thanked Aaron for getting the club team at FSU into the league.
 - e. VP Youth Joe Pepe. Jude Greene reviewed the youth membership report and explained some of the changes in the online program for the new year.
 - f. Past President Dennis Brumfield. Dennis, USYS National BOD Member, reviewed several national programs.
 - g. D1 Wendy DeLawder – No Report
 - h. D2 Dan Shorts – No Report
 - i. D3 Graham Peace – No Report but Dave commended Graham for his help dealing with several issues in his district.
 - j. D4 Ron Rogillio – No Report
 - k. D5 Rusty McQuade – Refer to Rusty’s letter.
 - l. D6 Sherri Stahlman – No Report
 - m. At Large Youth Marcus Cole – No Report
 - n. At Large Adult Eric Wood – No Report



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7. Reports of Committee's

a. Cups John McCrady

1 Kohls Cup John McCrady - John reviewed this years cup. The committee worked to resolve several issues with teams and clubs. There are 68 teams here this weekend and all are playing at least 3 games. Plans for next year are to bring all teams to Barboursville 11/10-12. 2 girls divisions were added this year.

2 Open Cup – This years OC will be June 2-1 in Barboursville.

3 USYS National Championships John Newton – WV State Championships will be held in Beckley May 19-20 with prelims as needed April 28-29. The entry deadline is Jan 1, 2012. There are changes to roster rules from USYS. Please review the information on the new procedures when it is published.

b. Recreation Ron Rogillio – There is a spring u15-u19 recreational league in the Charleston, Huntington, Ripley area. Contact Ron if you have teams that would like to join.

c. Risk Management Ron Rogillio – Ron and Dave reviewed Goal Safety and Child safety in view of recent goal accidents and the Penn State situation. All Clubs need to link to the WVSA website Risk Management section on their websites.

d. Referee Mike McCarthy – Mike reviewed his printed report and highlighted various numbers concerning referee registration and retention. There will be an assignors class in Bridgeport and one may be held in Charleston. Contact SDI Dennis Brumfield if you have need of a new instructor in your area. Thanks to Freddy Potter for doing several classes in his district.

e. Budget Dave Laraba Differed to new business

f. Top Soccer Jude Greene There are new programs coming on. Preston Co attended regional training. We are hoping to have a State TOPS Coach who will be able to conduct training in WV.

8. Staff Reports

a. Executive Director Dave Laraba – Reviewed written report

b. Director of Coaching Bob Gray – Bob noted the coaching courses hosted the past year and asked that any club wanting a course to contact the office. There will be a D Lic in the Eastern Panhandle in 2012.

c. Director of Member Services, Jude Greene reviewed updates to the online program.

d. Director Administrative Services Kristi Richmond – No Report

e. Director of Soccer Operation, Charlie Birklebach is printed. WVCRLS info is on the website.

f. ODP Tina Mascaro Tina reviewed her report and noted that tryouts will be indoor in jan.

9. New Business

a. Elections of Officers

1 Ex VP John McCrady **JoN/ MC** Elected

3 VP Adult Aaron Wood **DC/AW** Elected

4 D1 Wendy Delawder **Appointed by President to new 2Yr Term**

5 D3 Graham Peace **LC/ CWV** Elected

6 D5 Sean Acord **NG/YSWV** Elected

At Large Youth Marcus Cole **JeN/ HY**

b. Approval of Budget Approved **AW / MC**

c. Approval of BOD Actions - None

d. Amendments to The WVSA Constitution - None

e. By Law Amendments - None

f. Rule Changes

Permission to make editorial and other changes to comply with new

USYS and Region I Cup Rules **RR/MC** Approved

g. Policy and Procedure Changes **See Attached sheet**

Discussion of Insurance Cost increase and possible fee increase for

2012 –13 Information ONLY, Discussion on insurance rates and other costs. Members to take info back to clubs and give feedback through Dist and at large Com for BOD action in Feb.

h. Membership Applications / Name Changes BRC YMCA to YMCA of SWV **Jn/ MC** approved

10. Good of the Game- Presentation by Ron Rogillio on behalf of Pat O'Reilly in recognition of WVSA hosting the 2009-2010 USYS RI Championships.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 920PM



Bold new language or rule

Delete

Italic's explanation

4.2.6 Misconduct toward officials

4.2.6.3.4.2 Any person found guilty of misconduct toward a game official may be suspended from 1 match (**3 match's**) to 1 year.

