

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc.

East Central Soccer District, INC.

March Meeting

Kimberly Municipal Center

March 21, 2022

Roll Call:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Electric City	Nate Laabs	Neenah	Mike Jones
Fox Cities United	Renee Sullivan	Niagara North Stars	*Greg Kulas
Green Bay Lightning	Cory Romdenne	Oshkosh	Brian Casey
Heart of the Valley	Jon Bakken	Synergy	Jeff Jones
Howard FC	Matt Bellisle	TASK	*Sarah Wolslegel
Kiel	Joe Muehlbauer	United of Allouez	Abdul Nur
Kimberly	Matt Walters	Water Cities	John Rather
Manitowoc Futbol	Chris Corrao	WI United	Scott Frisch
Menasha	Kevin Otto		

Clubs absent: FC Green Bay, Fond du Lac, New Holstein

*Virtual sign-in

East Central Officers

EC President	Christopher Billstrom
EC Vice President	Jeff Pozniak
EC Treasurer	Noe Smart
EC Secretary	Vicki King
EC Games Commissioner	Mike Jones
EC League Chairperson	Brian Casey
EC Academy Commissioner	Sean Breitzman
EC Referee	Absent
EC Adult Commissioner	Vicki King
EC TOPS	Jeff Jones
WYSA Rep	Christopher Billstrom
Executive Director	Sue Ann Evers

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	255	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	Christopher Billstrom	0**	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
TOPSoccer Commissioner	Wayne Stofflet	1	036	Kiel Soccer Club	54	1
Referee Commissioner	Justin Oshesky	1	037	Kimberly Area Soccer	640	2
Academy Commissioner	Sean Breitzman	1	058	Neenah Soccer Club	1,300	3
			052	New Holstein Soccer Club	17	1
			099	Niagara Northern Stars	43	1
			045	Menasha	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	25

* Executive Director is a Non-Voting Member of the Executive Board

**Per Bylaws: No individual may carry more than one position's vote

*** FDL club is not in good standing and have no vote as a result

**** Per agreement Manitowoc currently registers their players with Lakeshore United but retain voting rights for corresponding players

Summary

Total Executive Board Votes	9
Total Club Votes	25
Total Votes	34

2021/2022 Season Quorum is 18 (50% of Total Votes plus 1)

Approval of January 29, 2022, AGM Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the January 29, 2022, Minutes as made by Mike Jones (Neenah) and seconded by Brian Casey (Oshkosh)

Motion passed

President's Report

- 1) Update on Spring Scheduling/New Process
- 2) Discussion on the reality of today's East Central divisions and how best to serve the diverse array of clubs in the district going forward.
 - a) Not realistic to think we can offer Classic 2 or 3 at every age division
 - b) Clubs creating teams in June should be able to make decisions on roster creation based on where they will be placed to play
 - c) Possible Ideas –
 - i) More upfront acknowledgement of what divisions we offer
 - (1) Classic 1 only for 13U-19U divisions
 - (2) Classic 2 and/or 3 in those age divisions will be combined as needed

- ii) Rules to allow greater freedom for clubs to make event teams

Comments:

Scheduling process:

- Representatives thought blackouts were helpful to eliminate the number of changes that had to be made to the schedule.
- For future scheduling events, the district will not move long distance traveling games to a Saturday date unless more clear direction is discussed.
- Clubs liked entering their time and fields into the schedule instead of having the system do it for them.

Executive Director's Report

- 1) Scheduling Process – Classic and Recreational
 - a) Some bumps in the road
 - i) Demosphere was not able to get the blackout dates in before the schedule was created. Blackout dates were reviewed, and hand adjusted in the schedule
 - ii) A team moved to a different division and two schedules had to be redone. A four-team division is not the best as these teams may see each other three times in this scheduling season
 - iii) Some clubs did not update their field status and there are field error messages in Demosphere. The administrator can override the system and place the game on a field even if it is not updated.
 - b) Scheduling timeline
 - i) March 10-24, 2022 – Clubs can work with each other to adjust dates
 - ii) March 24-31, 2022 – Schedule is frozen to be reviewed by the district
 - iii) March 28, 2022 – Recreational Team application deadline
 - iv) March 31-April 14, 2022 – Classic schedule final touches with the Rec Schedule introduced – *Clubs are highly encouraged to engage team coaches/managers/families for the potential conflicts while working on this final stage of the schedule.*
 - v) April 14, 2022 – Schedule is frozen and goes live.
 - (1) Rescheduling process will be presented
- 2) Scheduling Process – Classic High School Girls
 - a) May 10, 2022, Team application deadline
 - b) More details can be found here:
 - i) <https://www.eastcentralsoccer.com/district/scheduling-process>
- 3) Scheduling process -Academy
 - a) More information will be coming out after the March 27, 2022, academy meeting. Meeting will be at 1:00 PM and it will be virtual.
- 4) Scheduling process- Adult
 - a) May 12, 2022 -Team application deadline – done through WSL
 - b) May 14, 2022 - Schedule will be created. Games will be clustered for referee assigning.
 - c) May 16, 2022 – Adult Schedule goes live
 - d) June 5, 2022 – First week of games
- 5) Reminder that if you need player pass cards get them in as soon as possible

- a) Youth National League (Old MRL) require passes
- b) Some tournaments require player pass cards and will not take a roster with photos. Teams need to research this on the tournament website.

Treasurer's Report

Information presented is not for public release. Please contact the East Central Executive Director with any information requests.

