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Region IV Council Meeting  
Sunday, October 17, 2004  
Salt Lake City, UT

Call to Order at 8:30 a.m. by Jolene Woodhave

Thanks to Jodi Wells from Utah for filling in as the secretary for us today.

**Roll Call**—was taken by Jodi Wells and voting strength was established at 56 votes. All States were present with the exception of Nevada.  
56 Votes

## **Thank You's**

Bob McGee Region IV Armatures Director, Thank you for coming to our Fall Workshops.

Mitch Murry Region IV Boys Coach Thanks.

**Announcements** -- none

## **Approval of Orlando Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made by Alaska to recognize Nina Johnson whom was selected as Region IV female ref of the year and US Youth female ref of the year.

Minutes as corrected to include this.

Motion Passed.

**Treasure Report** – was submitted and included in the Book of Reports.

Fiscal year net surpass

Adequate reserve.

All groups on budget, girl's odp went over a bit.

Steve --Some events have perdium some do not

Darl—perdium when meals are not covered. When people are traveling, we only pay 1 day perduim. International trips are only paid perduim.

Contract labor is pay we pay them.

Steve—this is all available in the office that we can pick up.

A complete budget.

## **Budget Presentation**

Each project manager is charged.

Those budgets are prepared in an excel format. Program managers are very experienced.

Events are well planed. Once budgets are in and approved, they are converted from the spreadsheet into a GL form that is why you see multiple formats.

Events projected to produce a deficit are ODP Championship and Directors Cup

All others are ok.

ODP girls are always over; they need to look over it and address.

Top Soccer, Soccer Start & Recreation do not have a line item, but money is built into the budget for these areas.

Motion to accept the budget, Seconded.

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Motion passed.

Thanks to John and Rick and the project managers for their work in putting together the budget.

### **Far West Regionals—Tom Mendoth**

The 2007 Far West Regional bids that have been received they are from Hawaii, New Mexico & Nevada.

Nevada is a first time host, so I will be visiting their site before February.

New Mexico's and Hawaii's bids have proposed to use same sites they used the last time.

Far West Regionals for 2006 will be held in Boise Id. Mac Larson has a committee all in place and a formal presentation will be made in February.

Far West Regionals for 2005 are in Aurora Col. I have been in for site visit, all logistical items have been covered and we are looking forward to being there.

Naomi Caldwell from Aurora Co. Thanked the council for allowing them to come and give an update. We have over 54 hotels reserved for Far West Regionals and 8000

rooms. The soccer facility is brand new only 2 years old, and is in excellent condition.

We have handed out a complete packet with all information about our city.

We are looking forward to hosting you.

Thanks Naomi.

We need to make a formal vote on the rule change of having a 22 player roster, no formal vote was taken, and I would like to request a motion to state the council's position of the decision of the board to approve the proposed 22 player roster.

Move to approve the 22 player roster.

Motion fails.

Rule changes in effect for 2005

5 player transfer rule and standard freeze dates.

We had a good discussion, some states asked if they could be more stringent, I told them they could on the transfer rule, the freeze dates are set, but there is some flexibility on the transfer rule you may have up to 5 transfers.

### **Girls ODP –Joyce Pineda**

We were able to meet with both ODP groups. We had a packet with all the information about the girls ODP. This years Girls U13 camp was very successful.

We are looking for a new Head Coach for Region IV.

We are looking forward to a new season.

### **Boys ODP – Jack Rosenham**

I am new to the ODP program, so I can't report on what happened last year.

I was pleasantly surprised on meeting with your states ODP Administrators.

At region camp we are introducing the U13's this year.

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I am looking forward to this year. We are looking for a new camp director, anyone interested have them contact me.

Deputy Director Woodhave thanked Ray Welch for submitting a committee report. I would encourage other committee members to get their reports in also.

## Unfinished Business

Secretary position for region 4

Our region has chosen to elect the secretary and the treasurer. The secretary position in the region has become vacant. We hire someone to come in to do the minutes for meetings, the office staff takes care of the other duties. It is not necessary to have a secretary, by not doing so; it could save us up to \$4,000 a year.

