

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Inc.
 East Central District Retreat
 Wisconsin Timber Rattlers
 December 8, 2018
 9:00 AM

Attendance

Member Club	Representative	Member Club	Representative
DePere Select	Tod Maki	Kimberly	Mike Huss
Electric City	Adam Kane	N.E.W United	Shant Mesdjian
FC Green Bay	Quinn Ross	N.E.W United	Vicki King
FC Green Bay	Wytse Molenaar	Neenah	Steve Shelly
FC Menasha	Kevin Otto	Neenah	Jamie Kutchek
FOX Cities United	Traci Chisholm	Neenah	Chris Fahrback
FOX Cities United	Renee' Sullivan	New Holstein	Tom Oetjen
Goalgetters	Steve Meyer	Niagara North Stars	Janet Plumley
Goalgetters	Mark Simmer	Niagara North Stars	Andy Plumley
Green Bay Lightning	Cory Romdenne	Oshkosh	Sara Noe
Heart of the Valley	Lisa Perkofski	Oshkosh	Brian Casey
Heart of the Valley	Dawn Haessler	Synergy Soccer Club	Jeff Jones
Howard FC	Matt Bellisle	TASK	Jay DeBruin
Keil	Joe Muehlbauer	United Hurricanes	Scott Frisch
Keil	Tina Murkowski	United Hurricanes	Eric Gebhard
Kimberly	Jeff Pozniak	Water Cities	Tennile Petersom

Clubs Absent: Fond du Lac, United of Allouez

East Central Soccer District Officers and Commissioners

Board Position	Representative	Board Position	Representative
President	Doris Schommer	Rec Commissioner	absent
Vice President	absent	Academy Commissioner	Sean Breitzman
Secretary	Gary Coenen	Referee	Mike Jones
Treasurer	Tod Maki	Scheduling/TOPS	Wayne Stoflet
Registrar	Kevin Otto	Adult League	Open position
Games Commissioner	Chris Billstrom	Director of Operations	Sue Ann Evers

Roll Call (by sign in)

Introductions were made around the room.

Meeting was called to order by President, Doris Schommer

President report

WYSA Board Meeting – Report given by Doris Schommer

- Referee retention issue

- The referee committee asked for another pay raise for the referees. WYSA did not approve another pay raise. The WYSA board did not feel that paying the referees more money would be a way to retain more referees.
- State Wide Mentoring program was suggested. The Referee group does not feel they have enough people to run a mentoring program. If a mentoring program is created it would be a fee to the players to cover this new program.
- Melissa (WYSA) is looking at a mentoring program from WYSA side.
 - Melissa will develop a program and will be presenting it to the WYSA board in January. This will cost the District /club more money per player. There are a lot of variables to work out yet. More to come on this discussion.
- Demosphere: Issues are being worked on
 - Continuing to work on issues with software. They are working on getting everyone's roles back to where they should be. i.e.: state, district, club.
 - Player billing was going out November 1, 2018. Clubs indicated that they did not see it. It should have come in by email. Clubs should keep an eye out for this.
- Policies approved by WYSA. To review the policies, go to:
 - <http://www.wiyouthsoccer.com/about/policies/>
 - Tryout policy
 - Youth Academy Policy. This is similar to the tryout policy. This deals with the U10 and below. This only applies to academy's that are accredited.
- Professional Team
 - Forward Madison FC
 - Green Bay League 2 - Team name forthcoming
- Congratulations to the follow clubs/teams
 - Spring 2017
 - **WI State Cup Champs**
 - U14 Boys: USA Stamped FC*
 - Fall 2018
 - **WI State Cup Runner Ups**
 - U18 Girls United Hurricanes*
 - **WI President's Cup**
 - U15 Girls: United Hurricanes*
- WYSA Annual General Meeting
 - March 9, 2019 at The Edgewater, 1001 Wisconsin Place, Madison WI
 - Two positions are up for election President and Secretary
- Adult League: East Central is in a holding pattern. East Central is working on a solution for registration for the adults. East Central would like to stay with the WSL program, but we feel that we are just not getting the support that we need. East Central will keep you posted on any progress.
 - If anyone knows of a company, we can get insurance from please contact East Central.
 - There is an U23 men's league in the East Central Soccer District. The team is young and would like to start up a league. If there are other clubs in the district that has a team at this age level, please let us know.

