

MINUTES
TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
UNITED STATES ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

AUGUST 16, 2003

Chairman Michael Edwards opened the twenty-first Annual General Meeting of the United States Adult Soccer Association at 8:00 a.m. August 16, 2003.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

A sign-in by the Credentials Committee was conducted prior to the opening of the meeting. The following states were not represented: Alaska, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, and Wyoming. Chairman Ken Conselyea certified the voting strength to be 184 votes with a simple majority to be ninety-three votes and a two-thirds majority to be 123 votes.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman asked the membership to join in a moment of silence in memory of members, friends and colleagues who has passed away since we last came together.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting in San Francisco, CA were approved.

ELECTIONS

Chairman Edwards turned the chair over to Vice Chairman Marge Madriago to conduct the Chairman's election. Mike Maloney of New Mexico placed in nomination the name of Mike Edwards. Mr. Edwards was elected by acclamation.

Chairman Edwards opened the floor for the election of Secretary of the USASA. Barbara Ulrich, Region II Deputy Director placed the name of Debra Sober in nomination. Larry Solomon, President of Pennsylvania West placed in nomination the current Secretary, June Stroup. Jennifer Osborn Weston with the Florida State Soccer Association seconded June's nomination. Harold Kirkwood of the Michigan Soccer Association seconded the nomination of Debra Sober. June Stroup was elected. The ballots were destroyed. Chairman Edwards commended Debra Sober for her willingness to stand up and offer to help.

RECESS FOR THE ADULT COUNCIL MEETING

During the recess, Werner Fricker, JR .was elected as Member-at-Large for the Adult Council of the USSF. The Adult Council meeting was closed.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The reports as distributed were approved. Chairman's Edwards supplemented his report on the marketing concerning an equipment supplier. He is talking to a promising supplier. The logo-voting contest provided a choice that is not viable and hopefully if the equipment supplier contract is agreed upon, the supplier will be able to help us with a design that will adapt to all usages. Chairman Edwards discussed hiring a marketing firm and the lack of funds to hire a marketing employee or firm.

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

Gerhard Mengel, National Cups Committee, announced the 2004 site. It will be in Orlando, FL the last week in July. The numbers for participation in the National Cups were slightly decreased overall. There were 439 teams. Larry Frisoli, Massachusetts Amateur Soccer Association, proposed a National Cups Tournament for 2005. In the Fall of 2004 and the Spring of 2005, each region would determine who their entries will be for all the national cups, and in the Summer of 2005, there would be a national cups final of all national cups all playing at one location and in a tournament format. Each region would send four teams to create a sixteen-team division. Each team would play three games with the winners advancing to a semifinal and final with the format being similar to the Veterans Cups. With the change of format, some of the expense could be underwritten because of host cities bidding for the tournament. and it would create another event, which will put all of our membership together watching each other's games and strengthen the event. Chairman Edwards recommended that Larry get together with the cup committee to discuss this proposal and seek their recommendation.

Dyann Pugliese, Chairman of Grants Committee or Build USASA, reported that last year the deadline was to be changed to April 30, but the change was not made. Two applications were received from Oklahoma, which will be evaluated. December 31 will the deadline for this year only. The application is available on the web site for downloading and your use.

Tim Busch, Chairman of Veteran's Cup, was just completed last Sunday. The cup had its largest participation to date with 65 teams from 30 states. They are looking for 90 per cent return next year. An over 55 division was started. The dates for next year are June 23 through 27. Bids for 2005-06 are being accepted until Oct 1.

Bill Bosgraaf, Chairman Select Team Committee, thanked Texas South and Bob Yampey for hosting the festival. The additional of the national teams has added great opportunities for our players. Bill also thanked his committee.

REGION I PRESENTATION

Richard Groff, Region I Director, took the podium to present the Livio D'Arpino Award for the outstanding Administrator of Region I. The award is being given in memory of an outstanding member of Region I who died on December of 2002.

Livio was an outstanding member of both the youth and amateur soccer associations. The award will be given annually honoring his legacy, leadership, and dedication USASA Region I. The award was given to Sal Rapaglia, President of Eastern, who exemplifies the award.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER, BYLAWS, AND POLICIES

Prior to turning the podium over to Rules Chairman, Dan Trainor, Chairman Edwards announced that the proposal No 4 had been withdrawn by the United Soccer Leagues. The chair is recommending that an ad hoc committee of regional and national league representatives with some Executive Committee members to look at that concept to encourage growth of these leagues and participation in the leagues. The chair will report back to you.

Proposal No. 1 – failed,

Proposal No. 2 – failed

Proposal No 3 – deemed a policy, failed

Proposal No. 4 – withdrawn

Proposal No. 5-- failed

Proposal No. 6 – withdrawn

Proposal No. 7 – failed

Proposal No.8 – failed

Proposal No. 9 – failed

Proposal No. 10 – passed as amended and to correct By-law 421 to bring in line with this change

Proposal No. 11 – passed as amended

Proposal No. 12 – withdrawn

Proposal No. 13 – passed

Proposal No. 14 – passed

See Attachment 1 for approved amendment changes.

