

Draft Minutes

Regional IV Council Meeting Houston Texas February 23, 2006

Call to Order

Welcome was offered to everyone by Region IV Director, Darl Rose, at 1:09 p.m.

Roll Call & Voting Strength

Jolene Woodhave presented the roll call and voting strength.

It was determined all states were present, except for Arizona and Nevada.

Arizona - Proxy to Pat Dunham

Oregon – Proxy to Steve Baker

New Mexico – Proxy to Dennis LaDriere

52 of 58 voting strength

Arizona arrived, bringing voting strength to 55. Nevada representative did not show.

Announcements

Darl welcomed the new Presidents from Arizona- Peter Draksin, Oregon-Ric Listella, and Cal. South- Greg Faulk to the council.

Confirmation of Minutes – October 16, 2005

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from October 16, 2005 with no changes.

Approved unanimously.

Introductions and Committee reports

Darl introduced Bill Bosgroff, Adult Region IV director.

Bill would like Region IV to push the implementation of the U23 and U20 National Cups. Region 1 is pushing very hard and he wants Region IV to follow. Regionals are scheduled in Las Vegas on the 4th weekend in June. He understands there may be conflicts and will work for a better schedule in the future.

Mike Smith, Director of Coaching Committee.

Ray Welch was recognized by Darl for the good job he is doing as Region IV TOPSoccer chairman.

Diana Doty, Region IV Recreation Chairman - Everything still on target for the Recreation Tournament.

Tom Mendoth – National Championship Committee

Garry Moore – Girls ODP Committee-The 15-16 National Camp was in Houston. He is pleased with the new scramble format.

Wayne Carver – National ODP tournament Championship. There were 66 teams. He would like to eliminate the 18's and push for inclusion of just the 15, 16, and 17's.

Linda Bolin recognized as Region IV Hall of Fame Inductee. Linda was given a vote of thanks and an award for all her efforts.

Stan Hunter – US Youth Soccer Start Committee Chairman

Introduction of States and their guests

Office of President of US Youth Soccer will be voted on in July. A few words were given by Larry Monaco and Steve Baker – 2 of the candidates.

Mac asked if there would be a candidate forum where questions could be posed to the candidates.

Dennis Brumfield, Treasurer of US Youth Soccer. Thanked Joe Ver for the good time in Alaska. There will be workshops to discuss 1099 .

Joyce Pineda, Girl's ODP - Remarked on future trips to Italy, Costa Rica and girls' camp.

New Business:

Tom Mendoth: Far West Regionals:

The 22-player roster will be implemented for the first time this year. There will be a learning curve on the administration side. Two choices of a roster are available. One is a column with active players that allows a check to be placed in the box for those playing. Another option is draw a line through players not playing. He hopes to have a standard form to get out to teams by next year and will have procedures by the second year. Concern is how to you handle player passes for those not playing. At national finals, prior to the start of game, the coach will turn over the player passes for those not playing to the fourth official. The coach will give the starting 11 player passes to the referee and the other players will use theirs when they enter the game. Those given up prior to start will not be able to be utilized. If something happens to one of the 18 players prior to the start of the game changes can be made.

The other issue is how to administrate the players beyond 18 during the match.

1. Have the excess players go to the other side of the field
2. Have the excess players sit on the bench without uniforms or with jersey's covered.

Each of the regions has been voting as to how to administer these issues in their tournament. Tom would like to see the extra players on the bench and feels this will help the officials manage the entire roster. Procedures will be put into place to administer any disciplinary action.

Motion made to adopt having all 22 players on the bench. Cal South motioned, Alaska seconded.

Opened for discussion:

Colorado asked to add to the motion that the other four players will be in street clothes. Friendly accepted.

Motioned accepted unanimously.

We will be using recommended 8 V 8 game rules for the small-sided games in Idaho. Recommended guidelines and FIFA rules will be followed. Next year the 14-player roster will be in affect.

2007 Far West Regionals

Each team needs to pay a \$150 fee for parking. There will be no parking passes given.

There will be no VIP parking areas. There is sufficient parking around the fields.

Fall Workshops

Darl sent an email out to the President's regarding a change in format for Fall Workshops starting 2007. He wants to downsize the workshops so that each state association will make a concerted effort to have the people there.

Boys/Girls ODP
Referees
National Cups
EDs
Office Managers
DOCs

Management meeting for Presidents would not start until Friday cutting it down by one day.

TOPSoccer, Recreation and Soccer Start would have their meetings in conjunction with the TOPSoccer symposium.

Others would like to add registrars and risk management people.

Ray says no reason why risk management could not be included in the TOPSoccer Symposium. Expects the same commitment and support from the states if the emphasis is shifted.

Cal North asked if we are really just having two workshops, how is that saving money?

Darl will keep working on the details and send out updates by emails.

Arizona would like to see shorter meetings so that people could double up and cover multiple meetings at one event.

