

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Inc.  
East Central District All Club Board Meeting  
Kimberly Municipal Complex  
August 16, 2021  
8:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 8:02 PM  
Quorum was reached by attendance.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Electric City	Nate Laabs	Menasha	Kevin Otto
FC Green Bay	Jenna Ryan	Neenah	*Sean Breitzman
Manitowoc Futbol	*Steve Meyer	New Holstein	*Tim Ehlenbeck
Green Bay Lightning	*Jacob Depas	Niagara North Stars	*Gregory Kulas
Howard FC	*Matt Bellisle	Synergy	Jeff Jones
Heart of the Valley	*Jon Bakken	TASK	*Jay DeBruin
Kiel	*Joe Muehlbauer	Water Cities	John Rather
Kiel	*Laura Markham	WI United	Vick King
Kimberly	*Jeff Pozniak		

Roll Call in person and by \*virtual sign-in  
Clubs absent: Fond du Lac, Fox Cities United, Oshkosh United and United of Allouez

**East Central Officers**

EC President	Christopher Billstrom
EC Vice President	absent
EC Treasurer	Noe Smart
EC Secretary	Vicki King
EC Games Commissioner	*Mike Jones
EC Rec Commissioner	Vacant
EC League Chairperson	absent
EC Academy Commissioner	*Sean Breitzman
EC Registrar	open
EC Referee	Justin Oshefsky
EC Adult Commissioner	Vicki King
EC TOPS	absent
WYSA Rep	Jay De Bruin
Executive Director	Sue Ann Evers

**Approval of February Minutes**

*Motion to approve the May Minutes as made by Kevin Otto (Menasha) and seconded by Jeff Jones (Synergy)*

*Motion passed*

## President's Report –

### End of 2020/2021 Season Recap

- Financial (Noe)
- 2021/2022 Final Club Player Count/Voting Breakdown

### Future Meetings

- Our plan going forward is to revert to in person meetings.  
Attending electronically will be allowed but must be requested by noon Sunday, prior to the meeting.
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule
  - September 2021 – Exec Board
  - October 18, 2021, 7:00 PM – All Club
  - November 2021 – Exec Board
  - December 2021 – No Meetings
  - January 2022 – AGM Saturday 1/29/2022

### Covid Guidelines

- WYSA Guidelines still in place
- No intentions of renewing East Central Return to Play or accompanying policies

### District Team Naming System

- Thanks to everyone for adapting
- Look for more discussion on this in Spring 2022 with plan to move forward.

## Quorum Report 2021/2022 Season

Position	Name	Votes 2020-2021	Club No	Club Name	2020-2021 Total Players*	Votes 2020-2021
President	Christopher Billstrom	1	032	Electric City Youth Soccer	419	1
Vice President	Scott Frisch	1	006	FC Green Bay	256	1
Treasurer	Noelani Smart	1	024	Fond du Lac Soccer	244	0**
Secretary/Adult League	Vicki King	1	078	Fox Cities United Soccer Club	327	1
Executive Director	Sue Ann Evers	0	121	Manitowoc Futbol Club (Goalgetters)	0*	1
WYSA State Board Rep	Jay Debruin	1	027	Green Bay Lightning	95	1
Games Commissioner	Mike Jones	1	117	Heart of the Valley Soccer Club	142	1
League Chairperson	Brian Casey	1		Howard FC	320	1
TOP Soccer Commissioner	Wayne Stoffet	1	036	Kiel Soccer Club	54	1
Referee Commissioner	Justin Oshefsky	1	037	Kimberly Area Soccer	640	2
Academy Commissioner	Sean Breitzman	1	058	Neenah Soccer Club	1,300	3
Total Executive Board Votes		10	052	New Holstein Soccer Club	17	1
			099	Niagara Northern Stars	43	1
			045	Menaaha	161	1
			057	Oshkosh United Soccer Club	537	2
			003	Synergy Soccer Club	80	1
			071	Thunder Area Soccer Kids (TASK)	285	1
			084	United Soccer of Allouez	154	1
			096	Water Cities Soccer Club	154	1
				Wisconsin United	1,443	3
			Total Club Votes		6,683	22

\*They had 3 teams 14, 16 and 18. They would have approximately 54 players.  
\*\* FC Green Bay is not in good standing

### Summary

Total Executive Board Votes	10
Total Club Votes	22
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>32</b>

**2021/2022 Season Quorum is 17**

## **Director of Operation's Report**

### Moved Up Fall Scheduling

- Classic Fall Schedule posted to East Central website
- Feedback on earlier timeline. First year with pre-Labor Day games
  - Games have not started so feedback on the early start time will be discussed more at future meeting.
    - First day of school for many schools is September 1
    - Happens that this year the Wednesday that we have games scheduled will be the first day of school for many players
  - High School girls have a lot of school activities on Saturday, and they should have their games scheduled for Sunday. Clubs are in the process of rescheduling games to Sunday for their High School Girls

