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**Region IV Council Meeting
Renaissance Grand Hotel
St. Louis, Missouri
March 1, 2007**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 PM by Region IV Director, Jolene Woodhave.

Roll Call and Voting Strength

Deputy Director Mangus took Roll Call and announced the 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 had no representative present.

Also present were Region IV Director, Jolene Woodhave; Deputy Director, Brent Mangus; Deputy Director, Ron Cooke; Treasurer, Dave Painton.

The total number of votes present was 56 votes.

Region IV Staff were introduced. Dave Lamb, Far West Regional League; Tom Mendoth, Region IV National Championship Series; Wayne Carver, Region IV ODP Championships; Joyce Pineda Region IV Girls ODP Administrator; Pat McNulty, Soccer Start; Richard Yoder By Laws and Rules; Diana Doty, Recreation; Ray Welch, TOPSoccer; Pat Dunham, Risk Management; Christel Yant, Referee Administrator.

Introduction of Guests

Barb Trainer from the US Amateur Soccer Association Membership Committee spoke briefly to the Council. She stated that she was present in St Louis to increase the awareness about adult amateur soccer. Barb invited everyone to drop by the USASA booth while attending the soccer show. She indicated that USASA has informational pamphlets that they can make available for youth organizations to distribute to their membership.

Jolene introduced the acting State President from Montana, Paul Patterson, and welcomed the new Utah State president, Scott Maxfield.

US Youth Soccer Treasurer, Dennis Brumfield, was introduced. He announced that he is seeking re-election and invited Council members to contact him with any questions, concerns or comments.

Committee Reports

Far West Regional League – Dave Lamb gave a status report on the Far West Regional League. 110 teams entered the spring session. The first games are set to be played on March 2nd with the spring season scheduled to wrap up on May 20th. The fall

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season will begin the 2nd weekend August. Dave reported that administering the league has been at times hectic, frustrating, joyous, and all of the above. He solicited questions from state representatives. Jolene expressed her sincere appreciation to Dave and the committee for their hard work, time and effort in planning and implementing the league.

Director's Report – Jolene reported that she had conducted a conference call with the State Presidents on February 5th. During the conference call she briefed them on the business conducted at the February 4th US Youth Soccer Board of Directors' meeting. Jolene presented outgoing Idaho president, Mac Larsen, with a token of appreciation for all of the hard work she had done for Region IV.

Region IV Hall of Fame Inductee

Ron Cooke introduced Denise Nanneman as the Region IV Hall of Fame Inductee. Denise was honored in a brief ceremony.

Confirmation of Minutes

It was moved by Cal North and seconded by Alaska to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2006 Region IV Council meeting. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Region IV Fall Workshop 2008 Bids – Jolene asked if Cal South, Arizona and Utah if they were still interested in hosting the 2008 Region IV Fall Workshops. Cal South and Arizona both withdrew from consideration.

It was moved by Cal South and seconded by Alaska to approve Utah to host the 2008 Region IV Fall Workshop. The motion passed.

Jolene gave a Region IV Office Status report. The office is temporarily located in Jolene's home and staffed by her daughter, Mindy, on a temporary basis. Within the next two weeks Region IV anticipates hiring an accountant whom they hope will eventually take over all of the office operations. They are looking for suitable office space to rent. The transition should be complete in early summer. In the meantime, the PO Box should be used as the Region IV mailing address.

New Business

2009 Far West Regional Bids – Tom Mendoth reported that three State Associations (Cal South, New Mexico, and Idaho) submitted bids for the 2009 Far West Regional Championships. John Weinerth, Cal South's Executive Director, presented the proposal to host in Lancaster. Jim Tilley, Executive Director for New Mexico presented the proposal for New Mexico to host in Albuquerque. Ken Edmunds, Idaho's president, presented the proposal for Idaho to host in Boise.

Ballots were distributed to each State Association. Tom announced that based on the number of votes present, it would take 29 votes on the first ballot to select the hosting Association. If none of the proposed venues received a majority of the votes, the venue with the lowest number of votes would be eliminated and a second vote taken. The

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ballots were tallied and Tom announced that there was no majority, that the Lancaster and Boise venues were still in the running and that a second ballot would be collected from the voters. Tom announced that the result of the second ballot was a tie with 23 votes cast for each venue. The Wyoming representative arrived, with a voting strength of 3 votes. Tom asked whether or not the Council would permit Wyoming to cast its votes in a third ballot.

It was moved by Idaho and seconded by Alaska to include Wyoming in the voting process. The motion passed.

A third ballot was distributed, collected and tallied. Tom announced that Cal South was awarded the bid to host the 2009 Far West Regionals at the Lancaster National Soccer Center.

It was moved and seconded to destroy the ballots. The motion passed

It was moved and seconded to award the bid for 2010 Far West Regional Championships to Idaho. Several Council members expressed concern that the award for 2010 should be awarded based on a bid process with an established bid application deadline in order to include any applicants who had not yet had the opportunity to submit bids for 2010. The motion was withdrawn.

