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In my 2020 President's report I referenced the need for continued optimism despite the challenges we all faced due to the COVID pandemic. While we aren't yet fully beyond the impact of COVID, I must say that collectively all of you, our members, and our NYSWYSA staff and Board of Directors, did an outstanding job getting players back on the field during the 2020/2021 season. Player registrations were at 45,095 this year, which marked a good start to recovery from the pandemic impact. Prior to the pandemic, player registrations were approximately 54,000. The impact of program shut-downs last year caused a drop in registrations to just 34,000. Our assumption for 2020/2021 was that registrations would likely be 20% below the 54,000 baseline, or 43,200. We exceeded that number. Thank you all for your hard work. Well Done!!

Future NYSWYSA Leadership

- The 2021 election for NYSWYSA President will be the last time I plan to run for the position. Like many organizations we need new, qualified, volunteers periodically as they can bring the opportunity to incorporate fresh perspective, diversity of experience and background, and new energy to the association. I want to encourage our members to consider and/or present interested candidates. While acting as NYSWYSA President is demanding, it is also rewarding. The opportunity to positively impact the youth soccer landscape locally as well as on a national level is extraordinary. To any of you who might be interested in the President's role, please feel free to contact me with questions about it.
- Annually, NYSWYSA has other Board of Directors positions that are up for re-election. Similar to the role of the association President, we want to encourage individuals to consider running for these positions. For the reasons mentioned above it is important for the association, and ultimately for our members' benefit, to add new and diversified perspectives. Therefore, please consider it.

2020/2021 Summary

- This past year still presented challenges due to the continued impact of the COVID pandemic. For the second consecutive year NYSWYSA needed to re-schedule programming, continue to be flexible, and in some cases cancel planned activities. Some programs were impacted more than others. In particular, some TOPSoccer programs, our planned Futsal competition, and some of our urban and rural recreational soccer outreach activities had to be cancelled and/or delayed due to COVID-related limitations on the use of or the availability of venues, both indoors and outdoors. Other programs were impacted less in terms of NYSWYSA's ability to conduct them, albeit they did require extraordinary effort by our staff to enable them to proceed. These included our Women's Coach Initiative, Coach Education and Licensing courses, the Olympic Development Program (ODP), the NYSWYSA Fall Academy, and the NYSWYSA Champions Conference league. The new NYSWYSA Champions Conference League was a big success in its first year. It was great to see progress with these initiatives, especially after the challenges during the 2020 spring and summer.
- **Financial Health:** Sitting where we were 1 year ago, there was extraordinary uncertainty regarding the future lingering financial impact that COVID might have. Based on the information we had at the time, and uncertain and anticipated losses of players and coaches participating in some programs we projected that for the



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2020/2021 fiscal year NYSWYSA would have a \$231,000 operational deficit. The projected result was anticipation that would require heavily depleting the financial reserves of the association in 2020/2021. To help mitigate that risk our membership agreed to a \$1.00 increase in the NYSWYSA player registration fee effective with the 2021/2022 fiscal year. Rather than an operational loss, the 2020/2021 year ended with a positive variance vs. budget, with net revenue of \$138,000. The primary contributors to this large variance between the budgeted deficit and the actual net revenue are listed below. None of these contributors were directly within NYSWYSA control.

- During the 2020/2021 year NYSWYSA received notice from the Federal Government that re-payment of the \$119,982 PPP loan received in the summer of 2020 was being forgiven.
- Due to the stock market rise during the 12 months ending August 31, 2021 the market value of our invested financial reserves grew by \$73,000. This, however, is an unrealized gain that is subject to market variability should stock market conditions change.
- Player insurance claims declined in 2020/2021 by \$31,963.
- Due to planned recreational soccer initiative activities that were restricted due to COVID-related limitations, we did not spend \$28,000 of the budgeted allocation for these programs.

Looking forward to this fiscal year and the next, NYSWYSA's commitment to key initiatives remains steadfast. This includes both new and existing programs, all of which were impacted in some way by the COVID pandemic. We look forward to continuing to serve our members by providing and expanding these programs for the benefit of all of the players, coaches, and member program administrators throughout our NYSWYSA footprint.

- Women's Coach Initiative
- Urban and rural soccer outreach
- Diversification of our soccer participants
- Olympic Development Program
- Coach education
- Risk Management
- US Youth Soccer National Championship Series (i.e. State Cup, East Regionals)
- TOPSoccer
- NYSWYSA Champions Conference League
- NYSWYSA Fall Academy
- Policy and governance advocacy with US Soccer and US Youth Soccer
- Member Insurance
- Grassroots programs

Respectfully submitted,
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