

Region IV Council Meeting
October 15, 2006
Bellevue, WA

Call to Order

Welcome by Region IV Director, Jolene Woodhave, at 8:30 am

Roll Call & Voting Strength

Brent Mangus conducted roll call and voting strength.

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

Hawaii – Requested increase in voting to reflect higher player count.

53 of 59 voting strength

Announcements

Jolene thanked the committee chairs for their work this weekend and Washington State for hosting.

Jay Johnson was appointed to US Youth Soccer National League Committee.

Confirmation of Minutes – July 29, 2006

Minutes were accepted as drafted.

Approved unanimously.

Introductions and Committee reports

Tom Mendoth – Far West Regionals

- Proposed changes to the draw for Regionals to allow entrant from Far West Regional League as wildcard, minimizing the possibility of states having teams in the same bracket. It was moved and seconded to adopt the proposal. Proposal passed.
- Scheduling of Games for Las Vegas tournament: Will play early morning / late night schedule. Teams that play at night initially will continue to play opening rounds at night so they don't have to shift back and forth between morning and night games. Day of rest will be scheduled after three days (not four) to allow scheduling for the referees and the teams onto a morning schedule for Friday. Therefore, quarterfinals on Friday and semis on Saturday and Finals on Sunday.
- Will get information for block registration of rooms, etc. onto website very soon.
 - Jolene: Sun Coast hotel will be tournament headquarters (not on Strip). FYI, room rate for hotel will vary based upon the night of the week (lower Sun- Thurs than Fri-Sat). 64 lanes + 16 movie theaters + 2 golf courses at hotel.
 - Arranging for shuttle from hotel to fields. Free parking at the hotel. Free airport shuttle but limited service. Free shuttle to the Strip.
 - Will have to meet cutoff deadline of May 17th to reserve or will lose rooms in block (and room rate)

- Have received three bids (Idaho, NM and Cal South) for 2009 regional tournament. All three sites meet our criteria.
- National Championships; Encouraged states to consider presenting bids. Only require 8 fields to run the tournament, plus off-site facility for practices.

Dave Lamb – FarWest Regional League

- Motion made (Idaho) and seconded (Arizona) to approve establishment of the league. Proposal keeps substitutions to 7 players / half as noted in the proposed rules. Motion passed.
- Trustees appointed and approved:
 - DOCs:
 - Eddie Henderson, NV
 - Greg Maas, Utah
 - Steve Hoffman, Cal S
 - Non- DOCs:
 - Jim Tilley, NM
 - Bill Johnson, AZ
 - Gail Zimbelman, WA

Treasurer's Report

Dave Pinton presented the financial statements (verbally correcting the dates on the balance sheet to indicate it reflects the region's position at Aug. 31, 2005 and 2006) then shared his plan for streamlining the Treasurer's function.

Jolene: National office mandates keeping books on Great Plains software (very time consuming), used Quick Books in the past for operational control.

Moved (Montana) to approve the budget. Seconded by Idaho. Motion tabled until after discussion of other business that would impact the budget (TOPSoccer).

New Business:

Ray Welch – RIV TOPSoccer Operational Objectives

- Proposed establishment of Region IV TOPSoccer Symposium as a separate line item in the budget. Ray reviewed specifics of the budget and operational objectives of the program.
- Cal North proposed to give TOPSoccer \$10,000 of new money either from reserves or if necessary from an amended budget. Seconded by Cal South.
 - Discussion ensued regarding line items in the current budget. Jolene indicated that there is \$6,000 in the current budget for Rec/TOPSoccer/Soccer Start that \$2000 would go for TOPSoccer.
 - John Murphy clarified that his proposal is to provide \$10,000 over and above the amounts in the current budget.

Motion passed.

Budget:

Cal North motioned to pass budget. Cal South seconded.

- Greg Faulk of Cal South asked for review of the allocation for regional recreation at St. Louis in light of the disclosure that current budget is \$2,000. Asked for an

- expansion of the Statement of Activities for Recreation and Soccer Start and clarification of national support from US Youth Soccer.
- Jolene described the \$128,000 allocation included in the budget for use by Region IV staff to support national programs.
 - She clarified that expenses are not fully offset by the reimbursement since allocations are static per region but costs are not (i.e., travel costs for Region IV are higher due to distances).
 - Sponsorship allotments: Jolene described the sponsorship arrangement with adidas that includes provision of products without charge up to a set retail amount, then the ability to purchase additional products at 50% discount from retail.
 - Washington asked where budget funds are shown for Risk Management and other standing committees. Jolene clarified that national standing committee budgets are in the national budget. On a limited basis, Region IV provides additional funds for specific regionally supported initiatives.
 - Discussion about how the budget was developed ensued.
 - Questions surrounded methodology for developing.
 - Arizona disagreed with budgeting for costs that were budgeted but not spent in prior year.

Question called. Budget passed.

Ratification of Committee Appointments

New Mexico moved to accept the list of appointments published with the agenda, with the addition of Jay Johnson for the National League. Seconded by Alaska. Mediation and Disputes is unfilled pending decision on existence of national committee. Motion passed.

Fall 2008 Workshop

Cal South, Arizona and Utah all offered to host. Jolene requested those states bring details of where they would hold the event at the next council meeting.

GOOD OF THE GAME

- Montana: Thanked Jolene for her openness and positive approach.
- Hawaii: Thanked Washington for great workshop and hospitality.
- Cal North: Thanked Washington.
- Colorado: Thanked Washington and Jolene for good meetings.
- Arizona: Shared excitement about progress made in workshops.
- Cal South: Thanked Washington for hospitality and complimented Jolene. Offered access to their marketing department as support for developing programs in other states, and shared their view of how these marketing initiatives directly support the kids playing soccer in Cal South. Invited attendance at their Soccer Nation coaches symposium and vendors fair.
- Idaho: Mac Larsen thanked Washington and announced that this is her last regional meeting as she steps down.
- Oregon: Thanked Washington, then encouraged continued focus on the budget and budgeting process. Thanked state presidents for support and help as he picks up the reigns.

Utah: Thanked Washington for hospitality and Cal South for sharing marketing information. Noted that her state TOPSoccer symposium date will be updated on the web.

Alaska: Thanked Washington for hospitality. Announced new board members.

Washington: Honored to host. Introduced new board members Cynthia Spencer (secretary) and Brian Lawler (1st VP). Congratulated Jolene on her first (successful) workshop.

Dave Painton: Thanked Washington, especially Sharon Beilke.

Brent Mangus: Thanked Washington. Appreciates his welcome back and congratulated the presidents' group for their congenial attitude of the group and their focus on the kids.

Ron Cooke: Thanked Washington as well, noting only thing missing was polo ponies! Thanked group for blessing the Far West League. Congratulated Jolene on her first workshop.

Jolene Woodhave: Would like to establish a Regional Volunteer of the Year award (can be TOPSoccer Buddy of the Year). Requested dates of all AGMs. Thanked our sponsors and requested we continue to support them.

Motion made to adjourn. Accepted Unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia J. Spencer
Secretary
Washington State Youth Soccer Association