The motion was made to eliminate the position of secretary for Region IV, seconded. Motion passed.

2006 fall workshop bids

Arizona has withdrawn its proposal to host the workshops.

Washington State has submitted a proposal bid to host the fall workshops.

2006 is Washington States 40<sup>th</sup> year and we would like to host the regional workshops. We have 2 possible locations near the airport, and we have many opportunities for socials.

We would ask for your consideration to host the 2006 Fall Region IV Workshops.

Motion was made that Washington State host the 2006 Region IV Fall Workshops, Seconded.

Motion Passed.

## New Business

Ratification of Committee Appointments

We have some great Committee Chairs.

<b>Budget</b>	<b>John Mikensis</b>
<b>By-Laws</b>	<b>Mike Blackburn</b>
<b>Coaching</b>	<b>Mike Smith</b>
<b>Director's Cup</b>	<b>Jay Johnson</b>
<b>Mediation</b>	<b>Mike Blackburn</b>
<b>National Cup</b>	<b>Tom Mendoth</b>
<b>ODP Champs</b>	<b>Wayne Carver</b>
<b>Boys ODP</b>	<b>Jack Rosenhan</b>
<b>Girls ODP</b>	<b>Joyce Pineda</b>
<b>Recreation</b>	<b>Dianna Doty</b>
<b>Referee</b>	<b>Christel Yant</b>
<b>Registrars</b>	<b>Cheryl Harrington</b>
<b>Risk Mgt</b>	<b>Pat Dunham</b>
<b>Soccer Start</b>	<b>David Johnson</b>
<b>Top Soccer</b>	<b>Ray Welch</b>

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Motion was made to accept committee appointments, Seconded.

Motion passed.

Thanks for supporting these committee members.

Deputy Director Jolene Woodhave extended a Thank you to Utah for hosting the Fall Workshops and doing a great job.

Utah President Paul C. Burke thanked everyone for attending and extended Thanks to Bruce Cuppett and his committee for putting together a great workshop. We look forward to hosting you for Nationals in February.

### **Friday Management Meetings**

Request for updates

The proposal to reject possible changes for 2005-2006 National Championship, this Motion failed. Please sign proposal.

The proposal to endorse the production of a US Youth Soccer Magazine, seconded. Motion passed, please sign proposal.

New proposal on Directors Cup

We need to have a representative to the national director's cup

Motion was made to have the runner up from Regionals go to the Director's Cup for the premier division, and be the representative, in the appropriate age groups. seconded

The motion was made that the 2004-2005 runners up to the Region IV Champion go to the Director's Cup in appropriate age groups. Motion Passed.

Oregon made the motion of Request for an update on the strategic plan and role of US Youth Soccer, seconded.

A friendly amendment was made to strike the first sentence of the last paragraph. The motion would read:

**Request for an update on the strategic plan and role of US Youth Soccer**

***In February of this year we met and reviewed the Strategic Plan where the role of US Youth Soccer was confirmed as service, support and advocacy. We also reviewed strategic and measurable goals in the areas of:***

***Coach Education***

***Legal Defense Fund***

***Membership Services***

***Marketing & Communication***

***National Championship Series***

***National Leagues Directors Cup***

***Outreach***

***Recreation Soccer***

***Regional Administration***

***Technology***

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## *Operating Reserve*

*We are requesting Darl Rose, Director Region IV to be given an update in the next 60 days to these strategic items from the board and staff of US Youth Soccer, what has been achieved and what are the priorities for 2005. Further we ask to be given information on how the role of support, service and advocacy has been furthered this year and the plan for 2005.*

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Motion as amended passed.

## **GOOD OF THE GAME**

Deputy Director Jolene Woodhave introduced David Messersmith, thanked him for coming and turned the time over to him.

## **Update on US Youth Soccer Grievance**

Grievance that was filed in May against the federation had four points.

- 1- Alleged that voting structure being unfair
- 2- Athlete council aligned with pro council unfair
- 3- Uneven playing field.
- 4- Federation applying bylaws.

At the August Federation meeting, the reports were read, there was no discussion.

The grievance goes to an outside arbitration/mediation all to be paid for by federation

The task force agreed.

