



**Region IV Council Meeting
August 14, 2003
Hyatt Regency Chicago
Chicago, Ill**

Call to Order-Director Darl Rose called the Council Meeting to order at 1:15 PM.

Roll Call and Voting Strength Roll call was taken and an established voting strength was given for each state. A quorum was established with **60** votes..

Position	Name	Votes	Position	Name	Votes
AK- President	Joe Ver	3	MT-President	John Hollow	3
AZ-President	Melody Dye	3	NV-President *	Guy Hobbs	3
CN-President	John Murphy	6	NM-President	Mark Paffett	3
CS-President	Rod Short	6	OR-President	Steve Baker	5
CO-V-President	Cliff Enten	5	UT-President	Paul Burke	4
HI-President	Scott Keopuhiwa	3	WA-President *	Dick Mohrmann	6
ID-President *	Mac Larsen	3	WY-President	Ken Uhrich	3
Deputy Director	Ron Cooke	1	Deputy Director	Jolene Woodhave	1
Treasurer	John Mikenis	1	Secretary	Linda Bolin	1
Director	Darl Rose	0			

Announcement The Council meeting for Friday morning will be at 9:00am instead of the published time of 8:00am. You can sleep in an extra hour.

Introductions

Director Rose introduced the newest state presidents to the Council _

Mac Larsen- **Idaho** Guy Hobbs- **Nevada** and Dick Mohrmann- **Washington-**

Presentation by Director Rose was given to all fourteen states for meeting the 100% participation for previous years registration. This is a first for the Region. Keep up the good work.

Approval of Indianapolis minutes (2/6/03)-Motion was made and seconded to accept the as previously published without any changes. Motion Passed #(1)

On behalf of Hawaii (Scott Keopuhiwa) accepted a check for \$13,780.00 for taking on the initiative of special event T-shirts sales, in lieu of letting Euro-Sport handle sale of just the generic shirts, we would reimbursement them for the lost of a sale. Hawaii will received an additional \$10,000.00 once all the reports have been documented to the Region.

Book of Reports- Various regional committees and staff , state presidents, financials and the Far West Regional reports are contained within the booklet. We have one of the committee chairmen with us today and I would like for Jay Johnson to say a few words about the inaugural event for the Directors Cup.

Jay gave a brief overview of the event, at both Region and National levels,” although the event represented less teams than expected at both levels it was a great start. The program was run very well and hopefully we will be stronger and bigger than we were this year. We didn’t have the number of team representing the region as we would had hoped, but we weren’t the only ones who were short of teams. We encourage all states to participate next year.”

Director Rose announced that in conjunction with his duties as FWR Cup Director, Tom Mendoth, who has retired from Kimberley Clark, will also take on the position of Commissioner for the Directors Cup and Premier League. Tom will meet with you and others at the Fall workshop for your input.

FWR Report- (Scott Keopuhiwa) we have received nothing but positive reports from those in attendance. We are actually looking for complaints in case we decide to undertake hosting again. We had a great staff of volunteers and worked well with the regional staff. He thanked the staff- Tom, Jolene, Crystal, Cheryl, Ron, and not least Dan Dudley for the website job.

Hawaii still has a few t-shirts for sale and will put a notice up on their website. Sizes are mostly mediums but we do have a few smalls and larges . Price includes shipping.

Fall Workshop 2003- (October 15-19th)(Cheryl Harrington) passed a handout to presidents for information on location and room reservations. Registration fee is \$25.00 per person; guest fee for Saturday evening event is \$40.00. Payment to Colorado State Youth Soccer Association (CSYSA) Registration deadline is September 25, 2003 and no one can be added after this date.. Workshop Agenda will be released within next 10 days.

Directors Notes:

- NBOD meeting this morning went very well.
- Women’s World Cup ticket sales online have gone very, very well (200,000) and will be released for public sale tomorrow. Dr. Bob asked that you all be thanked for supporting this event; purchasing tickets and being part of this great event.
- Praised the work of Dan and his staff for putting four years of work and planning into four months.
- Dr. Bob talked about his Task Force on Governance and that he is waiting to see what the USOC and changes coming down from FIFA, he has appointed co-chairs David Messersmith and John Constantine- Deputy Mayor of Washington, DC. Will bring outside help to assistant with the process.
- Home Depot Center has had a number of events so far and is a great venue. Not a bad seat in the house. Designed to hold sound in and has great acoustics. Three other sites in the works are Washington, DC., Chicago and Dallas-which will hold more field space than what we currently have at the Depot Center in California.
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Directors Notes continued-

- We will bid on hosting the National competition at the Center when it comes to our area again. These arenas will only help the game of soccer.

- We have over 135,000+ referees registered. Increase of 8.5% over last year. 50% of that is new registrant's.
- YM magazine has had great coverage of the U-17 National team
- ESPN on Oct. 1st /10th at 7:30am /6:00pm will have a special show covering the behind the scenes of the Women's Cup
- Federation will have a \$7 Million surplus this year, with a reserve of \$26 Million
- Agenda for USSF- a number of policies that were to be presented have been withdrawn. The only one approved was 431.1 concerning the Budget/Audit committee
- USIA was approved as an Associate member
- Next BOD meeting will be November 22 at the National Training Center in California
- One item to discuss in closed session with presidents only

New Business-

John Murphy- gave a brief summary of the proposed changes by USYS and various state associations. The Rules committee recommended adoption of a number of them, rejection of a number of them and referral to Dr. Bob's Governance committee. It was decided we (presidents of USYS) would recommend that all rules be turned over to the Task Force on Governance except rule 213 and recommending that any USYS proposals that they recommended, were rejected be referred to the committee.

