



**Region IV AGM Council Meeting  
Orlando, FL  
Hilton Disney Hotel  
July 24, 2004**

R-IV Council meeting was called to order by Director Darl Rose at 8:20 AM.

Opening Pledge of Allegiance was led by Les McPherson, President of Colorado State Youth Soccer Association.

**Roll Call** was taken by Secretary, Linda Bolin and voting strength was established at 59 votes. Proxy votes were held for ID, WY and NV. Treasurer John Mikenis was absent due to a family matter.

Position	Name	Votes	Position	Name	Votes
AK- President	Joe Ver	3	MT- President	John Hollow	3
AZ- President	Rick Timmons	3	MT- President	Guy Hobbs	3
CN- President	John Murphy	6	NM- President	Jim Tilley- <b>President *</b>	3
CS- President	Rod Short	6	OR- President	Steve Baker	5
CO- President	Les McPherson	5	UT- President	Paul Burke	4
HI- President	Scott Keopuhiwa	3	WA- President	Dick Mohrmann	6
ID- President	Mac Larsen	3	WY- President	Ken Urich	3
Deputy Director	Ron Cooke	1	Deputy Director	Jolene Woodhave	1
Treasurer	John Milenis	1	Secretary	Linda Bolin	1
Director	Darl Rose				

- **Denotes first meeting as newly elected President.**

**Introduction** of states were made and each President was given the opportunity to introduce their guest delegates. Jim Tilley (NM) was welcomed as the newest president to join the Council.

Director, Rose also took the opportunity to introduce the Region IV Committee Chair members that were present and candidates as they joined our meeting. They included Mike Blackburn (R-IV Bylaws & Policies Chair), Tom Mendoth (R-IV Cup Chairman), Dan Dudley (R-IV Webmaster), Cheryl Harrington (R-IV Registrar), Garry Moore (Girls National ODP Chairman), Rich DeJana (USYS Secretary), Evelyn Gill (USYS VP), Dennis Brumfield (USYS Treasurer), Tony Buiniskis (NYSWYSA President) running as a candidate for USYS Secretary, and David Messersmith (USYS President).

**Approval of Minutes** from Boston, February 19, 2004 R-IV Council meeting was approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report** was submitted and included in the Book of Reports.

**State and R-IV Committee Reports** were submitted via the Book of Reports. Only four states out of fourteen submitted written reports. (AK, HI, NM, UT)

**Director's Report-**

- Director Rose gave a brief status report on the Grievance filed with USSF.
- Task Force report sent out to presidents.
- Praise for the USYS staff in setting up and running the first NYCC without Snickers staff.
- Tom Goodman- Recreational coach- emailed all DOC (Director of Coaching) that have not been visited asking for a time when it would be convenient for us to come into your state. Director Darl-commented that Tom is a great asset to our programs.

**Old Business**

1. (Paul Burke) UT- October 2004 R-IV Fall Planning meeting- We will be ready! And again in February for the National meeting. The Wyndham Hotel has changed its name to PRIME HOTEL. Don't be confused when making reservations. The shuttle from/to airport/hotel will be \$12.00. Parking at hotel will be \$3.00 a day. Free Downtown trolley service is available.
2. Tom Mendoth (R-IV Cup Chair) Spokane was a success despite early issues on housing and travel. A huge gratitude of thanks to Wain Jackson of WA who stepped up to solve housing problems for the Referees. A disaster diverted. The games were played and set a great preview for this week at Nationals. The split sites of complex were manned by Jolene and Ron, Cheryl and myself.
  - We offer Congratulations to Scott and the state of Hawaii on their first entry into National competition with their U-19 team.
  - Change of sponsors from Snickers to USYS, was the first for USYS running the tournament and the staff did a great job.
  - We have 11 teams in the finals-our best ever, beating our old record of nine.
  - We will also be making changes to our housing procedures and it will be handled for 2006.
3. 2007 FWR bid should be in by October workshop for consideration.

Request for a five minute recess was granted.

Meeting called Back to Order at 9:15 by Director Rose.

## New Business

**Rule Changes** (Mike Blackburn) smoothed the way thru the proposed USYS rule changes with great finesse, giving everyone the opportunity to express concerns and ask questions.

Question was posed concerning freeze dates : Ans : Nationals- Jim Martell (USYS Chair for NYCC)-rules changes: 14 day freeze date. At time of freeze date you can have no more than five (5) previously rostered players. Transfers count- so no more than five from any other teams.

