

US ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION
National Board of Directors
Via Conference Call
April 4, 2018

Meeting called to order 6:03pm EDT

Roll call: President, John Motta; Vice President, Richard Moeller; Secretary, Shonna Schroedl; Treasurer, Lori Stoneburner; Region I Director, Fritz Marth; Region II Director, Bill Davey; Region III Director Darius Ejlali; Region IV Director Paul Scherer; Executive Director, Duncan Riddle; At Large Director, Cezar Wasecki; At Large Director, Werner Fricker, Jr.; Independent Director, Brett Hurwitz

Guest: Nick Radu

1. Roll Call - Shonna
2. Approval of Last Board Call Minutes – John Motta distributed a corrected version of March 14, 2018 minutes. The corrected minutes were approved.
3. President's Report – John Motta
 - a. US Soccer Board Call – meetings via conference call have had to be rescheduled due to travel conflicts. The US Soccer Board has been once since the AGM via phone to discuss the World Cup Bid.
 - b. US Open Cup Committee Decisions – all 3 former NASL teams have been accommodated for this year. They had been left in limbo since they did not get Division 2 Professional status for 2018. They did apply to participate in a timely fashion during the 2017 Season. The US Open Cup Committee did agree to have a play-in round with 2 PDL teams and one NPSL team against the NY Cosmos, Miami and Jacksonville from the NASL.
 - c. Meeting in Orlando – John Motta and Duncan Riddle met with other interested parties in Orlando, to discuss a future Division One USASA. There will be more meeting with involved parties in the near future. A MOU will be presented to the USASA Board for review.
4. Executive Directors Report - Duncan
 - a. Soccer Fest Update – 103 teams signed up thus far
 - b. Amateur Cup – State Association play has picked up quite significantly in Region 4.
 - c. Steinbrecher Cup Update – this event is well organized and moving ahead. It will be held in conjunction with the Connecticut State Cup.
 - d. Cosmopolitan Soccer League appeal – it was heard at the State level, with New Jersey winning the appeal. It has now been appealed to the USASA Appeals Committee and the US Soccer Appeals Committee.
 - e. American Outlaws – Duncan is working with Darius on this event, will start small and grow in the future.
5. Steinbrecher Cup (2019 & beyond) – Bill Davey recommended that the Adult Commissioners would need to reconsider how teams are selected.

6. Investment Discussion – The board discussed documents that Treasurer Lori Stoneburner previously distributed to the NBOD for consideration. The key question is how many months of expense reserves do we need? Discussion occurred regarding an operational reserve and insurance reserve. John Motta made a **motion** for a \$500,000.00 operational reserve. Paul Scherer seconded. **Motion passed**, Lori Stoneburner abstained. Paul Scherer, Lori Stoneburner and Darius Ejlali will work together to develop policies regarding the operational reserve and how it could be utilized. The USASA council has previously voted to have a \$1,000,000.00 insurance reserve. The NBOD would like to have 3 proposals for investment opportunities.

7. Other Matters

a. Paul Scherer – Requests that the Rules Committee review Bylaws and make recommendations on which should be changed to policies. Paul believes that USASA needs to be more flexible to respond to changes as needed in the marketplace. John Motta will ask the Rules Committee to undertake this task.

b. Bill Davey – requested information regarding a second Independent Director candidate. At this point there are not specific candidates.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Shonna Schroedl, USASA Secretary