

WVSA BOD / Staff conference call 8/27/2020 830PM Minutes

1. Roll call – Kristi Present BOD / Staff / RTP / Guests /
20 in attendance

2. USYS / USASA / US Soccer updates –

USYS continues to have conference calls with all regional directors to share what is going on and help each other through all of this. Best practices are things that are working in other places.

3. WVSA Return to play policies, Review of WV Governors Color code system for schools. WVSSAC HS/MS activities guidelines

Dave spoke about this and that some counties are following it. He spoke on his email that he sent and the response that game back to WVSA on what the color code means for us. “3a” is that response from the Governor’s office.

a. Response from Gov Office concerning color codes

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Brian

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> Attached is the latest WVSA Guidelines and best practices for game days. This is from USYS and other state soccer associations, mainly Iowa

>> Please review

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> Also I asked last week about the color coded system and if it will also effect youth sports? Some counties are telling our members that it will and I would like to be able to let our members know

Response from Brian

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Kelly stated I don’t think it would be a good idea to follow those guidelines, it could be catastrophic. There is just not a need.

Joe – if we adopted this, and its what the governor’s office wants us to follow then we should. Or is this some that we can back burner.

Dave – Governor is not saying we need to follow this currently.

Bob- But the Governor could mandate it at any time.

Jude – How do we handle out of state players and are those states using the color code. Is it regulated by states? For players traveling from one county to another. Players must follow the rules for the county in which they play/train in.

Dave answered that we are in touch with our neighboring states.

Kristi – Color coded then we would not have players crossing from orange to red or into green. To help stop the spread. Adam – Tough situation but I would like to know if there are cases that have been contracted from players being out on the fields playing?

Dave – We have reports of cases among players but none of them contracted from players. All were from outside soccer environment so far. If there is then we have not been told. Question – how long have we been playing/training? Since June. The last case we had within a club the health department didn't make anyone do anything.

Randall – Have we deviated any from state guidelines and protocols? Dave answered No. Have we done anything above and beyond what has been laid out to us. Dave answered no, but we have given some best practice suggestions.

Jerry – I've watched WVSA put in very strenuous guidelines and way more than high school and middle school is having to follow. Dave said SSAC has some of the same guidelines to follow but some may not be following the same as I am sure we have some not following them in our clubs.

Dave – there has been no direction on this and if the state receives enough complaints it could change.

Clifton – Suggest a personal protective app and field temperature checks. Dave replied we sent out a couple of approved apps that covers this. We have not mandated temperatures, but we could.

Clifton – state to state concerns if players can pass the health questions is it feasible for us to say they cannot play? Does that become a liability for us since we said they could not play?

Randall – WVSA policies are above and beyond and I am comfortable with what we have in place to follow.

Beth – For Preston's recreational program the local board has changed our numbers to make it more strenuous because during the big outbreak here we didn't hit the red so they lowered the number of cases so that if that uptick happened again we would be red. During the June uptick we were able to have games and clinics locally as the health department just asked us to follow Governors guidelines and those that WVSA has put out. If we accept this color code then by WVSA standards Preston recreation will be shutdown once cases go up. Dave asked if any of the clubs who have spoke with the health department has received any negative feedback from them. Everyone answered no.

Len – Asked if any board member had a motion on this subject.

Randall – motioned to table this subject until our next meeting on Sept 8th.

Joe Pepe – seconded the motion.

Len – asked any discussion? Nothing said

All in favor – several "I's"

Any Objections – nothing heard

Motion approved without objection.

- 4. SBA Long Term Loan: WVSA Board of Directors approves the Executive Director to sign the SBA Loan agreement. Resolution is attached. Randall Coleman Motion to approve / second Joe Pepe
Motion passed without dissent.**

5. Good of the Game

Len thanked Dave and staff for a great job of keeping up on everything and let the clubs know what is going on. He said for our clubs to keep doing what we are doing. If anyone club gets shutdown we will likely all be shutdown.

- 6. Next meeting 9/8/20 8PM** – *This time was changed to 8:30pm since we do have people at the fields and this time would work better.*
- 7. Adjournment 9:20pm**