A person sent off by the referee has an automatic 1 match suspension so this will allow for a min longer suspension for this offense.

RR/MC approved

5.2.1 Kohls Cup

5.2.1.1.1 The team has played a minimum of six games against **at least three different** WVSA registered opponents in its own or older age div. **By November 1. Exceptions due to weather or travel distance may be made by the WVSA Kohls Cup Chair.**

To ensure all teams are qualified

JN/LC approved

5.2.1.1.7 All cup entries must be postmarked by 10/15. (**completed online by the date established by the cup committee**)

To make the rule fit how we now register teams for the cup

JN/MC approved

5.2.1.1.4 No Team may have more than 1/2 its roster from outside the clubs home county Players from outside the home county (**and those out of county players**) must be from within the clubs district.

Clarification that out of county players may only come from within a clubs district.

LC/MC approved

5.2.1.2 Rosters

.7 The number of T **and or All Star** players may not be more than 1 (**2**) player (s) higher than the number of T players on each of the other teams in the age group in the club.

To allow some flexibility for clubs

RR/MC approved

Academy Programs

- 1. Member clubs may offer an academy program to train younger players, U8, U10, and U12.**
- 2. Academy teams may play friendly matches against other academy teams and in the WVSA Open Cup Academy Division.**
- 3. Any recreation players that participate in an academy program will be subject to the same rules as All-Star players for Kohls Cup**
- 4. Academy players must be rostered on an academy roster in the WVSA / YLUSA system.**

To allow recreation players to receive additional training without becoming travel players.

JN/MC approved



Delete the ability to grant exceptions to the following rules. JN/MC approved

3.15.3 For WVSA Registered Travel Teams

1. A Team may have on its roster only players of the following age groups for the seasonal year in which the team is participating.
 1. For teams participating in the Under 15 and below age groups, each player on the team must be (A) of the age of the age group in which the team is participating in that seasonal year, or (B) of the age in either of the next 2 younger age groups of that age group in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.
 2. For teams participating in the Under 16 and older age groups, each player on the team must be (A) of the age of the age group in which the team is participating in that seasonal year, or (B) of the age in either of any younger age group, through U14, of that age group in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.
 3. Exceptions may be granted by the Director of Membership Services for teams not participating in the US Youth Soccer national Championship Series
 - i. Hardships may not be granted for Any WVSA Cup Play

3.15.4 Age Restrictions For WVSA Registered Recreational Teams

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 3. Exceptions may be granted by the Director of Membership Services for hardships
 - i. Hardships may not be granted for Any WVSA Cup Play

3.15.5 Roster Age Limits

1. A Team may have on its roster only players who 's age's fall within the US Youth Soccer Player Age Matrix.(U4)- U19 i. Hardships may not be granted for Any WVSA Cup Play

3.15. Limit on Roster Age for WVSA Travel Teams

1. A Team may not register any player below U8.
2. Exceptions may be granted by the Director of Membership Services for hardship



The Following is for discussion ONLY Please review with your club and give feedback to any WVSA BOD Member. Contact Dave Laraba with any ?

WVSA Youth Insurance premium increase and utility, fuel cost and travel increases

The last WVSA per player fee increase was 10 years ago and at that time we said we would not come back for another increase for 10 years unless their where raises in the US Youth Soccer or US Soccer players fees.

WVSA has had several years of high loss ratio's for medical coverage. Our premium was set to go from \$2 per player to \$2.74 this year. We were notified in late June after some members had started fall registration. We were able to negotiate a rate of \$2.25 for this year but we will face another increase for 2012-2013. There are several options:

A.

1. Increase the deductible from \$500 to \$1,000
2. Decrease the per claim limit from \$50,000 to \$25,000
3. Work with our carrier to get the best rate possible with no player fee increase

B.

1. Increase deductible from \$500 to \$750
2. Decrease the per claim limit from \$50,000 to \$30,000
3. Work with our carrier to get the best rate possible with a player fee increase of \$1 for registration to cover insurance costs for the next 2 years.

C.

1. Increase deductible from \$500 to \$750
2. Decrease the per claim limit from \$50,000 to \$30,000
3. Work with our carrier to get the best rate possible with a player fee increase of \$2 for registration to cover insurance and other costs.

In B and C the basic WVSA per player cost would be raised and the travel player fee would remain at \$20.