### New player Photo Rosters

- All rosters must be printed in color
- Player photos need to be a clear head/shoulder shot, unacceptable photos will result in the roster being placed in pending until a suitable photo is entered
- Coaches/Managers (see Risk Management points)

### Club Passing

- Team using club pass players will be required to supply a copy of both their Official Roster AND the Official Roster of the team the club pass player is assigned to.
- If using Rec Players, must have head/shoulder photo

### Player Pass Cards

- Card requests must ONLY come from teams that need them for their league/tournament.
- WYSA has announce that the follow events must have player cards.
  - Youth National League
  - State Cup
  - Presidents Cup
- Please do not wait until the last minute to request cards. Allow one full week for processing
- If you are planning to club pass any recreational players, have them submit a picture to their personal record in Demosphere so that it appears on the recreational roster.

### Risk Management Completion - Coaches and Manager

- Clubs are responsible for ensuring coaches and managers complete all phases of risk management
- Team Rosters MUST have at least one coach who has completed all phases of risk management for the roster to be approved by the District Registrar.
- Coaches/Managers who have not completed all parts of the Risk Management process must be removed from the roster before it is approved. Once all parts of the risk management have been completed the roster can be submitted for approval.

**Treasurer's Report** – District financial reports are available by request.

## **Commissioner's Report**

WYSA- Jay DeBruin

- Next WYSA meeting is August 17, 2021
- WYSA is taking nominations for individuals deserving in recognition for their efforts in the soccer world. Due 9/3/2021 Nominations can be found here [Awards - Opportunities | Wisconsin \(wiyouthsoccer.com\)](#)

TOPS –

- Synergy: Program is on hold. It is difficult to get this community back to the game as many have underlying health issues. Hoping that the program will pick up again soon.

Games – Mike Jones

2021 East Central Spring/Summer Game Count & Incident Report Totals								
Level	# of Games:			# of Incident Reports				
	Active	Cancelled	Grand Total	Red Cards	Yellow Cards	Field Issues	Irresponsible Behavior	
U11 COMP - C	54	10	64		2	3	1	
U11 COMP - F	43	2	45			1		
U12 COMP - C	76	4	80		3	2	1	
U12 COMP - F	48	1	49			1	1	
U13 COMP - C	26	5	31			1		
U13 COMP - F	21	2	23					
U15 COMP - C	55	20	75		8	5	1	
U15 COMP - F	34	8	42		1			
U16 COMP - F	20	1	21		1	1		
U17 COMP - C	32	2	34	3	16			
U19 COMP - C	38	7	45	2	13			
Classic Totals	447	62	509	5	44	14	4	
U08 EAST CENTRAL - C	59	11	70					
U08 EAST CENTRAL - F	65	1	66			1		
U10 EAST CENTRAL - C	164	6	170			3		
U10 EAST CENTRAL - F	118	5	123					
U12 REC - C	43	1	44					
U12 REC - F	29	3	32			1		
U14 REC - C	41	10	51		1	1		
U19 REC - C	34	8	42	1	2	1		
Rec Totals	553	45	598	1	3	7	0	
ADULT COED REC	28	3	31		3			
Grand Totals	1028	110	1138	6	50	21	4	

Referee – Justin Oshefsky

- New referee courses are still being held now. 1<sup>st</sup> time referees will have fee's reimbursed by WYSA. Also including is a 1<sup>st</sup> year referee kit. If interested, please take advantage of this offer in August. No word from WYSA if this offer will be valid in Winter Classes.
- Please work with referees this fall on no player passes just rosters. WISREF has not sent anything out on this matter yet.

- We were able to host Mentoring sessions at five tournaments this past spring. Mike and I are working on hosting more mentoring at academy games this fall. It will largely depend on referee availability as we were short refs in the spring.
- We Applied for Mentoring reimbursement but seems WYSA changes the criteria each time we submit it.
- Had about dozen or so games this past spring without a referee or missing 1 ref. Mainly U8/U10 games. Specially on locations without a referee pool. Games were uncovered mainly due to no one wanting to pick game up.
- Referee pool this fall will be limited. I will be difficult to have full crews on all games but will work our hardest. All games on Weekends + Academy + Tournaments. Not to mention HS games/college games/etc.
  - How can we help?
    - Back-to-back games when we can.
    - Not every game can start at 1pm.
    - Willingness to move games
    - Notify assignor ASAP when games are or will be moved/cancelled

#### Discussion:

- Chris suggested that we may want to look at ways to give clubs more freedom to move games within a few hours so that clubs can fill up whose to get referees at their game.
- Question from a parent's perspective in that the referees are seeing games that are not filled but are unable to select them. Feeling that it is not a good summer job as they are not able to get enough games to make it worth their while. Asked for suggestions on how to find more games for the referee that is looking for more.

#### Adult League – Vicki King

- 160 players were registered and played in the Spring 2021 Adult League. Games are completed for the Spring 2021 Adult League. WSL mailed registration fees to the individual clubs.
- Look at registration for next season. Currently the WSL registrar has the only access to the registrations.

