

NPSL Meeting Minutes- June 2, 2010

Below are the meeting minutes from the NPSL meeting held on June 2, 2010 at the District 1 office in Everett.

Attendees:

LWYSA: Greg Wyrick, Yousef Habash

NYSA: John Brock, Jane Shumway

EYSA: Brian Curl

SYSA: Andrew Westmark, DJ Yasui, Michael Murphy

North County: Naomi Johnson

Not Present:

Skagit, Snohomish, South Snohomish County, Whatcom County, Whidbey Island, and Snoqualmie Valley.

Meeting called to order at 7PM. Past meeting minutes reviewed/approved. Introductions of all participants were made.

Steering Committee

To date, the NPSL has been run in an entrepreneurial manner which has helped speed but had adverse consequences in getting closure on some issues. The group agreed to establish a formal NPSL Steering Committee based upon representation of each member association in Districts 1 and 2.

The composition of the NPSL Steering Committee was established as:

- Every D1 and D2 Member Association has a single seat on the NPSL Steering Committee.
- Voting of Steering Committee will be weighted based upon how many teams a member association has in the NPSL.
- While each vote will be assumed to represent full weight, each member associations will be able to split their Steering Committee votes when needed (for instance, based upon differences of opinion on how clubs in that association may want to vote).
- Voting strength based on team counts are established as of September 1st and carry through until August 31st of the following year.
- Each District Commissioner will have a seat on the NPSL Steering Committee. Their role will be strong focus on consultative and advisory to the NPSL and will have 1 vote each.
- A quorum will be determined based upon voting strength of those in attendance.

- Every 5 teams in the NPSL equates to 1 vote. A member association without a participating team retains its seat on the NPSL Steering Committee but is a non-voting member.

NPSL Teams	Votes
0	0
1-5	1
6-10	2
11-15	3
16-20	4
21-25	5
26-30	6
31-35	7
36-40	8
41-45	9
46-50	10
51-55	11
56-60	12
61-65	13
66-70	14

The Steering Committee will have a Chairperson and an Alternate (Vice) Chairperson. Term of both roles will be 1 year per role with the Alternate (Vice) Chairperson assuming the Chairperson role in year 2. This is designed to give 1 year of on-the-job training in the Alternate (Vice) Chairperson and 1 year of executing as Chairperson.

The Chairperson will be from a member association from one District while the Alternate Chairperson will be from a member association from the other District. It was decided that a representative from a member association in D1 would be Chair from now through August 31, 2011. The Alternate (Vice) Chairperson for this period will be from a member association in D2.

The Steering Committee member association voting strength from now until August 31, 2010 is as follows:

Association	Teams	Votes
EYSA	34	7
LWYSA	19	4
NCYSA	25	5
NYSA	19	4
SKAGIT	17	4
SNOHOMISH	3	1
SNOQUALMIE	3	1
SSCYSA	11	3
SYSA	31	7
WHATCOM	4	1
WHIDBEY	3	1
Total Votes		38
Quorum		19

ACTION: Member associations from D1 determine candidates for Chairperson of NPSL.

ACTION: Member associations supply name of person to seat on NPSL Steering Committee.

Operating Committees

Three NPSL operating committees were identified:

- Disciplinary
- Competition (with a subcommittee specific to High School Girls)
- Communications (including marketing)

Competition Committee

It was determined that the Competition committee would operate in leadership in similar manner as the Steering Committee. The Chairperson of the Competition Committee will be from a member association from one District while the Alternate (Vice) Chairperson will be from a member association from the other District. The member association's District of the Chairperson will be the opposite of the member association's District of the Steering Committee, ensuring a balance of representation in two key leadership roles of the NPSL. As such, a representative from a member association in D2 will be Chairperson of Competition Committee from now through August 31, 2011. The Alternate (Vice) Chairperson of Competition Committee will be from a member association in D1. Yousef Habash agreed to be Chair. A Vice Chair will be identified from member associations from D1.

There were a number of volunteers from an earlier NPSL meeting that will comprise the Competition Committee. My notes included that Naomi Johnson and Jim Bates were volunteered.

ACTION: Get list of volunteers from prior meeting [Yousef Habash]

ACTION: Member associations from D1 determine Vice Chair of Competition.

Disciplinary Committee

It was determined that the Disciplinary Committee did not require the representative leadership balance as did Competition. It was proposed that Mike Todd and Naomi Johnson could be asked to staff the Disciplinary Committee.

Communications Committee

It was determined that, like Disciplinary, the Communications Committee did not require the representative leadership balance as did Competition. It was proposed that Jane Shumway head up the Communications Committee.

Proposal for Modifying Girls U15-U18 League Play

It was discussed and agreed to expand the NPSL to cover Girls up to U18.

Greg Wyrick discussed the proposal for modifying the Girls U15-U18 season. The proposal passed however it was clear there was no consensus on this proposal. EYSA, LWYSA and SYSA voted yes. NCYSA and NYSA voted No. The decision that was made was to have NPSL run a Girls U15-U18 league in late fall/winter and partner with District 3 to combine our Girls U15-U18 teams that want to play in the fall with District 3 in its league. The downside is obviously greater travel. The upside is that no team is being coerced to play at a time of year that they do not want to be playing out.

ACTION: Contact District 3 and establish working relationship for Fall league and cross-support for the D3 Fall League and NPSL Fall/Winter League. [Murphy]

Boys U16-U18 League

It was discussed and agreed to expand the NPSL to cover Boys up to U18.

It is not clear whether there will be sufficient teams to field an NPSL league at BU16, BU17 and BU18 with at least 6 teams per age. To mitigate this risk, it was discussed about reaching out to District 3 should team counts come up lower than desired.

ACTION: Contact District 3 and establish a dialogue to determine whether they would be interested in working together at the Boys U16-U18 should the NPSL team counts come up light [Murphy]

Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 16th at 7PM in Bothell.