- If your state has a rule that no more than 3 or 4 then that rule may apply, but no more than five if you have unlimited transfers.
- We also looked at 24 player pooled teams, and have referred it back to committee and the board.

Rule Changes-Mike Blackburn- 5 by-law changes and 2 policy changes- One to be withdrawn by the maker .

- 1- all states to recognize any other states Risk Management decision by proper notification (friendly amend: committee will support amendment, but question the rule change) Cal-s questioned difference between suspension and disqualification.
- 2- Coach was under investigation by police forces questioning ability to coach.
  - a. Uses word shall- which means you must immediate suspend anyone under formal investigation by law enforcement for acts that may be detrimental to youth players (We suggest the word may instead of shall) National does not recommend as written)
  - b. R-IV suggest changing shall to may and draft changes.
- 3- DeJana- ability to add non soccer members to BOD- up to 3 non-voting members.
  - a. As written now they will have 1 vote. Why would you change the board with outsiders not involved in soccer. Suggest voting against this
4. To eliminate the Registration and Database Marketing Committee as standing committees. Hawaii suggest that if this motion passes, that R-IV keep the Registrar position.

### **Fall Workshop Bids for 2006-**

AZ- Lance Wise- gave a general proposal for hosting the 2007 Fall Workshop. We have never had the opportunity to host a workshop. We would like to present a proposal in October for either Tucson or Phoenix.

**Registration**-(Cheryl Harrington) International clearance, including instructions for form, but we do not have waiver form available. Once form has been completed they may play right away.

Registration Committee: there was lengthy discussion on the rationale for eliminating the Registration committee from the budget. It was strongly felt that the Committee and Regional Registrars could do more with direction and purpose from the Federation. It is requested of the Region to continue to have a Registrar at this level, regardless of the outcome at the National level.

Director Rose formed a committee consisting of Cheryl Harrington (CO), Scott Keouphiwa (HI), Steve Baker (OR) to work with Dan Flynn and the Federation and report back to the Region.

### **Election of R-IV Officers (Mike Blackburn)**

We have three offices up for election: Regional Director, a Sub-Regional Director and Secretary.

Nominations for Regional Director:

NV- nominated Darl Rose

Being no other nominations we move: to elected by acclamation (NV/CN)

Motion :Carried

Sub-Regional Director:

UT-nominated Jolene Woodhave

Being no other nominations we move: to elected by acclamation (UT/CN)

Motion: Carried

Secretary:

CN nominated Linda Bolin-

Linda respectfully thanked CN but Declined nomination.

Being no other nominations for Secretary a motion was made by **CS/CN/AK that the position of Secretary will remain vacant without a time limit for position being filled. Motion Carried**

### **Good of Game:**

Presidents were given the opportunity to highlight events within their states that helped move soccer forward....

**HI**-Scott Keouphiwa was thanked for his support for starting and ending his days on the soccer fields. Scott has attended every game his team has played. Hawaii is playing tomorrow for its first every National Championship.

**AZ**-acknowledged Don Hillegass for his many years of dedication to the game of soccer and for making State Cup the best experience ever for all AZ players.

**UT**- Welcomes its newest member of the pro sports world, soccer.

**CO**- hiring a new Director of Coaching within the next two weeks.

**NM**- hosted the biggest venue women's National team game yet in Albuquerque

UT/NV- thanked Linda Bolin for her years of service and friendship to the game of soccer

CN- we have leagues not in compliance and are working very hard to standardize the process so everyone is on the same footing. We thank Linda Bolin for her friendship and dedication.

CS- we too are faced with changes in personnel and will miss long time members of Sylvia Holborn, Jim Bigelow and Carol Fleuret. We welcome John Weinerth as our new Financial Director.

WA- we were please without the outcome of FWR competition and the teams that advanced. We thank Wain Jackson for going above and beyond his duties. We too wish to thank Linda for her years of service.

**Coach of Year nomination forms** for 2004 were given to each state. Jolene request that all states complete and return the forms to her by October 1, 2004. This is an important program for recognizing your coaches so take the opportunity to do so.

Presentation of a beautiful enameled globe desk set was presented to Linda by Director Rose. (Maybe this is a hint of what she has to look forward- more traveling!) Darl issued an invitation to Linda to speak to the Council. As a very emotional moment for Linda, she thanked all the regional and state staff members as well as the presidents for their years of support and friendship and the opportunity to have served. It is with great sadness that she leaves the region as an elected official, but hopes to continue to serve in some capacity.

Move to adjourn: 11:20 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Bolin, Secretary