



United States Adult Soccer Association, Inc.

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Attendance: Dan Trainor (Director), Mike Maloney (Deputy Director), Linda Rimmer (Treasurer), Barbara Trainor (Secretary/Arizona), Erin Langenwalter (New Mexico), Kyle Langenwalter (Guest), Donna Fouts (Hawaii), Lori Stoneburner (Alaska), John Mullen (Cal North), Ann Braghero (Guest), Tim Busch (Washington), Paul Scherer (Idaho), Kendra Halterman, (WPSL), Steve Denney (Montana), Marley Wilson (Colorado), Nate Shotts (Guest). Call to order 9:16

Welcome to the Region IV Executive Committee, Linda Rimmer, filling out the remainder of the term for Lori Stoneburner.

Roger Hamilton presented a proposal for the bylaws of Region bylaws for Region IV. Region IV was incorporated before, but dissolved in 1992. Most of the materials Roger put together for the Region bylaws came from USASA. There was discussion of the pros and cons of having bylaws, policies, an operational agreement, all or none. Any changes people want to see to the document should be sent to Roger Hamilton. Thank you to Roger Hamilton and Erin Langenwalter for taking all of the time to put the document together.

Midyear Meeting: The USASA mid-year meeting is in Lake Tahoe, October 18-20. There is a NBOD meeting on Thursday (17th) 4:00pm that State Presidents are invited to.

Direct Affiliation: Dan discussed a draft policy that addresses direct affiliation to USASA. The policy would have provisions for leagues to register direct to USASA, USASA to mediate issues between a league and State. Player counts would count toward State Association votes and any monies beyond USASA fees would go back to the State. Concerns were raised about responsibilities of the State associations for referees, competitions, and what happens if a State has good reason to reject a league.

Nevada: When the economy dropped, many of the Nevada adult players left causing the State Association difficulties. This has caused Nevada to shift from a functioning State Association to non-functioning with limited money. Darl Rose has expressed interested in running the Adult State Association. Graham has expressed some interest in retiring. Dan asked if the Region was in favor of paying for Darl to attend our meetings. There was alternate discussion that there may be better ways of funding a transition to new leadership than attending a meeting. The plan will be to identify the transition plan, and if there are costs associated with the transition, to put that forward to the presidents to vote on.

National Cup Subsidies: When the National Cup competition for women was eliminated, USASA formed a Women's Championship for a three year trial. The Region did not budget to fund a woman's competition. Dan had suggested via email that we fund the region women's teams in the completion which resulted in email discussion. There was additional discussion about the topic and was some confusion about the funds and the how the region previously decided to fund the teams. The minutes were not available for reference. Dan will formulate a proposal for team funding the two women's for the mid-year meeting.

There was a suggestion that we have we have a shared workspace to facilitate communications. Barb will look into shared workspace services.

Region Workshops: Dan asked for ideas about what people would like to see at Region meeting workshops. Suggestions were LeagueApps Demo, Tournament Startups, Building and Marketing Tournaments, Email Marketing and Newsletters, Social Media Communications, Fields Development, Finding Sponsorships, Insurance, Grants. Lunch time topic with referees could be the amateur game.



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John Mullen brought pictures of a new complex in San Diego. Cal South is planning to put on a series of adult tournaments. Their experience is mostly with youth tournaments, so if anyone has advice they would like to share, contact John.

Coed: The coed tournament is being switched from a national event to a regional event in each region. There is funding available to host the event. Anyone interested in hosting the coed event for Region IV should submit a proposal by the mid-year meeting.

Branding USASA offered Pop-up tents, tablecloths, and flags at 50% off. The deadline was August 31st. Not all State Associations received the info. It may still be possible to get orders in, but States should speak to Duncan as soon as possible to do so.

Insurance: USASA is purchasing accident insurance for referees. Discussion was positive as it adds value to what affiliation can offer. Referees would be covered on youth games, but not on MLS, college high school, or unaffiliated. The topic of self-insurance has resurfaced and might be talked about it in meetings.

Adjourned: 4:06