Cal South doesn't feel it will save money. Thinks it could be worthwhile to split out thereby giving more focus on recreational and TOPSoccer. He is willing to try it and if it doesn't work can change the format back.

Darl will put scenario together and email it to the Presidents so they can come up with some consensus.

Jolene would like to remind everyone the Region needs to get the hotel contracts signed within the next couple of months so we need to do this as soon as possible.

Jim Cosgrove recognized by Darl.

Wain Jackson, Washington, Host of Region IV Workshops 2006:

Presented power presentation and information packets regarding this year's workshops.

Dates: October 12-15, 2006 in Seattle Washington. Actual event in Bellevue at the Sheraton. There will be an exciting interactive evening "Experience Music" at base of Space Needle.

The Seattle meeting will include all committees. Notice will be out within 2 weeks.

David Messersmith, US Youth Soccer President: At the Federation AGM there will be 5 different proposals on restructuring of the USSF Board of Directors.

Sunday morning after the National Council Meeting, there will be a meeting discussing the five proposals. At that time, he would like to come to a consensus with state associations on which proposal to support.

The Federation AGM will have elections for President, Chairman of the Youth Council.

Able to get out of the marketing agreement and are structuring our own marketing department to take over those functions. We will be announcing one deal we have been working on and in the not too distant future will have more completed. This is the year the Adidas contract renews and we will be working on that over the next few months.

New videos are being released. Projects taken on by staff and coaching committees have turned out to be successful in recouping costs. The newest one should be just as well received.

National leagues discussions regarding the extension of current regional leagues are ongoing. Pressure is on to add a level of play for top teams of the country. This could work in conjunction with MLS development leagues. The project could be 2 years in the future.

Grievance filed by US Youth Soccer. USOC sent out letter saying they are not taking any action or any hearings until after the AGM in March. The USOC hopes it will go

away or if not, wants to see what changes will be made by the Federation at that meeting.

There are a number of bylaw proposals at the Federation AGM. No mandate that any have to be passed. USOC recommended a board size of 7 to 12 people. He encouraged the presidents to look at the proposals and to narrow them down to one or two.

GOOD OF THE GAME

Alaska

Arizona: Ready for cup play

Cal North: 3 different Cup Plays coming up]

Utah: Everything well, spring season starting

Idaho: Risk management program going good. Referees to turn in volunteer disclosure forms. Regionals are well underway

New Mexico: June 3 coaching courses – participation good

Hawaii: Would like to recognize achievements from their ODP players this year. Some players were elected to teams that enable them to go around the world. Two are at U18 National Camp. A couple to U15 national camp. Four to Costa Rica with 91's. Brian Ching, part of Houston 1836 team, scored a goal in national competition. First Hawaiian born women's player has been invited to play with women's national team.

Montana: Would like to thank for excellent Pre-session .

Wyoming: ODP program going well and has more than doubled in participants.

Cal North: Soccer Nation over 10,000 people attended. Dinner inducted Sandy Castillo, one of the great pioneers in the TOPSoccer movement.

Colorado: Wonderful and everything is going well

Oregon This is my last AGM. Great event. Ray has sent out info regarding TOPSoccer in Oregon. Need help let him know.

Washington: Middle of State Cup semis. Last week tried to tie it into Referee Academy. Had over 200 referees and WA ref alumni on FIFA list. Preston Zimmerman signed with FE Bremerhaven

Bill Bosgroff: Asked the states to stay in touch with their counterpart on adult side. Invitation issued for older ODP teams to come and play adult soccer.

Treasurer's Report

Not a lot going on in the past months. Go through receipts and disbursements daily. Have access to National system and no one uses it due to slowness and it is user unfriendly. Sat in on national budget committee meeting and was very impressed with professional quality of the people and their knowledge. Budgets are prepared by national office and sent out to the budget committee for recommendations. I am concerned because their financial statements are 65 pages long.

Ron: Cup draw will start at 3:30 in this room.

Evelyn Gill was recognized. She is interested in talking with each one regarding her candidacy for US Youth Soccer President.

Darl reminded that show and tell is only regarding what states are doing for recreation programs.

David Painton said there is a need to change bank signatures requiring a resolution to remove and change individuals. Resolution was read by David:

RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the council authorizes the removal of John Mikenis and Linda Bolin from all accounts of US Youth Soccer Region IV and further authorizes the following signatories on all checking and investment accounts deemed appropriate for conducting the normal business operations of US Youth Soccer, Region IV. The authorized signatures are Darl Rose, Director, Jolene Woodhave, Deputy Director, Ronald Cooke, Deputy Director, David Painton, Treasurer, Richard Freehan, Assistant Treasurer.

Motion made by CO seconded by AK. Accepted Unanimously.

**Motion made to adjourn by Cal South seconded by Ak. Accepted Unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.**