Policy changes to the National Cups, eight, were not submitted within a timely manner so they must be considered under the ninety per cent rule. A motion was made to suspend the rules and submit the changes to the Rules Committee for consideration at the next meeting. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Edwards stated that one message he received from the by-law change is a desire for more specific and timely information on the insurance and the rebate numbers. He will commit to sending out this information in a timely manner with monthly reports on registration and finances. A printed copy will be sent to state offices and an electronic one through the web page to everyone else.

A motion was made for an ad hoc Insurance Committee, under the terms and conditions of the proposed by-law. Motion passed.

Richard Groff, Region I Director, moved that a second ad hoc committee be formed to serve as a liaison with the Athletes Council. The chair stated he had the authority to do this, so action taken.

Costas Mallios, General Secretary of Eastern New York, requested that the Executive Committee made sure that the Federation understands that they need to submit budgets and documents to the delegates in paper form. He also requested that at the Federation council meeting that the vote be displayed by individual council.

Richard Groff, Region I Director, on behalf of the Delaware Association had the following request. Since they play as one league and as a municipal league could be exempted from paying mandatory insurance. The municipality owns and operates all fields. They have a policy that they do not want to pay mandatory insurance and their affiliation NGB stated that they do not have to pay for mandatory insurance and that they could have voluntary purchase of it. What they ask if it is possible that a municipal league be exempted in the same manner that the military is in the condition that they provided adequate protection, legal representation if a claim is made, and indemnification for this body. They are asking for both a liability and medical exemption. Chairman Edwards suggested that this should be addressed at the Executive Committee. Bob McGee, Region IV Director, made a motion to refer this to the Executive Committee to take action at their next meeting or at least look at this at their next meeting and to address the issues that we have. Motion passed.

Tony Falcone President of Maryland Soccer requested that ad hoc Insurance Committee provide us with multiple products with more flexibility and more choices.

2003-04 BUDGET

A revised budget was made available at the USSF meeting. On the last page one number needs to be corrected. On the fifth line of print, there are two numbers side by side the left hand number says for total revenues \$3,765,850 and in the next column it should read \$3,713,000. A motion was made to adopt the budget as corrected.

Toni Briggs, Treasurer, spoke to the budget and the need for constraint on increasing expenses. The committee worked hard to keep the budget within the limits of income.

Richard Groff, Region I Director, proposed the following line item changes: Player registration would increase by 10,000 players for a net increase of \$30,000, E56 would increase by \$45,000, E84 would increase by \$5,000, E 48 would increase by \$2,000, E40 would decrease by \$3,000, and E50 would decrease by \$3,000. A difference of \$16,000 would come from the surplus. Bruno Trapikas, Region II Director, moved to amend line to E51 to add \$3000. Bob McGee, Region IV Director, added to the amendment an income line item I11 to \$20,000. The motion for the amendment passed. The budget passed as amended.

GOOD OF THE GAME

The chairman thanked the membership for providing an open friendly meeting.

A resolution by the Executive Committee that would be to a combination of the Mid-Year Meeting and the National Cups for 2004 was presented. WPSL requested the meeting be moved to August 6-8. Motion passed.

Larry Frisoli requested we consider the web site proposal.

Sal Rapaglia welcomed us to New York next year. He stated that he was proud of our division and the fact that we are the backbone of the Federation.

Bob Black, Texas North stated that they do support the efforts of the youth.

Dyann Pugliese of Michigan Soccer stated thank you to Stephanie Walker and that she loved the format of the AGM booklet. She liked what Toni Briggs has presented financially, and liked the CPA for bringing a level of professionalism to this group. She wished to propose that the USASA meeting be held prior to the Federation meeting. The last will be taken under advisement and the NBOD members would work to provide a better AGM schedule.

Fritz Marth wished to speak to the good of the game. He expressed his frustration in the fact that we spent two hours of rule changes and failed to look at minor changes in the National Cup Policies which would of help the committee run its program better. He felt we lost site of what the game is. The game is not administrative changes, the game is soccer and that got lost this morning.

Chairman Edwards thanked the Milwaukee Kickers for an outstanding hosting of the National Cups. He also thanked Texas South Soccer Association at the University of Houston for a second outstanding year.

Gerhard Mengel, National Cups thanked Stephanie Walker for outstanding job in facilitating flights to the nationals and her help administrative help. We had one of the best tournaments in Milwaukee.

Brooks McCormick, Region III Director commended Gerhard and his committee on the quality of the event.

Mike Edwards commended Stephanie Walker and her staff for an outstanding effort.

Dave Eldridge, Chairman of USSF Budget Committee, wanted to inform the membership that he was informed by the Federation President that he could not accept any amendment on the budget. He stated that the budget has always been amended from the floor and that decision was totally incorrect.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Edwards adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

June D. Stroup, Secretary

ATTACHMENT