WVSA President's Report

Annual General Meeting

November 12, 2011

West Virginia Soccer Association continues to serve its members by providing the best and friendliest State Office Staff. Dave Laraba and all his key staff are always available to listen and solve whatever problem is thrown at them. You guys are the heartbeat of our association and I want to thank everyone for the great jobs that you do. Thank you for taking care of our membership like they are family.

As we explore hosting other tournaments and events throughout our state, Mayor Turman of the Village of Barboursville was very excited to have the WVSA Open Cup back in the Barboursville Soccer Complex in June. So when I called him about hosting Kohl's Cup at the complex in November he was very happy. Mayor Turman, Kandi Miller, the Village Council, Steve Parsons and his staff always go the extra mile to help us with our event hosting.

John McCurdy and his Cup Committee have again done a great job running our 2011 tournaments throughout our state. He is always looking for more volunteers to help so if you like a challenge talk to John. Many great memories are made on the committee. Not to mention lots of soccer.

Tina Mascaro WVSA ODP Administrator has our ODP programs on track for another good year. ODP tryouts are just around the corner check the website for dates. Tina and Bob Gray DOC take great care of our ODP programs and I thank them for the great job they both do. Congratulations to the 96 Girls ODP team on advancing to the ODP Tournament finals at Kirkwood Soccer Complex in Delaware

WVSA and the other Region 1 States are waiting to hear who might be the next equipment sponsor. No news until after the first of the year. The US Youth Soccer Association continues to deal with cuts but most programs are still running. Hopefully as our economy improves the sponsors will be able to donate more.



Events attended in 2011

Jan:

NSCAA Convention

Feb:

USYS Workshop

Region 1 President's meeting

Region 1 meeting

Mar:

US Soccer AGM

May:

WVSA State Championships

June:

WVSA Open Cup

ODP tournament Finals

July:

US Youth Soccer Championship Series Finals



WVSA AGM 2011 6 PM
Saturday November 1, 2011
Barboursville 4H camp
Barboursville, WV
Report of the Executive Director

Activity Report

Jan

Meeting with Berkley Co P/R

Feb

ODP Training

USYS Workshop and Ex Dir School / Louisville, KY

March

WVTL Games

April

ODP Training in Beckley

May

ODP Mini Camp at Cedar Lakes

Darrel Moore Classic Beckley

USYS NCS Beckley

June

WVSA Open Cup Barboursville

USYS NCS Region I Lancaster, PA

July

USYS NCS Region I Lancaster, PA

August

September

October

Region I Fall Meeting Boston, MA

WVHSSCA Fall Meeting Buckhannon

November

WVSSAC Soccer Finals Beckley\

WVSA Kohl's Cup, Barboursville

WVHSSCA Awards Dinner, Bridgeport



I have worked with clubs on local problems and worked to promote WWSA to prospective members.
Office Report

The WWSA office continues to evolve and seek to find new ways to provide services to the membership. We have had three years with the YLUSA Registration and Risk Management System. The system is a great help to all members and the office staff. Jude is constantly working with YLUSA to update and adjust the system to meet the needs of the members, programs and staff.

Jude Greene continues doing a fantastic job as Dir of Member Services. Jude is working with YLUSA to update and adjust the system to meet the needs of the members, programs and staff.

Tina continues to do a superior job as ODP administrator. Thanks to Tina for taking care of all the paperwork and keeping Bob Gray straight. Bob continues to provide excellent coaching education and oversees the OPD Staff.

Kristi Hatfield is doing great in the office and is working with Jude on the YLUSA program. Kristi continues overseeing the Risk management program as she attends LPN School. Ben Bowling continues working part time helping with the referee website and otherwise assisting the referee staff. We welcome Mary Rahall to the office staff and she continues to learn about WWSAs members and programs. Please make her feel welcome!!

Charlie Birklebach has continued to develop the WV Country Roads State League and has worked with John Newton and Tina to develop a spring calendar. Charlie has been a great partner in helping administering WWSA programs and events.

I wish to thank all of the staff that works to support the clubs and programs of WWSA in YOUR state office. .

If you are in the Beckley area stop and see the WWSA office.





