

**NCYSA Challenge Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, March 10, 2002  
NCYSA State Office, Greensboro**

- ❖ The Challenge Council was called to order by Grant Underhill at 10:07 a.m. In lieu of taking roll, an attendance sheet was signed by all participants. This sheet has been included as a separate attachment.
- ❖ It was established that we had a quorum to conduct any business that might come before the council (7 associations / clubs represented).
- ❖ Grant Underhill welcomed Bill Furjanic, NCYSA Director of Coaching. Bill presented the region Directors of Coaching proposal to endorse small-sided games in each state so that it could eventually be implemented nationwide
  - Tim Kepley (Tri-FC) stated that Triangle Futbol Club his club already implements the small-sided game. The only draw back was that teams could not play against another club if that club did not also play small-sided. Overall, Tim felt that the small-sided game was a step in the right direction.
  - Robert Vranek (NMYSA) expressed concerns about how small-sided games would impact his association: increase in the numbers of fields and coaches, decrease in the number of players involved. Robert felt that his player's interest and participation peaked at age 11,12,13. At this age player's want to play "real soccer" as opposed to small-sided soccer.
  - Bob Singer (President NCYSA) noted that soccer is local and differs from one association to another. The small-sided game could work for one association and be more difficult another.
  - Grant Underhill (NCYSA VP Challenge) thanked Bill Furjanic for his presentation to council.

**State Challenge Cup Business**

- ❖ Mark Moore (Deputy Director NCYSA) discussed a proposal passed at Classic Council to add a Women's "B" Cup, as it would affect the dates of Fall Women's Challenge Cup. The following suggestions were made for Fall Women's Cup:
  - Challenge could host their own Final Four not in conjunction with Snickers Final Four
  - Challenge could have two preliminary weekends and follow in with Snickers for Final Four
  - Challenge could host prelimns and then skip one or two weekends before having finals with Snickers.
- ❖ A motion was made by Dave Stump (GYSA) and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Miller (PSA): The NCYSA Challenge State Cup for Fall Girls Preliminary Round will be held the weekend before Thanksgiving. The NCYSA Challenge State Cup Finals will be held in conjunction with the Snickers NCYSA State Cup Fall Final Four and the NCYSA "B" State Cup for Fall Girls, the second weekend after Thanksgiving. Amended Motion: The NCYSA Challenge State Cup for Fall Girls Preliminary Round will be held TWO weekends before Thanksgiving (November 16-17 in 2002). The NCYSA Challenge State Cup Finals will be held in conjunction with the Snickers NCYSA State Cup Fall Final Four and the NCYSA "B" State Cup for Fall Girls, the second weekend after Thanksgiving (the first weekend after Thanksgiving weekend- December 7-8, 2002). There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

- ❖ Grant Underhill (NCYSA) thanked New Bern Area Soccer Association, Twin City Soccer Association, and Greensboro Youth Soccer Association for hosting the Preliminaries and Finals of the Challenge Cup.
  - Grant also discussed the split of age groups to specific preliminary sites for the spring cup. His comments were to clear up any confusion about why certain age groups were assigned to each site. Grant stated that this was to insure an equal number of teams for each host site, thus being fair to each host site.
  - There was further discussion led by Dave Stump (GYSA) about an East/ West concept for Challenge Cup in the future. Council made request to put this issue on the June Council agenda, so that research could be done on the matter and a questionnaire sent out to participating teams. Looking at NCYSA Recreation State Cup's East/West concept was suggested as a means of researching this concept.

### **Challenge Handbook Revisions**

- ❖ Mari Villalobos (NCYSA) discussed items left out of the Challenge Handbook concerning U10 (8 vs 8) soccer.
  - It was noted that the Challenge Handbook makes no mention of the maximum numbers of players that can be rostered on a U10 team. In addition, the handbook indicates that U10 teams play 30-minute halves as opposed to the correct time of 25 minutes.
  - A motion was made by Tim Kepley (Tri-FC), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Stump (GYSA), for a change to be in the Challenge handbook to reflect that U10 (8 vs 8) soccer plays 25 minute halves and the maximum number of players that can be rostered is 14. The motion was passed unanimously, with no further discussion.

### **NCYSA Associate Membership-Challenge Scheduling Leagues**

- ❖ Kathy Robinson (NCYSA) and Rachel Jones (NCYSA) discussed the benefits of Challenge Scheduling bodies being associate members of NCYSA. A list of benefits put together by NCYSA staff was handed out.
  - There was a short question and answer period for council members to get a better understanding of the definition of Associate member as well as its benefits. One example included the ability to host an NCYSA sanctioned tournament as a League.
  - Tim Kepley (Tri-FC) explained his scheduling body's resistance to becoming a member. The cost of joining and a loss of the League's flexibility were two reasons given.
  - Council members found information handed out and discussed to be very helpful and stated that they would share this information with their scheduling leagues.

### **New Business**

- ❖ New Business items discussed. Mari Villalobos (NCYSA) made a note that for this 2001-2002 seasonal year there were 25 Classic to Challenge Transfers and 150 Challenge to Challenge Transfers.
  - Council members questioned the larger number of transfers and requested that research be done to get an idea of why so many players transfer.
- ❖ Kathy Robinson (NCYSA Executive Director) asked council what their position was team comprised of mostly Challenge players playing on teams in Recreation state cup. This

prompted discussion by council members. Grant Underhill suggested that members think about this issue and come prepared to discuss it in June as an agenda item.

- ❖ Motion made by Tim Kepley (Tri-FC), 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Stump (GYSA) to adjourn at 11:55 am.

### **Challenge Council Attendance**

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#### Name

1. Jim Kelly
2. Dave Stump
3. David Miller
4. Tim Kepley
5. Lee Lyles
6. Robert Baldwin
7. Robert Vance
8. Grant Underhill
9. Mari Villalobos
10. Bill Furjanic
11. Rachel Jones
12. Kathy Robinson
13. Bob Singer

#### Association

- Asheville-Buncombe Youth Soccer Association
- Greensboro Youth Soccer Association
- Piedmont Soccer Alliance
- Triangle Futbol Club
- Charlotte Soccer Club
- Wings of Wilkes
- North Meck Youth Soccer Association
- VP Challenge, NCYSA
- Assistant Director Challenge, NCYSA
- Director of Coaching, NCYSA
- Administrative Manager, NCYSA
- Executive Director, NCYSA
- President, NCYSA