2:12-2:13 the changes to these in Aug 2003 apply to everyone. Task force felt that we should move to same.

Athlete council the voting structure were not address by the task force

Bylaws and policy changes moving from national council to various councils.

Youth matters go to youth councils.

We objected to the jury that was assigned.

Federation Rejected to the grievance - all of our things that we said they were doing wrong.

What directive do you want to go—?

Pursue & modify 2:12-2:13 and 7:07 and take to USOC. Success is minimal.

Region 3 is in favor of both

Region 1 lets try to negotiate thru agm and send to USOC after – go after the ones we have the support on.

Both of our allegations have merits

John Murphy—based on what we are facing

You do not get anything until you get leverage. You have to proceed with it. Not filing and not aggressively pursuing it is wrong.

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We expected the federation to reject our consideration.

Conceivable that the federation could go into competition with the regions and states  
ODP is a big part of the equation.

Funding is based on ODP and elite players.

Negotiate on items 3 & 4 and get an end on it, then go forth with 1 & 2.

John gives up weak claims, but do not abandon them.

You may lose at the USOC, but if you get into arbitration, you could pass.

We need to push every claim and go; otherwise I feel you are wasting time.

Rick Timmons-Arizona—how is this affecting our board?

It has taken a lot of our time and energy from our programs, filing the grievance was  
necessary to see if they could be resolved.

Negative impact on our board is the status of convincing the federation.

Reality is we are the largest member and the federation is not speaking to the US Youth  
Board, but this does hinder our ability to go forth with items.

Cal-South stated we need to take the stand and forge ahead.

John Murphy can we have a straw poll and adopt the same as region 3

Region 3 wants to file now and negotiate also; they do not want to wait till March.

Straw poll in favor in moving ahead and filing a grievance with the USOC now – 8

Favor in delaying 30 days—3

Favorable that we move ahead and file the grievance now.

### **\*Keeping soccer interesting**

There have been a couple of state associations filing grievances against each other in  
Region 1, regarding tournament sanctioning. One state sanctioned a tournament, but  
some of the fields used were in second state, and they did not give authorization to use  
fields. They are trying to work it all out on a friendly basis.

### **\*National Championship policy's—22 player roster issue.**

The BOD has not proposed or suggested this pass; it was proposed by a board member  
and sent out to states before anything had been done with it.

Region 3 did not like the idea, but said they may be able to support it in the U16 or U17  
and older age groups.

Region 1 stated that the majority of the states supported U16 and older age groups using  
it.

### **\*Magazine update**

Almost everyone supports the magazine, we do not have money for it, but we are  
working with a publishing company that we do not have to put up any money. We have a

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draft agreement. \$200,000 per issue agreement. Adidas & Kohl's have agreed to put up some money.

There will be no fall issue, but we should have an issue out in the spring.

### **\*Sponsors**

Tide is leaving at the end of the year. Moving on to NASCAR.

Chevy is leaving, stating time to move on to something else.

Chevy deals were not US Youth soccer deal—they were the individual states deals.

Spray and Wash may not renew, and they were already budgeted for this year. They have a new marketing director and they feel it is time to move on.

True Green Chem Lawn has stated that maybe they are in the wrong market. They have indicated that they more than likely will not renew as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

This was also in the budget.

Hyundai Soccer budget will be mostly cash not cars—following up closely to put together a final deal. This is a strong possibility.

Saturn deal is in the works also we will go with who ever has the best deal between Saturn and Hyundai.

Elmer's glue and Marriott Hotel are also interested and we are in negotiations with both of these.

Adidas is our largest\ supporter. Their contract runs out in 2006, we are already working on a long term deal 2007-2014 with more cash.

Adidas does not want to be required to make a deal with each state; they want to pick the states. They want out of that part of the agreements. The process has already started.

Octagon marketing relations have not been good.

They are getting the message that we are not happy with their performance.

New video for recreational coaches will be coming out for workshops in Feb.

Tom Goodman has resigned. He left for family reasons. The Director of coaching position is still open. Sam Snow is still on board. We will find a second coach and do away with the 3<sup>rd</sup> position, and then possibly contract that position out.