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2011 WV Soccer Association State Referee Program Annual Report

Submitted by:

Michael J. McCarthy, State Referee Administrator

November 12, 2011

1. Referee, Instructor, Assessor and Assignor Annual Census, 2007 - 2011

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	1 Year Difference	1 Year % Difference
Referee	753	778	853	822	813	-25	(3.2%)
Instructor	34	39	14	27	38	-5	(12.8%)
Assignor	44	48	42	44	44	-4	(8.3%)
Assessor	16	17	6	10	17	-1	(5.9%)

2. Referee, Instructor, Assessor and Assignor Five Year Census, 2007 - 2011

	2011	2007	Difference	% Difference
Referee	753	813	-60	(7.4%)
Instructor	34	38	-4	(10.5%)
Assignor	44	44	0	0%
Assessor	16	17	-1	(5.9%)



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Comments on Referee, Instructor, Assessor and Assignor Census:

- A. While the 2009-2010 numbers suggest a dramatic jump in the number of instructors and assessors, a look back to 2007 reveals little long-term change in this number and suggests that the apparent recent spike is likely the result mainly of previous instructors and assessors recertifying following a brief lapse.

3. Referee Grade Demographics

Referee Grade	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2011 US	2010 US
9	168 22.5%	155 20.1%	136 16.0%	147 18.0%	193 23.8%	24,089 17.1%	26,255 18.6%
8	541 72.3%	579 74.9%	667 78.6%	626 76.5%	575 70.9%	107,404 76.5%	109,298 77.2%
7	25 3.3%	25 3.2%	27 3.2%	30 3.7%	26 3.2%	3,676 2.6%	3,978 2.8%
6	11 1.5%	10 1.3%	15 1.8%	11 1.3%	12 1.5%	1,313 0.9%	1,355 1.0%
5	3 0.4%	4 0.5%	4 0.5%	4 0.5%	5 0.6%	680 0.5%	648 0.5%
TOTAL	748	773	849	818	811	140,466	141,534
New Grade 9 or 8	265 35.4%	282 36.5%	363 42.8%	321 39.2%	309 38.1%	50,954 36.3%	55,330 39.1%

4. Referee Attrition

Of the referees registered in 2009 and 2010, the following numbers represent those who did not recertify at all for the following year at each grade level:



Referee Grade	Num Attrition from 2010-11	% Attrition from 2010-11	Num Attrition from 2009-10	% Attrition from 2009-10
9	84	54.2%	87	64.0%
8	254	43.9%	296	44.4%
7	3	12%	3	11.1%
6	1	10%	3	20%
5	0	0%	0	0%
TOTAL	342	44.2%	389	45.6%



Comments on Referee Grade Demographics & Referee Attrition

- A. WWSA's referee distribution among grades 9 – 5 is comparable to that seen across the United States, with a slightly higher percentage of referees being Grade 7 and a substantially higher percentage being Grade 9 than the national proportions.
- B. Referee attrition remains high, at 43.9% among Grade 8 and 54.2% among Grade 9 referees, but the latter not as high as the previous year. Overall attrition has fluctuated slightly below and above 45%
- C. Recruitment remains high, ranging between 35.4% and 42.8% over the past four years (and comparable to the nationwide rate). This has helped to offset attrition, but means that around 40% of referees in WV are in their first year as a referee – a point that should be emphasized to coaches at all levels: if you drive away this referee today, the replacement will only be even newer.

4. WWSA Referee Program Developments

- A. Referee 2012 Recertification Agenda (developed by Dennis Brumfield, Sr.) – 5 hours
 - a. Accessing USSF Referee Program Website
 - i. Position Papers
 - ii. Ask a Referee
 - iii. MLS Week in Review
 - iv. Laws of the Game
 - b. Instruct from the following Position Papers
 - i. Memorandum of Law Changes
 - ii. 7+7 Cautionable and Sending Off Offenses
 - iii. Managing Feinting by the Kicker at a PK or KFTM
 - iv. Penalty Kicks and 2005-06 Law Changes
 - v. Providing Hydration During a Match
 - vi. Offside and Interfering With Play
 - vii. Offside – Is Touching the Ball a Requirement?
 - viii. Offside – Classic Offside Scenario
 - ix. Offside
 - x. Offside Issues
 - xi. Offside on a Corner Kick
 - c. Problems / Issues in Your Local Area



B. Move to Online Referee Registration

Beginning with recertification for the 2011 year, WV referee registration migrated to the USSF online registration system. The advantages of this change are:

- a. Faster turn-around for distribution of USSF Referee Certification cards and packets, which will be sent by the Federation once online payment and registration is received, rather than batched and distributed only at the end of a certification year when WV registrations were received en masse.
- b. Direct access and encouragement of referees to maintain their own contact information, reducing scanning or transcription errors from handwritten forms.
- c. A single, up-to-date source of the current referee certification list with direct access to USSF database for WV registered Assignors.
- d. Reduction of WWSA volunteer and paid staff time to receive and process forms and payments.

