

**Region IV Council Meeting
Pittsburgh
Feb. 7th, 2008
1:00PM**

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Jolene Nielsen at 1:00PM

Roll Call and Voting Strength

The following Associations were present:

-Alaska, 3 votes; Arizona, 3 votes; California North, 6 votes; California South, 6 votes; Colorado, 5 votes; Hawaii, 3 votes; Idaho, 3 votes; Montana, 3 votes; Nevada, 3 votes; New Mexico, 3 votes; Oregon, 5 votes; Utah, 4 votes; Washington, 6 votes, Wyoming with 3 votes.

-Also present were Region IV Director, Jolene Woodhave; Deputy Director, Brent Mangus, 1 vote; Deputy Director, Ron Cooke, 1 vote. Treasurer Phil English was not present.

-The total number of votes present was 58 votes.

Introduction of Guests

-Peter Wilt from the Women's Professional Soccer League spoke to the committee.

- Need ambassadors to spread the word

- Coming April 2009

-The website is: womensprosoccer.com

Confirmation of minutes from Hawaii

- Changes to minutes- date was 21st of Oct at Honolulu – Correction of spelling of Greg Maas.

- **Minutes approved with corrections.**

Director's Report

-Jolene discusses referee background checks. Larry would like it to be done at every Regional and National event.

- The Region is going to find out which states have background checks on their referees. Christel will put a column on the form showing whether or not the background check has been done. Background checks will be done through the Region on those who have not been checked at the state level. This probably will not be mandatory this year, but will help for the future day that it is mandatory.

-USSF AGM – Reminder of AGM in Hawaii.

- US Club soccer now going into the amateur level.

-US Youth Soccer is going to change their Awards ceremony to be a gala. We will be honoring many other awards. That means that next year nominations need to be in by the October meeting. They need to be submitted for volunteer of the year, administrator of the year, coach of the year girls and boys recreation, and coach of the year boys and girls competition. Young referees will still be collected in April so they can be honored at Regionals.

-There is a change in alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drug policy. Alcohol is now allowed at events as long as the area with alcohol is away from children.

-Regional cups are named on a 10 year rotation. This year the DJ cup expired and is renamed the Larry Harmon cup.

-Soccer Start Program – Re-inventing whole committee.

-Strategic planning committee coming up. Jolene requests to meet with each state president.

-Paul expresses feelings about Montana's issues

-Conference call to take place in April between presidents focused on what can be done to help Montana.

Director's Cup Update

-Director's cup- program in US Youth Soccer for the mid-tier level teams. At board meeting it was decided any state with less than 30,000 registered players and any team that doesn't play in the FWRL will be eligible to play in the Director's Cup that will take place in Delaware.

- The region past a proposal for this year only on how to run the Region IV Directors Cup.

-Name to be selected for who will run Director's Cup. Ages 14-17 for boys and girls. US Youth Soccer and Region IV will both provide \$500 for help with travel.

-Deadline is June 1st on whether or not the team would agree to move on.

-Moved by C, N 2nd by Alaska. Approved Director's Cup policy this year only. Passed

-2009 Director's Cup plan should be decided by June with a full proposal in July

-Bruce updates about workshops in Salt Lake Oct. 17-19 2008.

Environmental Policy

- Bruce speaks on the heat index. If an event gets to "extreme weather", the state in charge will need to suspend play. Discussion of the need to establish guidelines, not a policy.

- Emergency planning- It is important for the organizing committee to have an emergency plan. Use a lightning detector, have shade for teams, contact medical personal prior to the event.

-Move by CN to adopt these guidelines, OR 2nd. Passed

Region IV Hall of Fame

– Linda Velie inducted into the Hall of Fame with a brief presentation.

Far West Regionals Update

-Tom Mendoth- Draw for Hawaii today.

-National Championships – There is a new format for U- 15 and U -16 boys and girls. US Soccer board of directors approved adding wild card teams out of the new national league. Now 6 teams will go on.

-Idaho and New Mexico made bid presentations to host the Far West Regionals.

-Voting on Far West Regional Location by ballot- New Mexico wins the bid for 2010 and will host Far West Regionals.

-General discussion about a future plan to rotate the Regional Site within Region IV states.

Good of the Game

State reports- tape was not recording at this time and we therefore have no record of exact events.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:57 PM