

USASA NBOD

April 6th, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Seattle WA

8:00am Meeting called to order by President John Motta

1. Roll Call – Karon Beyer called the roll.

All National Board members present and one guest – Robin Runstein, Deputy Director Region 4. Those present are listed at the end of the minutes.

2. Approval of March 06th, 2019 Board Minutes – Minutes were emailed out to the members prior to the meeting and were approved by acclamation.

3. Presidents Report: John Motta

A. Approval for teams with Professional Players to play in the National Premier Soccer League. The Board is asking for a clear definition of “what is a professional player” ?

B. Hall of Fame: Nominees that are submitted but not selected will go forward for future consideration

4. Executive Directors Report: Duncan Riddle

A. Investments: US Bank has been chosen as USASA Investment Banker. Duncan still needs a representative from Region 2 for the committee.

B. Steinbrecher Cup: Update on the 2019 Competition

Reading United will be unable to participate so FC United will take their slot.

C. USASA Provisional Multi-State League Status: Gold Coast League.

Gold Coast League based out of Louisiana and includes teams from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi and Texas. Their Bylaws have been sent to Karissa Richardson, Rules Committee for review. Once the NBOD Board has received a response from the Rules Committee, it will be distributed to the NBOD Members for an electronic vote to approve.

5. Policy Updates: The National League Policy with revisions was emailed out by Tony Falcone to the members after the last board meeting in March. It was distributed a 2nd time with the March Minutes, prior to this meeting. It has been posted to the USASA Website for the membership.

6. Committee/Task Force Review

A. Budget Committee: The composition of the Committee was discussed and clarified that this is not the USASA Investment Committee but a committee tasked with review of the budget, created by Lori Stoneburner and Duncan Riddle. The members of the Budget Committee are Bill George, Jim Hamilton, Rob Lavielle. John and Duncan will send an email to the members, notifying them that they have been appointed and to set a meeting date and time.

B. Hall of Fame: Duncan updated the Board that the committee is looking at nominees for 2019.

C. Adult /Youth Task Force: John asked that Karon set up a meeting with the US Youth & USASA officer's at the USASA Soccer AGM in September.

USASA Committees: Discussion of what standing committees are active during the year and who the NBOD liaisons are.

Governance - Paul Scherer/Robin Runstein

Hall Of Fame – Duncan Riddle/Mike Edwards

Referee – Bill Davey

Cesar Wasecki asked if the NBOD could get quarterly updates from the committees and the Board members agreed.

7. Update on Women's Committee – Karon advised the Board that they have lost a member from Region 2 (Erin Walsh) and Karon has contact both Bill Davey & Duncan on behalf of the committee asking for a recommendation. Kali Blackshear has asked every member on the committee to start collecting women's information from their region so they can create a women's national directory. They have also shifted focus back to a women 2020 national competition. They have a call scheduled for May 1st, 2019.

Duncan suggested that the Committee get Kendra Halterman (R4 Member) to give them a presentation on the tournament she is working on.

8. Other matters

A. By-law Change - Officers term amended to every 4 years versus every 2 years. John asked for feedback from the members and it is general consensus that this is a federation bylaw not a USASA Bylaw. The four year term proposal would impact the Adult Council has well. If the proposed bylaw passes for US Soccer, then there is a six month window before the next USASA general meeting. Bill suggested that we send the proposal to the USASA Governance Committee for them to advise us of the impact(s) of proposal to our bylaws. John will send an email to Carlos Calderon, US Soccer President and Greg Fike, USSF Staff Liaison with the USASA board's position.

B. Board seat for affiliated members – There are currently 35,000 members registered under the "Other Affiliate" with USASA. Discussion by the board on a proposal by John Motta to either create a seat on the board or to designate one of the two Independent Director Positions for these members. Paul Scherer reminds the Board that any of their members can run for any positions on the board (except for Regional Directors). He also stresses that the Board should not lose an Independent Director Position as that position brings an added value to the board. Tony Falcone added that since these independent associations do not interact with USASA, they should not be entitled to a dedicated seat on the board.

C. Jim Sadowski's Bylaw change – The Board asks John to contact Jim and ask him to submit his Bylaw proposal to the Rules committee for review.

9. New Business

A. NPSL

2 teams have signed Pro Contracts so USASA Insurance will not cover them when they play against amateur teams. Discussions with our Insurance carrier is ongoing to see how they can participate in the NPSL this summer season. 11 teams broke away to form a new LLC. and will play in the fall (The Founders Cup).

B. Referee Committee: Bill Davey reported that the National Events Referee list was presented last month.

Adjourned at 9:43am by acclamation

Those in attendance April 06th, 2019

President – John Motta
Vice President – Richard Moeller
Treasurer – Lori Stoneburner
Region 1 Director – Tony Falcone
Region 2 Director – Bill Davey
Region 3 Director – Darius Ejlaili
Region 4 Director – Paul Scherer
At Large Director – Cezar Wasecki
At Large Director – Werner Fricker
Independent Director – Brett Hurwitz
Executive Director – Duncan Riddle

Guest:

Region 4 Deputy Director – Robin Runstein, Oregon