

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Inc.  
East Central District Retreat  
Starlite Club, Kaukauna  
December 2, 2017  
9:00 AM

## Attendance

<b>Club</b>	<b>Club Rep</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Club Rep</b>
DePere Select	Tod Maki	Neenah	Greg Aykens
Electric City	Modeste Rouamba	Neenah	Jamie Kutchek
Electric City	Tim Vanderlois	Neenah	Ken Wertman
Electric City	Jason Lahm	Neenah	Tip Brown
FC Green Bay	Quinn Ross	New Holstein	Steve Conrad
FC Green Bay	Wytse Molenaar	NEW United	Mike Bessemer
FC Menasha	Kevin Otto	NEW United	Sean Breitzman
Fondy	Chad Collett	NEW United	Shant Mesdjian
Fondy	Luke Newman	NNS	Jeff Gordon
FOX Cities United	Renee' Sullivan	Oshkosh	Brian Casey
GBL	Blair Bandow	Oshkosh	Matt Callahan
HOV	Lisa Perkofski	Synergy	Jeff Jones
Howard FC	Matt Bellisle	TASK	Jay DeBruin
Keil	Joe Muehlbauer	United Hurricanes	Malcolm Boyle
Keil	Tina Murkowski	United of Allouez	Abdul Nur
Kimberly	Jeff Pozniak	Water Cities	Robert Albright

Clubs Absent: Manitowoc GG

## East Central Soccer District Officers and Commissioners

President	Doris Schommer	Games Commissioner	Chris Billstrom (Oshkosh)
Vice President	Marti Coan (Neenah)	Adult League Comm.	NA
Secretary	Gary Coenen (HOV)	Rec. Commissioner	Mike Buman (HOV)
Treasurer	Tod Maki (DePere Select)	Referee Commissioner	Jeff Jones (Neenah)
District Registrar	Kevin Otto (FC Menasha)	Academy Commissioner	Jeff Pozniak (KASA)
TOPS/Scheduling	Wayne Stoflet (KASA)	Director of Operation	Sue Ann Evers

## Roll Call (by sign in)

Introductions were made around the room.

## Meeting was called to order by President, Doris Schommer

### WYSA Board Meeting – Report given by Doris Schommer

- Coaching Education. Dropping “E” and “F”. USSF Soccer is revamping the program and breaking the class out into a modular format. (4v4, 6v6, 9v9, 11v11) Coaches need only take the modules that apply to their coaching environment. More information will be available January 2018
- Regional chairs and Vice Chairs have been replaced with a paid position

- Strategic Planning in process by the Executive Committee
- WSL (adult) hired their own administrator – Mark Harris ([soccermark10@gmail.com](mailto:soccermark10@gmail.com)) Clubs wishing to submit adult teams for this spring should contact Mark to make sure you get information you need to register the players.
- Demosphere - New registration software is starting Fall 2018 Spring 2019.
  - Demosphere transformation
    - One year of data will be moved from League One (current system) to Demosphere (new system) around June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018.
    - Training: both on-line and in person will continue through summer. Watch for updates when sessions are offered.
  - On-line player registration process
    - If you are using Active on-line player registration process, clubs should give **Termination Notice to them immediately**. If you are **not** using Active for online registration you can move forward with Demosphere.
    - On line player registration processing is what cost the club money. Every club will need to negotiate with Demosphere the on-line processing fee.
    - Demosphere is supposed to be a month to month contract so clubs should not have any issues if they decide to terminate the on-line player registration process.
    - If a clubs decides to go with on-line registration the club should make sure they understand what the contact requires them to do.
  - Risk Management
    - An email was sent out about risk management to individual clubs. East Central believes that WYSA will use a background check process to do coach pass cards. Clubs should not sign anything until they understand what is happening from WYSA on risk management
- WYSA Annual General Meeting
  - Concern was shared that WYSA needs to make sure they inform the membership as to who is up for election. Things like: “Who can run for office”, and “What needs to happen prior to the State Board Meeting in order to run for a position.”
  - Doris indicated there is a phone meeting in January and she will express the district’s concern on election of new officers.
  - Typically, the election process is shared with the membership prior to the election, however last year was an exception due to last minute decision for one officer not to continue with the term.
- WYSA Try-outs
  - Proposed change:
    - Offers will go out at noon instead of 6:00 PM.
    - Early Offers will expire at noon the day before the first date of offers for the respective age group.
    - This change will need to be voted on at WYSA AGM in March
- WYSA State Board Meeting March 3, 2017 in Downtown Kitchen, Milwaukee
- Reminder referee fees have increased by \$2.00 per position as was approved at the WYSA AG last year 2017.

