

US ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION
National Board of Directors
Hyatt House Denver
August 29, 2015

Meeting called to order 8:31 am MDT

Roll call: President, John Motta; Vice President, Arthur Mattson; Secretary, Shonna Schroedl; Treasurer, Lori Stoneburner; Region I Director, Fritz Marth; Region II Director, Bill Davey; Region III Director Rob LaVieille; Region IV Director, Paul Scherer; At Large Director, Werner Fricker, Jr.; At Large Director Cezar Wasecki; Region I Deputy Director, Tony Falcone; Region II Deputy Director, Nick Radu; Region III Deputy Director, Darius Ejlali; Duncan Riddle

Excused: Sergio Bolioli

1. Roll Call
2. Confirmation of minutes – May 30, 2015 were approved with a clarification.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Lori Stoneburner previously distributed a treasure’s report, to the NBOD.
4. President’s Report – John Motta reported on USSF Board meetings that have recently occurred.
 - A. Youth soccer match standards have been updated for age groups, size of fields, number of players – implementation for 2017.
 - B. Copa America event for 2016 – this event is under review due to the FIFA corruption scandal that has impacted officials in South America.
 - C. Transfer fees – case out of Washington has gone to FIFA and will be settled at that level
 - D. Women’s National Team – Contract for Coach Jill Ellis extended
 - E. FIFA referee list – referees from US were re-evaluated, 2 US men were removed. One male was recommended via performance at National Cups. One female was added from recommendation of John Motta and Angelo Bratsis from performance at National Championship series.
 - F. Washington State Soccer Association – The USSF NBOD accepted the recommendation from the committee that reviewed the case, the current association will remain as the recognized Adult State Association.

- G. National Soccer Hall of Fame – the has been approved and will be in Frisco Texas.
- H. NASL has petitioned has petitioned USSF to be a Division 1 professional division in competition with MLS. USSF is re-evaluating their required professional standards.
- I. US Open Cup – USSF has taken over administration of the entire event 6 US Club teams, 5 USSSA teams, 45 USASA teams have registered. Dual ownership teams is an issue that is being discussed. Follow up conference call of committee will take place this next week.
- J. NPSL Final in Chattanooga – atmosphere was excellent, stadium was completely filled. 18,200 fans attended the match. Rob Lavielle made a **motion** to recognize the Chattanooga and Detroit ownership groups at the AGM in San Antonio. Nick Radu seconded. **Motion passed.**

5. Executive Director Report – Duncan Riddle

- A. 3023 players from US Club Soccer have been registered.
- B. Aon is no longer offering D&O Insurance. New bids are higher but offer better coverage.
- C. Midyear Meeting – the Hall of Fame dinner will be Friday night to accommodate people attending or watching the US v Mexico game on Saturday.
- D. Nevada update – The adult state association will be renamed Nevada Adult Soccer Association. There is a new president and vice president. Darl Rose will be Treasure and Graham Biles is VP of Discipline. The State Association will implement a tournament in mid-November.
- E. Rhode Island, Indiana, North Carolina, Washington – 4 additional states for pilot program
- F. Nationwide Insurance sponsorship – will launch after labor day.

6. IT Committee – Arthur Mattson updated the NBOD on the USASA IT Committee. Jen Weston, Kyle Langenwalter, Marley Wilson, Arthur Mattson are on the committee. This committee has a clear set of goals: A) be able to offer a player registration system to State Associations. Looking at buying a white label product that can be edited for USASA needs B) national data base of USASA players.

7. Venue for National Championship Series – discussion on changing the venue from Southern California. Bill Davey made a **motion** to move the National Championship Series/Veterans Cup to the Aurora Sports Complex in Aurora Colorado. Cezar Wasecki seconded. **Motion passed.**
8. West Coast Soccer League USASA Affiliation – Duncan Riddle discussed the affiliation of this league which is made up of college club soccer teams. The registrations would come directly to USASA. Fritz Marth made a **motion** to accept the West Coast Soccer League as a provisional USASA member. Nick Radu seconded. **Motion passed.**
9. USSF Supporters proposal – Rob LaVielle has drafted a proposal for USSF to grant USASA members a level of supporter status, by virtue of USASA paid membership. John Motta and Arthur Mattson will take this proposal forward to Dan Flynn.
10. National Cups & National Championship Series – The NBOD discussed the pros and cons of separating out the Men’s National Amateur Cup from the National Championship Series. Arthur Mattson made a **motion** to allocate \$20,000 for staging and \$10,000 for referee expenses, for the National Amateur Cup Finals. Fritz Marth seconded. **Motion passed.**

Men’s Open championship will be added to the National Cup Championship Series/Soccer Festival. NBOD would like to define National Championships and National Tournament – revise Cup/championship policies.

Hank Steinbrecher Cup and Michelle Akers Cup – qualifying teams will be contacted for hosting consideration.
11. 2016 Budget – Lori Stoneburner distributed the proposed 2016 budget to the NBOD. Some revisions will be made and the budget will be resent for review.
12. Governance Committee report – the NBOD discussed the submitted proposal from the Governance Committee regarding adding independent board members, size of the board, term length and term limits.
13. Adult Soccer Festival – marketing and naming of individual events was discussed.
14. Referees at the National Championship – Tony Falcone discussed how some of the referees were not up to par, inquired as to how officials are selected for USASA national events.

The next NBOD will be TBA EDT.
Meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm MDT.
Respectfully submitted,
Shonna Schroedl, USASA Secretary