East Central Website

- Doris presented the look of the new website that will be hosted through Demosphere. East Central is in the process of moving over the documents and are preparing to have it live in January.

East Central Survey Fall Team Survey

- We got 139 responses from coaches, team managers
 - Responses came from about ½ coaches and ½ team manager
 - They were happy with the new look of the schedule and the number of games they play for the fall season
 - Sunday games are ok, but not in the morning due to church commitments.
 - Games scheduled on Sunday should be mindful of the Packer schedule because travel is an issue to some of the Green Bay fields.
- Comments
 - Should this same survey be sent to schedulers and assignors?
 - Wyste commented to be careful about scheduling games on weeknights in the fall because several schools were having activities scheduled at the same time.

Group Activity

Situations were presented to the membership so they could see and understand some of the issues the district encounters during the season. Members were broken into groups of four so that they could discuss how they would handle the situation.

- Important point is that the district will only act on a written report. If it is hearsay no action will be taken.
- If the district asks for your club support, it would be greatly appreciated that the club follow through on any issues or requests in a timely fashion. It sometimes takes days to get responses from clubs on situations that occur in the district.
- Clubs need to continue to educate parents about team placement. The roll of the district is to create competitive divisions for teams to play in.
- Reminder about goal safety. Educate players not to hang on them and take extra precautions when moving them.
- Educate coaches and players not to yell at referees
- Everyone has a job at a soccer game
 - Referees!
 - There to officiate the game
 - Are in charge of the game
 - Is in charge of the game venue, set good example and respect both teams equally
 - Coaches!
 - There to lead team
 - Are in charge of their team
 - Support Referee, set good example
 - Parents!
 - There to bring player to field and cheer on team
 - Are in charge of themselves
 - Support Coach, set good example

Suggestion that the district do a write-up on the hierarchy of play and place it on the East Central website.

Scheduling

- Fields
 - Make sure the field permits are set up the for each level of play in Demosphere
 - Clone the fields from year to year and just make tweaks.
 - Wayne is trying to put together some cheat sheets for clubs and it will be placed on the East Central website for clubs to review.
- Creating Competitive league
 - You have to do a team application for each team in Demosphere
 - Pre-scheduling meeting to help place teams
 - Committee to place U12 teams
 - East Central had a committee to place teams for the fall and spring. For some reason that committee did not continue.
 - Clubs had to submit the teams for level of play with additional information
 - Is this process something that we want to go back to it?
 - Jeff (KASA) like the idea of having a committee put this together again. There was a problem with the team placement of U12 girls this fall.
 - Suggestion to make it a 6 team bracket. However, we need to remain flexible so that teams are getting good competitive games. There may be times when the bracket may have to go higher than 6 teams.
 - Who should ultimately decide which teams will be put in the division? Membership though that the district should have the final decision.
 - Many Clubs have two teams. It was suggested that clubs create a high and low level of team.
 - East Central allows non-East Central teams to apply to play in our league.
 - East Central added to the application that the non-East Central teams must attend league related meetings.
 - Non EC teams pay a fee to play in our league. Once they are approved to play in the East Central League they should be given the same consideration for team placement.
 - Team application
 - This application needs to be filled out by the club registrar for each team that wants to be scheduled in East Central Soccer League.
 - Wayne has asked Demosphere if there is another way to have teams put into the Demosphere scheduling system. At this point an application must be filled out for each team wishing to be scheduled. The coaches and other information needs to be pulled in with the application.

Important Documents from WYSA

<http://www.wiyouthsoccer.com/about/policies/>

[Zero Tolerance Policy](#)

[Recommendations and Guidelines for Sideline Behavior](#)

How should coaches address issues with referees at an East Central League Game?

<https://www.ecdsoccer.org/page/show/167576-forms>

- The link above takes you to East Central Form's page. Click on Game Incident Report to communicate any issues that occurred at the game.
- Coaches should not tell referees how to referee games. Referee's do not tell coaches how to coach.
- Most coaches have a first or second year referee at the games.
 - Mike Jones is setting up referee mentoring program to help educate new referees in East Central Soccer District

Meeting broke for lunch at 11:40 AM. Once membership returns we will begin the East Central AGM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sue Ann Evers
East Central Director of Operations

For

Gary Coenen
East Central Secretary