

NMYSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 16, 2001

I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m.

II. **Minutes** -

Motion by Jake Mossman to accept the minutes as presented from the August 12, 2001 Board of Directors Meeting.

Discussion - Correction of spelling of Bill Nordin's name under Roll Call.

Motion by Jake Mossman to accept the minutes with the above mentioned change.

Seconded by Beth Gooden.

Passed by acclamation.

III. **Roll Call** -

Present - Jake Mossman, Mark Paffett, Jim Redner, Bob Schryver, Beth Gooden, Carol Rhodes, Jack Houston, Gary Bauerschmidt, Tom Dickerson, Gary Concannon, Mike Oney, Brett Bradshaw, Kirsten Ullstrom, Bill Flor, Debbie Doss

IV. **Introduction of Guests** -

Gary Bauerschmidt - SYRA

Todd Doss - Ramada Inn, Rio Rancho

Michael Schmidt - Soccer Vacations

V. **Communication**-

A. Proposal from Ramada Inn, Rio Rancho - Todd Doss, General Manager at The Ramada Inn in Rio Rancho would like to extend a special marketing code to all NMYSA participants when staying at the Ramada. In return for mention in the NMSYA Newsletter and/or mention on the website, the Ramada will cut back to NMYSA 10% of stays when NMYSA is mentioned when booking the room. There is no contract to be signed, this is basically a donation to NMYSA.

B. Notice to Robert Mabry, DC4, removal from Board of Directors for failure to appear at meetings, was sent to Robert, however, it was not sent certified, return receipt. A new letter will be sent out to Robert, certified, return receipt.

C. UNM Dasher Board - UNM is looking for a 3-year agreement for \$300, \$400 and \$500 consecutively and our mailing list in exchange NMYSA would receive two announcements during the first half and two announcements during the second half of games and also 4 season tickets. The board will check with the Amateur Association to see if they are interested in possibly sharing this expense with NMYSA. If the Amateur Association is agreeable to this, the board will sign an agreement, if not then we will not pursue this sponsorship.

D. Soccer Vacations- Michael Schmidt - Soccer Vacations is based in Miami and is an official sponsor of the National Team and several MLS teams. They are expanding into the youth side of soccer, mainly individual and family travel. (I.E. Team travel- providing hotel, transportation, flights for teams going to regional tournaments, out of state tournaments, out of country tournaments.) They are interested in beginning a partnership which would include doing marketing (trading advertising in our newsletter and/or on our website in exchange for travel packages which NMYSA could in turn possible raffle off). The board may be interested if the travel could be used for the ODP camps, however Soccer vacations would prefer to do specific "tour" packages (i.e. regionals). A referral program linking our website to their website will be looked into.

E. SYSC requesting mailing list - The SYSC is requesting a copy of our mailing list and asking NMYSA to waive the fee involved. The board has agreed to provide this list and waive the fee for this printing.

F. Communication from Darl Rose - A letter from Darl Rose has been received suggesting that in light of the recent events around the country that we possibly postpone paying for our travel arrangements to the Region IV workshop. He suggests waiting until September 23, at that time we would know better if the

workshop will be scaled down or possibly canceled.

VI. Special Election -

The position of Director of Public Affairs is still vacant. The board will accept nominations for this position.

VII. Financial Report -

Handout for the 2002 Budget. This reflects a \$96,000 carryover, this is the \$32,000 from this year plus what was already expected.

Line item 6002 - SYRA - \$10,000, this represents paying for assessors, travel clinics, youth referee of the year.

VIII. Unfinished Business-

A. Fall Workshop Attendees -

Travel arrangements have been made, the board is right on budget for the event and used 4 plane tickets that were previously acquired by NMYSA.

B. Rules Revision -

1. 2.02.02 - Concerning Board Members serving as an employee.

There was no representation from the parties calling for revision to this rule.

Motion by Mark Paffett - If there is a perceivable conflict of interest by a person or persons employed by the NMYSA Board of Directors, anyone associated with the organization may ask them to excuse themselves from either voting or discussion of an issue.

Seconded by Tom Dickerson.

Motion passed by acclamation.

Beth Gooden abstained from the vote.

2. 3.03.03, 3.03.04 - Addressing age groups and playing up

3.03.03 - Age classification and 3.03.04 - Playing up - It is recommended that Risk Management is involved in any changes to these rules. It seems that tournament situations are the greatest risk. It is also advised that league play does need flexibility for their own local needs.