#### Discussion:

- Concern over the gender rule that once at the game the opposing team is requesting the other team waive the rule because they are short on girls.
  - Chris asked that we table this discussion to a time when more members can weigh in on the adult program.

#### Academy - Sean Breitzman

- Numbers are healthy for the fall season. As usual they fluctuate from club to club, but overall, they look good.
- No mega date this year due to lack of referees and a hosting site.

- Change to 8U format: instead of being separated by skill level, 8U teams will be made evenly split to help with scheduling and encourage player development through more inclusivity and encouraging fluid pool rosters.

### Fall 2020

		U8B	U8G	U10B	U10G	total
1	Allouez	0	0	1	0	1
2	Electric City	1	1	2	3	7
3	FC Green Bay	1	0	0	0	1
4	FOX Cities United	2	0	2	0	4
5	GBL	1	0	1	1	3
6	Kimberly	1	2	2	2	7
7	Neenah	4	2	3	3	12
8	Oshkosh	1	1	2	2	6
9	United FC-Appleton	3	1	4	2	10
10	United FC-DePere	3	2	4	4	13
11	United FC-Howard	2	3	4	3	12
12	Water Cities	2	1	1	2	6
	<b>total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>82</b>

### Spring 2021

		U8B	U8G	U10B	U10G	total
1	Electric City	2	2	2	3	9
2	FC Green Bay	2	0	0	0	2
3	FOX Cities	2	0	2	0	4
4	GBL	1	1	1	1	4
5	Kimberly	2	3	3	3	11
6	Menasha	1	0	0	0	1
7	Neenah	7	3	5	3	18
8	Oshkosh	2	2	2	3	9
9	Water Cities	1	1	2	2	6
10	WI United-Appleton	3	2	4	3	12
11	WI United -DePere	3	3	5	4	15
12	WI United -Howard	2	4	4	3	13
	<b>total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>104</b>

### Academy - Fall 2021

		U8B	U8G	U10B	U10G	total
1	Electric City	1	1	2	3	7
2	FC Green Bay	1	0	1	1	3
3	FOX Cities	1	1	1	0	3
4	GBL	1	1	1	1	4
5	Kimberly	2	2	3	3	10
6	Neenah	5	2	4	4	15
7	Oshkosh	2	2	3	3	10
8	TASK	0	1	1	0	2
9	Water Cities	2	3	2	3	10
10	WI United-Appleton	3	4	3	3	13
11	WI United -DePere	3	3	4	4	14
12	WI United -Howard	2	4	3	3	12
	<b>total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>103</b>

**Old Business**

### Addressing the High School age players needs in East Central

- With player numbers dropping, realistically East Central will continue to struggle with providing U division for each age beyond 13U
- East year we have issues when clubs form a team specifically to play in a specific age group yet there are not sufficient other teams in the U division and divisions are combined
- Clubs are often not extending offers to players who are too old, but who ultimately could play once that team is moved into combined division
- In order to provide consistent league programming, we will be looking at the following changes in the Classic League
  - Provide only a 15U classic division (which includes 15U and 14U) in the seasons when we have displaced 8<sup>th</sup> graders
    - Fall for Boys/Coed Divisions
    - Spring for Girls Divisions
- Have a High School Summer Girls Classic Division which will encompass all age groups 15U-19U, if there are enough teams to make two divisions, we would have a Classic 1 and Classic 2
- Review current Classic Fall 2021 Girls divisions and assess whether the same set up for Summer would also be best for Fall
- Look at historical data and review if there are benefits to establishing predetermined age divisions for Boys High School Age players.

### **New Business**

#### 2022-2023 Budget Committee

- Need to take a fresh look at not only how our funds are spent, but what and who benefits from the services we provide
- Currently over 90% of our revenue is from individual Players fees
  - These fees are not very equitable
  - Player counts are difficult to get, ever changing and not always accurate
- With Player Cards going away, there is now only a select few players who receive this service
- The last attempt at moving to Team Fees was a bit rushed and Covid virtual meeting were not a good forum for discussion
  - Hope to form a Budget Committee and have some preliminary work to present at the October All Club Meeting
  - From there, a Final Budget will be drafted and presented at the January 2022 AGM
  - Plenty of time for clubs to adapt their budgets/fees for the 2022/2023 Season

#### **Fall East Central DOC/Coaching Meeting**

- Hoping for a date and an ‘in person meeting’ either the end of September or early October
- Will be sending out an email to clubs for feedback and to accumulate contact information for DOC.
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## **Announcements**

Suggestion that if we plan to continue with virtual meetings that we need to invest in a microphone so that members attending virtually can hear what others are saying.

*Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kevin Otto (Menasha) and seconded by Jay DeBruin (TASK)*

*Moton passed.*

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm  
Adjournment**

**Respectfully submitted by  
Vicki King  
East Central Secretary**