

WSSC Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 11, 2020  
7 pm to 8:53 pm via WebEx

Attendees: Goss (Pres.), Persson (VP Players, joins 7:13 pm), Lucas (Sec.), Oltyan (VP Admin.), Wiener (VP Coaches), Foulk, Hinthorn, Conway (joins 7:15 pm), O'Byrne.  
Excused: Allan (Treas.). Absent: Larsen

**April 2020 Minutes:** Goss moves, Foulk seconds approval of the minutes; unanimous approval.

**Club Finances:** Goss reports that the tax return is complete. No financial report this month. Goss reports that spring season refunds are complete. Hinthorn reports that approximately \$6,000 in donations were received. **Continued Action Item:** Reinvest expiring CDs at best available rate.

Goss moves, Wiener seconds, that we pay the full UK Coaches fall contract; unanimous approval.

Goss moves, Conway seconds, not to seek refund from Soccer Office; unanimous approval. General consensus was that SO had performed sufficient work to make the original contract reasonable despite the cancelled spring season, most notably a significant number of age verifications.

**Annual Elections:** WSSC holds an open Annual General Meeting each spring, to which all members are invited. Any member in attendance has the option to vote on any ballot measures presented. Due to Covid 19 and restrictions on gatherings, WSSC held its 2020 annual election for board members and officers online; no other measures were on the ballot. All club members were notified of the elections and given the opportunity to vote via Survey Monkey; reminders were also sent. The following members ran unopposed and were elected to the following two-year positions, effective April 21, 2020. There were no write in votes.

Erich Wiener, VP of Coaches  
Joel Oltyan, VP of Administration  
Curtis Allan, Treasurer  
Jamie Foulk, Commissioner  
Pushpa Larsen, Commissioner  
Michael O'Byrne, Commissioner

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**ACTION ITEMS:** **Transition to US Soccer Connect website:** Goss reports that the transition to Soccer Connect will occur the week of May 18. He will complete the set up of the Fall registration event within two weeks.

All members continue to review website pages for redundancies and out of date sections which should be purged before the move to US Soccer Connect. The newly approved SafeSport FAQ will be posted on the new site.

**Fall Registration:** In depth discussion was held regarding start and end dates for fall registration this year, and due consideration was given to the uncertainties regarding return to play. While earlier registration is generally better for team formation and coach assignments, the club would prefer not to require payment from members without some certainty of the season going forward. Both HSA and WYS will be meeting very soon to discuss the fall season, return to play guidelines and related issues.

After receiving guidance and information following those meetings, Goss will circulate proposed registration windows for board vote via email. NOTE: On a subsequent email vote, the board unanimously decided on a fall registration window of June 15 to July 15.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Service Fees:** US Soccer Connect will charge \$3 per transaction for player registrations; multiple players can be registered in a single transaction. Goss moves, Hinthorn seconds, to reduce WSSC registration fees by \$3 per player so that the cost to member families is the same as or less than it was under the old registration system.

**Birth year vs. academic year team formation:** Lengthy and in depth discussion was had regarding this complicated and far reaching decision. Part of this discussion involves league play, and the question has been raised whether WSSC should continue to participate in SSUL or attempt a return to an intertie or other agreement with SYSA. City limits/impact on HSA, travel times especially without the WS bridge, league governance and experience, player/family preference, potential impact on existing teams, potential registration changes by WYS, were all discussed in depth. Goss will contact SYSA to gauge their position on an agreement to include WSSC teams, and will contact HSA to see what its plans are regarding birth year vs academic year registration.

Goss moves, Oltyan seconds, that WSSC moves back to school year registration for the 2020 season.

Additional discussion was had regarding the relationship between WSSC and HSA; WSSC teams are 75% of HSA teams, but HSA is the Association through which our older teams have access to league play. HSA is based outside the Seattle city limits, which has historically excluded it from SYSA participation. At this time we do not know if WSSC could return to play with SYSA.

Goss amends his motion to be advisory, Oltyan seconds. Persson amends motion to include that we are asking HSA to make this change with us, Oltyan still seconds. Wiener opposed, O'Byrne and Foulk abstain, remaining attendees vote yes.

**United Soccer Coaches Membership:** Wiener presents on benefits of a membership and provides a flyer of particulars. At the Classic membership level for \$475, one coach would get a full membership and others would have access to some resources. Wiener predicts 10-15% of WSSC coaches would participate. Consensus agreement that a four month membership would start in August to be of maximum use during the fall season. Conway moves, Persson seconds to purchase a four month Classic membership beginning August 2020. Unanimous approval. Wiener will report back on the use of the membership before future membership purchases are considered.

**ACTION ITEM:** Wiener will arrange purchase of Classic four month United Soccer Coaches membership beginning in August 2020.

### **Important Dates:**

Coaches' Social will take a break for a month or two  
June 8, 2020 Board Meeting  
June 15 – July 15, 2020 Fall Registration