US Youth Soccer Semi Annual General Meeting – Jolene asked Richard Yoder to give a synopsis of the rules change proposals that will be voted on at the Semi Annual AGM on Sunday. Richard briefly covered the 2 proposals. The first proposes a change which specifically exempts the TOPSoccer program from the age definitions as set forth by US Youth Soccer and would change the word “child” to “player” in the TOPSoccer program. Richard recommends approval. The second proposal, which Richard also recommended approval of, will revise and simplify the US Youth Soccer Tournament Policy.

2007 Far West Regionals Update – Tom Mendoth gave a status report on the planning process for Far West Regionals in Las Vegas. The draft schedule will be planned so that teams will play some of their games during the evenings using the 21 fields with lights. The plan is to schedule 3 rounds in the early morning, take the afternoons off, and then play 2 rounds in the evening. Preliminary rounds will be planned for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday will be the off day. Quarter finals will be played on Friday, Semi Finals on Saturday and the Championship matches will be played on Sunday. Jolene reported that Reva Davis is the contact for the US Youth Soccer room block at the Sun Coast Hotel, which will be the headquarters hotel. Her direct phone number is 702-636-7050. The room rate is \$129.99 Friday and Saturday and \$69.99 Sunday through Thursday. Jolene reminded everyone that the cost of the room includes the bellmens’ gratuity. The hotel is about 10 minutes from the fields. Tom announced that the bracket draw for the 2007 Regional games would be held in the meeting room at 3:30 following the adjournment of the Council meeting.

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2007 Region IV Workshops – Scott Keopuhiwa reported that the Region IV Fall Workshops would take place on October 18-21, 2007 at the Waikiki Marriott Beach Resort and Spa. The room rate of \$169 will be extended to include the 3 days prior to and 3 days following the event. The workshop sessions will be formatted so that people will be able to attend two sessions on each day. Scott reminded everyone that the room block will close on September 17th and that final counts must be submitted by that date. At the July Council meeting he will have more information regarding activities to present.

Good of the Game

Ray Welch reported that the Region IV TOP Soccer Symposium would take place in Salt Lake City on April 14-15. Information can be found on the Region IV website. Ray reported that the 2008 symposium will be hosted by Washington. Idaho will host the 2009 symposium.

Washington – Soccer Fair successfully took place the last weekend in April.

Alaska – Four Alaska alumni returned from college took their CPR certification and their D license course and will be coaching. Alaska is considering putting in a bid to host the US Youth Soccer National Championships.

Cal North – Recently hosted the US Youth Soccer National ODP U15 Developmental Camp.

New Mexico – Their small sided soccer program is fully implemented and working fabulously

Idaho – Reported that they have a new Director of Coaching bringing positive results to their programs.

Arizona- They are interested in hosting the 2010 FWR. They have a new complex ten field complex and will add ten more fields in 2008. There are ten more fields within minutes of the complex. Three Arizona alumni were just drafted to MLS teams.

Cal South – Thanked everyone for supporting their bid for 2009 Regionals and noted how fortunate Region IV is to have such a wealth of fields available. Cal South would like Region IV to consider creating interstate championship events for the “bronze” level and recreational teams. Soccer Nation was very successful.

Nevada – They are in the final stages of preparations for FWR. They are very much looking forward to hosting the event.

Wyoming – They recently held their first state coaching symposium. Although it was relatively small, it was very successful. Their AGM is coming up next weekend.

Utah – Their partnership with the Salt Lake City Real has been very beneficial to youth soccer in Utah.

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Hawaii –They just completed their Presidents' Day Cup for Under 8 through Under 11 teams. They are currently in the preparation stages of state ODP tryouts. For the first time Hawaii sent two teams to the Region IV ODP Championships, which was a great experience. HYSA alumnus Natasha Kai has become a mainstay on the women's national team. They look forward to hosting the Region IV Fall Workshops in October 2007, the USSF AGM in February 2008 and Far West Regionals in June 2008.

Oregon – They continued the tradition of hosting town hall meetings throughout the state during which they meet with leagues. Oregon has standardized their small sided program for younger players. The Under 11s now play 8 v 8.

Montana – Lee Terry is retiring from youth soccer. Paul Patterson, the acting president, briefly discussed his soccer background. His name will be on the ballot in the upcoming election. This is their 5th year of 8 v 8 at the Under 11 and Under 12 levels and it is one of the best things they've ever implemented.

Colorado – The Rapids are opening a new soccer complex sponsored by Dicks Sporting Goods. Opening day will be in April at which youth soccer will be recognized. There are 23 fields in addition to stadium field at the complex. Colorado will hold their State Cup at the complex.

Dave Painton thanked Nevada for hosting him at the ODP Championships and thanked Cal South for their hospitality at Soccer Nation. He is working hard to comply with needs of the National Office's software program. Hiring an accountant for the Regional IV Office should help to alleviate some of the issues. TOPSoccer has been added to the budget.

Brent Mangus acknowledged the contributions made by Denise Nanneman over the years. He thanked Denise for everything she and Lyle have done for youth soccer.

Ron Cooke echoed Brent's sentiments regarding Denise. Ron thanked Utah, Cal South and Colorado for the hospitality shown to him at their AGMs.

Jolene Woodhave thanked Kathi Killion for taking minutes. She expressed her deep appreciation to her staff, the council members and the volunteers for everything they do and for supporting her in her personal life as well as in soccer.

Adjournment –

Cal North moved and Alaska seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 PM