

NY West Champions Conference Meeting Notes

October 28, 2020

Commissioners in attendance: Rich Wagner, Kevin Arnold, Pam Whitcomb, Hugh Goodridge, Jim Enser, Roger Best, Pete Lautensack

The Commissioners met via teleconference to conduct the business of the Champions Conference.

Rich Wagner was nominated as President of the league, and approved by the commissioners by acclimation.

Kevin Arnold was nominated as Vice President of the league, and approved by the commissioners by acclimation.

Pam Whitcomb was nominated as Recording Secretary of the league, and approved by the commissioners by acclimation.

The commissioners reviewed the 2021 League Policies and Procedures and approved the document unanimously.

The commissioners discussed the acceptance criteria, and confirmed that it should include the following:

- State Cup final four teams
- District League teams in the top division that finished first or second
- Teams admitted to a regional league
- Other competitive teams, if they can show direct competition against:
 - NY West Champions conference participants
 - Other premier league participants
 - State Cup final four participants

The commissioners reviewed the draft Team Admittance and Placement criteria and approved the document unanimously, subject to changes that reflect the acceptance criteria noted above.

The commissioners discussed and approved the communications plan, which includes the following:

- A NYSWYSA webpage (a temporary web page has already been establish, to go live October 29)
- An e-mail blast to all NYSWYSA members announcing the league
- Newsletter articles announcing the Champions Conference, to begin immediately
- Personalized invitations to qualifying teams:
 - Teams that finished first or second in the top division of 2019 Spring district leagues
 - Teams that qualified for the 2019 State Cup final four tournament
 - 12U teams where we can establish a record of 2019 performance
 - Open entry teams that have shown strong performance in 2020 summer and fall play