## Silent Weekend

- Referee Response-Academy level referees said that they like it because they could blow their whistles without being questioned about their calls.
- East Central clubs attending the retreat received the survey results and comments to review district response.

- Survey question taken as club representative registered at the East Central meeting as to the main reason we had silent weekend.
    - Survey choices were:
      - Referee Retention
      - Parent Behavior
      - To make life easier for the coaches and players
- Survey results indicated that most representatives viewed this event for referee retention. Referee Retention was the main reason and focus for the silent weekend.
- Issues:
    - Communication was somewhat of a problem because some parents were not given enough information about the reason we were doing this weekend.
    - East Central should have pushed more information out to the membership
    - Rules were multi-leveled and involved
  - After silent weekend, games that followed did not have as many issues. Parents received the message to watch the behavior.
  - Things that went right.
    - East Central got people talking.
    - Referees need to be trained in handling field situation. Giving tools to referees to handle unruly fans
    - Define: Fine line between cheering and coaching
  - Many thought that Silent Weekend was good, but some changes needed to be made. A committee with Marti Coan as chairperson was formed. They are going to review the program and submit some changes to see if the membership would be willing to support another weekend in Spring. Suggestions from the membership:
    - Change the name of the event
    - Parents just wanted to be able to talk and catch up on social events
    - There were some pockets of players did not like it.
    - Adjust the Silent Weekend so that there are positive reactions to the issue.

## **Referee**

- Mentoring program. Mentors are assigned to work with referee. It is like a job shadow. Mentor reviews the game and asks the referee, “What did you see?” “Field positioning for calls”
- Part of the referee training is that referees are helped with how to deal with coaches and unruly fans.
- If you have comments about the referee, you should send a comment to your referee assignor without approaching the referee. There is also a form on the East Central website to report any games issues at the field. The district follows up on any comments sent in.
- When pre-season scrimmage dates are set up for the spring, East Central will invite the DOC’s to attend to get their input and to clear up any questions they may have.
- Suggestion that if a referee works a certain number of games, that they get their certification fee back.

## **Scheduling and Games per season**

- Chris Billstrom discussed issues with the number of games for the fall and spring seasons. Weather has a lot of do with how the season runs and if games are played. Discussion about reducing the number of games for each season.
- Currently we have:
  - Eight games in Fall
  - Nine games in Spring.

- Suggestions we discussed on reducing the number of games for the 2018/2019 season. A motion will be made at the AGM to reduce the number of games.
- Team placement for U12 Boy and Girls. The charge was given to make a more competitive league for the U12 Boys and Girls league in East Central, giving teams a chance to play at a higher level. Five teams were selected to play each other giving them a home and away game. It was decided to gather more information on the teams to help make a better decision on where the teams would be placed in the spring. Challenges include
  - Different teams play in the fall and in the spring.
  - Clubs may blend several teams to make one team. Past record does not paint a true picture of team's ability.
  - Clubs will need to submit more information about the team to make sure the scheduling committee has a true picture of the make-up of the team for that scheduling period.

### **Registrar – Processing Fee**

- Doris announced that it is time to start paying our district registrar for processing player pass cards. Other districts were polled and they are all paying for this service. East Central will prepare information for the membership to make a decision. When approved it would go into effect for the 2018/2019 soccer season.

### **For the Good of Soccer**

- **Coaching Convention or Coaching Sessions** – The district is thinking of offering age appropriate coaching sessions to target their needs. The earliest that something could be pulled together would be fall of 2018.
- **Take a Knee** – There is no soccer rule that you have to take a knee when a player is injured. East Central does not know where this practice came from. If a player is injured the best thing to do is have your players huddle up and let adults assess the situation and take action if need be. Clubs please educate your coaches on how to handle injuries on the field.
- **Uniform colors** – Home and away uniform colors. It was suggested that standard practice be that the home team wear light colors and away wear dark. A motion will be made at the AGM to put this practice into motion.
- **Oshkosh United U14 girls team won state cup. Congratulations.**

Lunch break at 11:40 AM

Respectfully submitted by,

Sue Ann Evers  
East Central Director of Operations

For

Gary Coenen  
East Central Secretary