3. **Interdistrict play** - Concerns voiced that players are not registering where they live but where they are playing. It is suggested that interdistrict players register where they live on a house team and then are rostered where they play. The concerns behind this are not actually where the players are playing but for the smaller outlying areas to not loose votes at the AGM due to players playing out of district.

D. Clarification regarding youth players playing on adult teams, Joe Campo, HNSL -

The rule states "Youth players retain their youth eligibility while playing on an adult team as long as the amateur waiver is signed." A letter regarding this rule and a copy of the amateur waiver form will be sent to Joe Campo, HNSL.

E. Chevy Ryan Cup Update -

Most leagues are currently in the tryout process. District Commissioners are to sign on the application and verify that these are either a true district team, a league team, or a club team.

A local business will be doing the T-shirts and NMYSA will receive 15% of sales.

The program information needs to be to Bill Flor. The intent of the program is to meet sponsorship requirements, not to make money selling the programs. Any money made from the programs will come from the sale of ads for it. Reminders should be made to clubs and leagues that NMYSA does offer a commission for the sale of ads for the programs. NMYSA may like to consider possibly cross merchandising the ads for all 3 tournaments, Ryan Cup, American Cup and State Cup, in an effort to help sell ads.

IX. New Business -

A. Committee Appointments -

1. **Rules Committee** - Todd Doss in place of Debbie Doss (her request)
2. **Protests and Appeals** - District 1- Bill Cappuccino, District 5 - Roy Michelotti, District 3 - _____ open at this time
3. **ODP** - No changes
4. **Budget** - No additions or changes
5. **Chevy Ryan Cup** - Dennis LaDrierre
6. **Lovelace Soccer Tournament Complex** -Tom Dickerson
7. **State Referee Committee** - Kathi Tero
8. **SYRA** - Gary Bauerschmidt

B. Office lease renewal -

Our lease is now expired, we are on a month to month basis at this time. Negotiations have been started regarding a renewal of our lease. This renewal would include a 3 year lease that would increase inclemently year to year. Also looking into the possibility of changing into a larger space in hopes of eliminating our storage. The larger space needs remodeling, will check into seeing if we do the work could we receive credit towards the lease price. If the new lease is comparable to what we are now paying, it will be signed, if there is a huge difference it will be brought to the Executive Committee at their next meeting.

X. Staff Reports -

A. Office Administrator -

Sandy Montoya has been hired for 6 1/2 hours of work per week. Her job includes making copies, filing, phone calls, etc.

Office wish list - to consolidate storage, a new computer (secured)

Recommended to check into Wal-Mart Grants which start February 1st, and possibly a USYS small grant to purchase a new computer.

B. Publications -

The website experienced 2000 hits for the month of August. It is important that input is received in a timely matter in order to keep the site up to date.

All sanctioning forms are being loaded onto the website.

Concerning the Newsletter - the September newsletter is at the printer and is available online electronically. There were seven mandatory ads and three paid ads in this newsletter. There is a great need to stay on time with the schedules and deadlines given for the newsletter. Currently we are two weeks later than we had anticipated putting this newsletter out.

XI. Officer Reports -

A. Vice President -

Concerning coaching courses, referees will be incorporated into coaching sessions.

B. Director of Cups and Games -

It was previously discussed to have American Cup held at two different sites, after discussing this

with various members of NMYSA organizations it was recommended to NOT separate the venues and to hold it in Albuquerque. Currently in negotiations with the complex regarding this tournament and dates. There are two weekends still available at the complex and these dates have been set aside.

C. Registrar-

Handout with registration numbers as of September 14, 2001.

This brought up the discussion of player retention and growth - Jim Redner-

Suggested that Bob Bigney visit each league sometime during the year. Also suggested that coaching clinics not be canceled, but if necessary changed to a player clinic and used to evaluate players. The main point is to be accessible and just be there especially for the smaller outlying areas.

XII. Committee Reports-

A. Far West Regionals -

The committee's final report has been filed. NMYSA should be receiving a check for \$15,000 plus expenses. These funds will be put into reserve.

B. ODP-

There seems to be no rooms available for the December camps. If that is the case the dates will be rescheduled in Albuquerque.

C. SYSC-

The SYSC is working on a grant in order to light field 9 and 10 and turn them into "stadium" fields.

There are cash controls in place for the parking. All monies collected for parking is accounted for.

The SYSC is currently entertaining possibilities of doing marketing with businesses in the area i.e. Sonic.

XIII. Adjournment-

Motion by Gary Concannon to Adjourn.

Seconded by Tom Dickerson.

Passed by acclamation.