601-7 we will oppose the ratification of this.

Region IV sponsor Connie and Jon Bivens with Sport Pins was welcomed to the meeting.

Candidates for various positions in USYS were given an opportunity to speak to the Council.

Barbara Newton- Treasurer
 Tony Buiniskis- Vice President
 Evelyn Gill- Vice President
 Dennis Brumfield- Treasurer
 Perry Alexander- Treasurer

Jerry Zenelly- with Women's Premier Soccer League affiliated with USASA and we have run at cross-purposes at lot with the Y League and the W League, in that they tied their services together. We would like to find some way to relate with them and work together.

Youth soccer leagues to work together to provide discussions on how best to serve all players. Any consideration you can give will be appreciated. Check our web page at WPSL.info

MT- (John Hollow) asked if the region would continue to have U-12's at eleven a side, based on the recommendation from the coaching staff that U-12's play eight a side. The answer is yes; we will continue to have U-12's play eleven a side until such time that the Region votes to make the change. The current format for 2004 FWR, in Washington, will be to have eleven a side for all age groups. The appropriate place to discuss this will be at the Cup committee meeting in Denver. Contact Tom for placement on the agenda.

(MT has voted to have their teams compete at eight a side. This will limit our ability to compete at the Region level.)

Nine years ago Washington eliminated the U-12 from participating at this level, but has just voted to allow them to participate until such time as the Region eliminates this age group.

Elections -

Mike Blackburn ran the elections for Deputy Director and Treasurer

Ron Cooke was nominated by CO /AZ and was elected by acclamation

John Mikenis was nominated by WY/CN and was elected by acclamation

Move to go to closed session-

Move to adjourn: 4:40 PM

Submitted by,

L. Bolin

Good of Game

WY- (Ken Uhrich) new part-time state coach hired. State office now has a salaried employee and will result in changes over the next several weeks..

WA- (Dick Mohrmann) moved into new office building; new VP of Recreation; planning for 2004 is well under way; single source data base is moving along; Pam and Ron doing well.

UT- (Paul Burke) New Executive Director Scott Harwood was introduced; online referee reports, online travel papers; new field development; a new Vice President Scott Maxfield.

OR- (Steve Baker) making minor changes to our competitive program by issuing player cards to clubs rather than to a team without having transfers of players moving up and down in teams.

Trying a cost saving measure of using electronics rather than massive amounts of paper which no one read; and the USA will be playing in Portland again on Oct 5th.

NM- (Mark Paffett) hired our first Executive Director, Beth Gooden; looking for a new Coaching Director; thanked Mike Haas and Tom Gooden of the National Coaching staff for their assistance; and Darl for making a very special event even more so by inducting Virgil Lewis into the Hall of Fame and for asking David Messersmith to attend.

ID- (Mac Larsen) looking for new Director of Coaching; Jim Coleman stepped down early but will continue to serve in his capacity as the past president; our kids had a great time in Hawaii.

AZ- (Melody Dye) thanked Hawaii for hosting a great Regional, we had three teams go to National with one National title; moved to new offices; two new board positions.

AK- (Joe Ver) we have been able to lure someone from Kansas to fill position of Director of Coaching; plans on way for hosting 2005 Workshop; getting our teams ready for Spokane.
Thanked Scott for hosting a great Regional.

CN -(John Murphy) thanked Scott for a great time in Hawaii. Two teams as runner up at Nationals; we are growing in participants.

Darl took the opportunity to thank John for hosting the Directors Cup and for having the state referees step up and do the job at no cost, this was a tremendous cost saving for the event.

CS- (Ron Short) praised Evelyn Gill for her excellent job on behalf of the states rights..

Very proud to have brought home three National titles; receiving grant funds for Operation Soccer Kick Start- soccer for low income areas in Orange County.

David Messersmith- President USYS- thanked presidents for the actions this morning; elections for three USSF Foundation Members; Task Force members to be appointed by Dr. Bob within 30 days or less; Sponsorship at national level- we will be losing Uniroyal.

Rich DeJana- Secretary USYS- we will not be withdrawing rule changes, but instead will referring them to the Task Force. The change for AGM will also be deferred.

CO- (VP Cliff Enten) thanked Scott for a great event in Hawaii; using turf fields due to drought conditions; looking forward to hosting the workshop; Snickers Cup on Labor Day weekend for the girls.

HI -(Scott Keopuhiwa) hosted two Region IV events this year and our volunteers are worn out; hope you will consider coming back for another Region at a later date; seeking a new SYRA and SRA; hosted three different Cup events; have both a male and female player in professional leagues; certified more coaches and have applied to hold a C license clinic. Being a small state does not prevent you from doing things if you only put your mind to it.

MT- (John Hollow) having a full time Executive Secretary in Karen Closson has been successful for us; we have chosen not to renew contract for Director of Coaching due to refining our needs; seeking reelection as president next month- the U-12 issue (which I support) may push me out of office but we shall see.

NV- (Guy Hobbs) introduced new Vice President –Lisa Hilary; we are developing championship fields in Las Vegas and hope you all will come enjoy them; excited to be participating with you and part of the group.

Deputy Director-Jolene Woodhave announced the need for states to get their nominations for Coach of the Year in, we expect every state to nominate someone.

Bids for hosting the 2006 FWR need to be in by October; presentations can be made in Boston if you apply for time on the agenda.

Deputy Director- Ron Cooke- working with committee chairs has been fun. Thanked Scott from a different perspective - first ever musical and air-conditioned port-o-potty.