

USASA NBOD Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2019 – Conference Call
Approved on December 6th, 2019

Mr. Motta called the meeting to order at 9:04pm Eastern Time

Mr. Riddle performed Roll Call:

In Attendance:

President – John Motta
Vice President – Richard Moeller
Treasurer – Lori Stoneburner
Region 1 Director – Tony Falcone
Region 3 Director – Darius Ejlaili
Region 4 Director – Robin Runstein
At Large Director – Cezar Wasecki
At Large Director – Chaz Ballish Regueiro
Executive Director – Duncan Riddle
Region 2 Deputy Director Claudio Frigo

Absent:

Secretary Karon Beyer
Region 2 Director – Bill Davey
Independent Director – Brett Hurwitz

Guest:

Region 3 Deputy Director Otey Smithson
Region 4 Deputy Director – Robin Runstein

Approval of minutes –

- Both August 7th and September 26 meeting minutes were approved with no additional amendments.

Presidents Report

Mr. Motta notified everyone that Chaz Ballish Regueiro, At Large Director, will be taking minutes.

- Mr. Motta advised the Board that US Soccer will have its next Board Meeting in Chicago in December
 - It is their desire to spend time with US Soccer employees in Soccer House
- Mr. Motta has begun exploring a run for US Soccer Vice President. He believes he has the required nominations from USASA State Presidents but wants to contact all State Presidents before proceeding.
- Mr. Motta said his remaining topics mirrored the topics on the executive director's report so we will move to that agenda item and he will present information on those subjects at the appropriate time.

Executive Director's Report

UEFA Event

- Mr. Riddle informed the Board that The US Amateur Champions will take on The UEFA Champions from Poland on Saturday May 16, 2019. Kick off will be at 3pm in Hartford CT, exact location still being worked out but we are trying to work with the USL franchise to use Dillon stadium.
- US Soccer Operations team is taking lead on many logistics
- Mr. Motta said Board Members should plan on attending.
- Mr. Motta is reaching out to Polish Consulate, Polish Community and will visit CT ahead of the match to see if he can stir up interest. Mr. Falcone May visit Embassy in Washington DC

Innovation to Grow Fund – Update

- Mr. Riddle informed the board that USASA has submitted a grant proposal for \$589,000. The proposal is called “Build a Bridge.” Essentially USASA is asking US Soccer to assist in transitioning youth players to the adult game by registering interested players and covering their insurance costs. Five US Soccer Associations: Indiana, Colorado, Cal South, Washington Youth and Washington Adult have agreed to participate in the program.

Alaska AGM 2021

- Mr. Riddle informed the Board the survey came back slightly in favor of going to Alaska.
- Mr. Motta said It is going to be expensive and long travel and at the AGM many members spoke at length about having meetings in more accessible, less expensive locations
- Mr. Motta and Ms. Stoneburner feel it is not the best for USASA as it is too expensive and not the best time of year to visit Alaska. Ms. Stoneburner also believes most members haven’t really considered the amount of travel time required.
- After further discussion Mr. Motta made an executive decision to veto the Alaska AGM. He asked Mr. Riddle to come up with some alternate locations.
- Mr. Ballish Regueiro suggested Dallas. He believes that members would love to see the New Hall of Fame, Dallas has a MLS franchise, is a hub airport for both American and Southwest and North Texas recently hosted a very successful Region 3 workshop.

National Cup Rules

- Mr. Falcone has a draft set of rules he is distributing to the committee for final review. Once they get plurality Mr. Motta will request an email vote to confirm.

Current Registrations

- Currently 8 members have not registered any members. Delaware only has one league and they are just now registering, NH, MN, MI, AZ, NV, UWWest, West Coast Soccer is finishing now.

Attorney to review Bylaws

- Mr. Riddle should have quotes in the next few days from two firms

Over 30 and Over 40 National Event

- Mr. Riddle’s proposal outlined in “Men’s O40 Premier Division” would have O40 championship at Soccerfest
 - Mr. Falcone does not support this idea
 - Mr. Ejlaili said he believes it should be a play in. The regional events are exceptional. Teams should continue a earn their birth through these events. He further believes regional champs should compete in the year they qualify rather than waiting a full year.
 - Mr. Frigo believes the current “Champions of Regions” format is very expensive. He believes the 30s and 40s should be kept together and transferring it to Soccerfest makes sense financially.
 - Mr. Falcone said the Championship of Regions will lose Identity and USASA needs to give more competitions to their members not consolidate them.

- Mr. Wasecki believes there is National Championship confusion. Too many teams believe they are the national champions. He believes Soccerfest has better teams and that is where the Champion should be crowned.
 - Mr. Smithson said he disagrees, the Regional Champions are better in quality.
 - Mr. Riddle said this confusion is exactly why we need consolidation.
 - Mr. Moeller suggested Tabling this discussion and taking to a smaller group discussion.
 - Mr. Motta said this has been tabled 3-4 times already
 - Mr. Ballish Regueiro suggested we consider making the Competition into part of the National Amateur Championship weekend, We could give a birth to the Soccerfest Winner and Finalist to include that group.
 - Mr. Frigo believes we need resolution ASAP as they are starting to plan Championship of Regions and need to know how to proceed.
 - Mr. Ejlaili said Region 3 would support sending their 30/40 champions to a USASA National Championship at SoccerFest but he feels like we should table and meet with Regional Directors to come to conclusion.
 - Mr. Motta agreed. He appointed Mr. Moeller to set up a conference call with the Regional Directors and Mr. Riddle. The expectation is a motion should come from this meeting at the December Board call. A decision will be made on that date.

Committee Appointments

- Mr. Motta sent out a request for nominations he said he received no communication back from anyone recommendations at all
- Mr. Falcone said he wanted exactly the same individuals from R1 as who had served last year.
- Mr. Motta made the requested changes and the Board approved the Committees.

Ethics Policy

- Mr. Scherer submitted a policy for the Board to review this week.
- Mr. Falcone said needs more time to review
- Mr. Ballish Regueiro said we need to parse out definitions on phrases like “conflict of interest” and have a hard look at the implications of the policy as written.
- Mr. Motta agreed and tabled the Policy, he asked board members to send suggestions to Mr. Riddle.

The Meeting Adjourned at 10:13pm