Modifications to the initially proposed workflow have been made based on feedback from WWSA league members who wish to retain the ability to pay registration fees on behalf of their referees but not incur additional burdens to that action.

Methods to move registration of new referees to the online system will also be explored, with possible deployment as early as Spring 2012.

5. WWSA Referee Program Strategic Initiatives

A. Youth Referee Academy

We have attempted to identify promising young referees by nomination from local assignors and instructors so that these referees can be groomed to represent our state at regional level events in coming years. Interest has been high, but fleeting.

We did, however, successfully mentor 9 young referees – all 16 years old or younger – in a set of U10 Friendly matches hosted in Barboursville by the WV Soccer Club in August 2011.

B. Revision of Composition of State Referee Committee

The State Referee Committee has been dormant for several years, due perhaps in part to an archaic structure of geographically-assigned district representatives. Initial discussions with Referee Program stakeholders suggests that some involvement by non-referee representatives, perhaps from among youth and adult league players and youth coaches, might preserve a geographic balance but also bring new and important perspectives to the program. A proposal for revision of the State Referee Committee may be presented at the 2012 AGM.



6. Issues of Concern

A. Incidents of Referee Abuse

The Spring and Fall 2010 witnessed an apparent spike in incidents of Referee Abuse, specifically verbal threats, with one middle school aged league seeing three within a 6 month span (one from a coach and two from spectators).

Since that time, however, the only incidents of referee abuse have involved players in the Southern WV Adult Soccer League, and they have been dealt with at both the league and state levels.

B. Referee Game Report Writing Skills

Revealed during the investigation of the referee abuse incidents noted above was a lack of knowledge among some referees regarding the writing of Game Reports. Game Report writing is understandably underplayed during the Grade 9 or Grade 8 New Referee Clinics because it is, at that time, so far-removed from the students that they are unlikely to remember any details when the time comes that one is required. The WVSA Referee Program has included a module on report writing in the 2011 Recertification Agenda, and the quality of reports received has improved since.



WVCRSL RIVERS

2012

WVCRSL Rivers Division

The West Virginia Country Roads State League is ready for the 2012 Spring Season. The **Rivers Division** is set with the dates of Friday March 9th & Saturday March 10th and Sunday March 11th for the girls' teams. Games will also be played on Friday March 16th & Saturday March 17th and Sunday March 18th for the boys' teams. We will be playing on artificial turf with negotiations for fields in Charleston, Parkersburg, Fairmont, Morgantown, Ripley, Point Pleasant, Bridgeport, and Martinsburg for these dates. We will work around the ODP Schedule. The fee remains \$225 for the league. The dates for play this year are developed around the Jefferson Cup in Richmond Va. which was rated the #1 Youth Soccer Tournament for the Country in 2009. This Tournament will be played on a 17-field synthetic turf complex.

This division is for the teams wishing to play in the State Championships with the winners of the WVSA State Championship Tournament moving on to the Region I Tournament being held in Eastern PA near Hershey. Information will be coming on the Mountains Division for U-10 and U-12 travel teams not wishing to play in the State Cup. Any team wishing to play in the State Championships must play in an approved league to qualify for entry. The WVCRSL or the Region I League are approved leagues with the WVCRSL designed to allow teams to participate in tournaments and the WVSA ODP Program and still play in the league. League play will be a large consideration used for seeding by the WVSA State Championship Committee.

We ask that all teams hold these dates for league play and a schedule will be published by February 4th 2012. If your entry is not received with payment by January 5th 2012 your team will not be accepted. The last day to drop and receive a refund will be February 4th. Any team forfeiting a scheduled game or not making the date on the schedule will pay a \$100 fine and will be responsible for the total referee pay for that game. Referee fees will be split between the two teams playing. It is the responsibility for each team to have cash available at the fields for each game played. Referee fees:

U 16 and up Center \$40 AR's \$35 each

U-13 to U-15 Center \$35 AR's \$30 each

U-12 & U-10 Center \$35 AR's \$25 each

Please disperse this information to your teams wishing to enter the WVCRSL Rivers Division as soon as possible. If there are any questions or help is needed please E-mail Charlie@wvsoccer.net or call Charlie @ (304) 654-3747. Also for help

inputting data for the Registration or Rosters please contact jude@wvsoccer.net