Commissioner's reports

WYSA – Christopher Billstrom

1. Tryout Related Items
 - a. Statewide Tryout Dates for 2022-23 and 2023-24 Seasons announced.
 - b. Updated Tryout/Offer/Poaching policies
 - c. NO DISTRICT involvement with tryouts going forward
2. Referee Fee Increases for 2022-2023 Season
 - a. All WYSA leagues (including East Central) must use new fees as a minimum.
 - b. Club In-house leagues and tournaments exempt from new standard
3. WYSA AGM Reflections
 - a. Short meeting

Comments:

WYSA Tryouts

- *East Central will update their website to the new tryout policy.*
- *The tryout dates are set for two years.*

TOPSoccer – Jeff Jones

FIRE: We wrapped up our February indoor sessions and are planning an outdoor event at the Capital Credit Union Stadium in April. We will be posting and opening registration up as soon as we get final details finished. Also, we will be sending two board members down to the TOPS symposium next month. Submitted by: Heidi Haroldson

KASA: The Kimberly program is dormant right now, will start spring session April 2, 9, 16, 30, May 7 and 14. Submitted by: Wayne Stoflet

SYNERGY: Spring session is scheduled for April 3, 10 & 24 and May 1 & 8. Submitted by: Jeff Jones

WCSC: Leslie just completed our winter session with Water Cities at the Oshkosh YMCA. Submitted by: Mark Frierdich

Comments:

Jeff said he would like to visit the other TOPS programs in the district, likewise he invites any club interested in see what Synergy's TOPS program looks like.

Referee

- Referee Recerts and New Entry classes are wrapping up.
- April 2/3 We will be hosting some on field referee training in Oshkosh at the bubble dome. Information will be sent out to referees shortly. Opportunities for referees to get training on U15-19 games also.

Games Commissioner – Mike Jones

Mike Jones (Games Commissioner), Justin Oshefsky (Referee Commissioner) & Dusty Rhodes (At-Large Selection) will serve as the East Central Disciplinary committee.

Chris Billstrom & Jeff Pozniak will serve as alternates if any of the 3 members must recuse themselves.

Adult League – Vicki King

Adult League Registration is open. Currently 19 participants registered. We will be asking for an updated list of registrants every two weeks.

Clubs hosting adult teams are:

- Electric City
- Howard Fire
- KASA
- Synergy
- WI United

Academy – Sean Breitzman

Academy Meeting Sunday March 27 at 1:00 PM. Sean will be sending out a link for the meeting

Old Business

-Refer Referee Shortage Protocols

Motion to Amend the 2021 Fall Protocol by:

1. Removing Fall 2021 from Title
2. Striking ~~or WYSA sponsored game~~ from last section of Diagonal System of Control
3. Change 2nd bullet point under Additional information to consider to read:

East Central will only recognize a game that has a certified referee at the center as a sanctioned game with the following exceptions:

1. Academy or Recreational League Games 10U or younger

4. Add additional bullet point under Additional information to read:

In games where a single certified referee is working the game either alone or with Club Linespersons, the referee should receive full pay for the Center (½ from each team) AND IN ADDITION ALSO receive the full pay of one AR, to be paid ½ by each team.

Note: Teams will need to make sure that they can split the AR fees in half in order to accommodate this new rule.

Motion: To approve the changes to the Referee Shortage Protocols as outlined above and to pay referees an additional fee for being the only certified referee at a game as outlined in item 4 above.

*Scott F (Wisconsin United) made the motion, and it was seconded by Kevin Otto (Menasha)
Motion Passed*

Rule Change - Eliminating Referees at 8U Recreational East Central League

Discussion:

- 8U teams do not have the same level of coaching as the academy teams do. Many of the coaches are not that familiar with the rules and are involved in management of the game. Adding the responsibility to referee the game would be a big ask for the coming season.
- Great place for new referees to learn how to referee a game.
- Matt Walters (KASA) agreed with the discussion of not eliminating referees from this recreational age group in the East Central Recreational League.
- Suggestion that these games get filled last. If the games do not have a certified referee, the game should still be played.

No action was taken on this issue and referees will be assigned to these games whenever possible.

Modifying Red Card Suspensions

Modified rule for Player Ejection Suspensions

1. A suspension of 1-~~2~~ **or more** games will be imposed on any player who is ejected from a game for any of the following offenses. The severity and circumstances of the offense will be considered when handing down the suspension.

- a. Serious Foul Play
- b. Violent Conduct- ~~Minimum of 4 games~~
- c. Spitting at someone -~~Minimum of 4 games~~
- d. Deliberate handling of the ball to prevent a goal.
- e. Fouling a player with an obvious goal scoring opportunity
- f. Offensive, insulting, or abusive language
- g. Receiving two cautions in a match

Amend current rule of Player Ejection Suspensions to remove “a suspension of 1-12 games” and replace with “a suspension of 1 or more games” AND remove minimum game suspensions in points b. and c.

Motion: To approve the changes to the Player Ejections Suspensions as outlined above.

Kevin Otto (Menasha) made the motion, and it was seconded by Scott F (Wisconsin United)

Motion Passed

Discussion Point to be discussed more at our next East Central All Club Board Meeting.

Rule Change - Proposal to adopt High School Girls Division format to Fall Schedule

Announcements

- East Central received a thank you note from the Laydon family thanking us for the donation to the North Stars Soccer Club in memory of Jim Laydon.
- A small celebration will be held after the meeting in order to celebrate Sue Ann Evers twenty years of service.

For the Good of Soccer

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by

Vicki King

East Central Secretary