We had 2 marketing positions that have not been replaced, less work, less people.

### **\*National league and Directors Cup**

No funding available.

Asked for donations from each region.

No entry fees at the national level. Other regions charge a fee to those who participate.

### **\*USYS AGM**

This will be held in July in Orlando, During National Championship.

2/3 of states wanted it in July.

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Paul C. Burke, Utah President asked that council meeting be held at both AGM and at Fall Workshops.

Dave Messersmith stated that he supports two (2) council meetings a year. This would be very easy to do, no additional cost and would allow us to address bylaw and policy changes.

### **Request for an update o the strategic plan and role of US Youth soccer**

- \*Coaching Education—Demand is greater than supply. Novice rec coaches.
- \*Legal Defense fund—separate from grievance fund. Need money budged for legal advice. Have placed some in, may divert into other.
- \*Grievance fund--\$111,000 still in account, but expecting a bill for about \$70,000. We should have enough money to go to the next step.
- \*Membership Services—addition of staff person, delayed a year
- \*Marketing & Communication—reduction of 2 staff people. Only have about 25,000 e-mail addresses from the association.
- \*National Championship series—nothing new
- \*National Leagues Directors Cup—funding from fee increase
- \*Outreach—Top Soccer and Soccer Start money
- \*Recreation soccer—video due out in February
- \*Regional Administration—fee increase for the office
- \*Technology—delayed
- \*Operations Reserve –Funded.

Thanks Dave for all the updates.

Wyoming Ken Urich - The name of our game has changed we have implemented a lot of things.

Director Darl Rose - Thanks to everyone for being here.

Bob McGee, USASA thanks for coming to our workshops.

Thanks to Cal-South delegation and Rod Short for putting together Director's Cup proposal.

Thanks to Brent Mangin Boys ODP program.

Thanks to Deniece M for the countless hours at ODP Camp.

Gifts on behalf of the region have been presented.

Thanks to the deputy directors for all of their work.

We need to support the Directors Cup and make this work.

Thanks for everything that you have all done.

Thank you Utah for putting these workshops on.

Washington, Dick Mohrmann—Thanks to Utah for their hospitality. Thanks to the volunteer secretary.

Cal-North, John Murphy—Thanks to Paul and the Utah people. Great job

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Oregon, Steve Baker—enjoyed this weekend. Look forward to next year in Anchorage.  
Alaska, Joe Ver—Thanks to Paul and Utah and Thanks to Jolene.

Arizona, Rick Timmons—Thanks to Paul and Utah Soccer we had a great time.

Montana, Gary --Thanks Utah, look forward to next year.

Hawaii, Scott Keopuhiwa--Thanks to Utah and their staff. Look forward to next year.  
Announce that Hawaii will host a MLS game in Feb. LA Galaxy and DC United.

Colorado, Cheryl—Thanks to Utah.

Idaho, Mac Larson—Thanks great job.

We are getting our coaches up to speed. We are working on Far West Regionals.

Utah, Paul C. Burke-Thanks for coming and kind words, we are looking forward to seeing you for Nationals in February and again in April when our MLS teams kicks its season off at Rice Eccles Stadium.

Congrats to Hawaii on winning a National Championship.

Looking forward to Next year.

Bob McGee Director of USASA, please be aware that USYS and USASA work together.  
USASA supports your rule 2:12 & 2:13 and 7:04 changes. Darl and I have invited each other to our meetings. USASA meeting will be in Hawaii in Nov.

We want you to be aware of what we are doing.

New Mexico, Jim Tilley—Thanks Utah, thanks for making my first meeting good.

Cal South—Rod Short--Thanks Utah for hosting this workshop

Our Risk management in on cutting edge, so we can protect our kids.

Soccer Nation is set for Feb 26<sup>th</sup> it is a vendor show, if you can, come check it out.

Treasurer, John Mikenis—Thanks to all of you for promoting player development.

Deputy Director Jolene Woodhave—Thank you for putting in the time and effort to make this workshop go well. What we are doing is some of the most important stuff we can to help the children.

Thanks.

Move to adjourn: 11:30 a.m.

See you in February.