

US ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION
National Board of Directors
Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor
January 16, 2016

Meeting called to order 8:32 EST

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 LaVielle; 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; Region IV Deputy Director, Sergio Bolioli; Executive Director, Duncan Riddle

Guests: Peggy Polley Grizzle, Bill George, Kevin Anderson, Carlos Cordeiro, Gerhard Mengel, Kevin Payne, Ken Baldesignh

1. Roll Call
2. Confirmation of minutes – Minutes from October 8, 2015 were confirmed.
3. President/USSF Report – John Motta reported on issues from the USSF NBOD meeting that took place earlier this week.
 - A. Eastern New York put forth a proposal regarding referee assault issues and disciplinary proceedings. The US Soccer NBOD does not support this proposal.
 - B. The Copa America tournament is proceeding and will be filling volunteer and compensated positions.
 - C. A new women's premier league will operate in the Northeast, the United Women's League under MSSL. This league is made up primarily of W League teams.
 - D. US Open Cup – some teams in the NASL have dropped out of their league and the cup, this opened up slots for Amateur teams – Amateur teams now have 48 slots, this is 8 additional slots. 1 slot to PDL, 1 slot to NPL, 6 teams will have a bye to the next round. May 11 will be the dates the Amateur teams open, May 18 USL Division III Pro, June 1 Division II Pro, June 14-15 MLS teams enter
 - E. National Amateur Championships – tentatively for Memorial Day Weekend in Chattanooga. John Motta is still seeking confirmation from PDL Champions Red Bulls. West Chester Pennsylvania and Kansas City Quinto Elemento are the USASA teams.
 - F. NASL – has filed for Division I Pro Soccer in the US.
 - G. USSF Vice Presidential Election – 3 candidates are running: Mike Edwards, Kevin Payne, Carlos Cordeiro

H. John went to Region IV Workshops in San Diego last weekend. Congratulations to Paul Scherer and Region IV for a great education program that was well attended.

4. Financial Report – Lori Stoneburner distributed a financial report to the NBOD and membership, via email prior to the meeting. Duncan Riddle stated that Illinois State Soccer Association has paid off their loan to USASA and have taken back management of their registrations. The NBOD congratulates ISSA for a quick and professional turn around. Fritz Marth raised the concept of Regional Directors and At-Large Directors attending stand alone Regional Meetings of all of the regions.

5. Strategic Plan Update – Duncan Riddle updated the NBOD on several items

- A. Rhode Island – working on new website and National Hispanic Cup
- B. Indiana – focusing on Futsal
- C. North Carolina – office helped with produce a brochure
- D. Washington – working with WSSA for bringing in new leagues, new women's premier league and planning for inner city co-ed opportunities

6. 2015 Registration numbers – Duncan Riddle discussed current numbers of registered players. 79,000+ were registered in December 2015. Multiple states are 200-300 players down, adding up to cumulative losses. Discussion occurred regarding reporting from State Associations to USASA regarding registered players. Regional Directors will contact State Associations and speak to them about their challenges, and report back to the NBOD at the USSF AGM.

7. Insurance/Risk Management – Paul Scherer reported that USASA has significant reduction in PAI losses from 2014 which will help with our 2016/17 renewal rates. The second item was the issue regarding the status of current large claim against USASA/NPSL/USASA's Insurance company, recommendation is to engage an attorney in Florida for case in Florida regarding a player injured in a player try out situation. The need for an attorney is because our carrier has asked the court for a ruling as to whether or not coverage even applies to this matter. USASA needs to continue to proactively work with State Associations and member leagues to communicate insurance information to players. Third item, Paul Scherer will review the insurance rates that different members are paying and report back to the board on recommended adjustments.

8. IT Update – Arthur Mattson updated the NBOD on the work of the IT Committee. The Committee has had presentations from several companies that can offer player registration and member database. The Committee is striving to have a recommendation by the USSF AGM next month.

9. National, Regional, 'Pro' Leagues – Some leagues registered with USASA

are stating that they are professional leagues, but registered and paying amateur fees, even if registering players as professional players. Secondly, a national league has inquired about USASA setting standards in order to be a national league. John Motta will create an Ad Hoc Committee to address National/Region Standards. Werner Fricker, Jr. will chair this Ad Hoc committee.

10. Women's Premier Leagues strategic plan – Shonna Schroedl updated the NBOD on the current status of the Michelle Akers Cup/National Women's Amateur Championship. The longer range plan is currently being developed by Mike Edwards who will work through federation. The plan will be a multi-year effort to first increase women's premier leagues throughout the country, with the goal to create a pool from those leagues in order to have a meaningful championship. The NBOD will be updated, as there is new information available.

Duncan Riddle also discussed that he and Shonna Schroedl did attend the Women in Soccer symposium in December 2015.

11. Adult Soccer Fest & Championships

A. 2016 plan – 14 teams currently registered, fields are set, need to work with Colorado Rapids (MLS match Saturday) there are also 2 German matches being held, will seek venue for Friday players party

B. 2017 venue options – Oakbrook Park District in Chicago will likely be submitting a bid 12-14 fields in one location; Tennessee State Association will likely be submitting a bid for Nashville/Murfreesboro, Cal South may have an option

C. Amateur Cup – John Motta submitted proposal to schedule dates for the 2016 Men's Amateur Cup. The final will be held the weekend of **July 29-31, 2016**. Bids to host the finals will be due by Wednesday, **June 15, 2016**, submitted to the USASA office. USASA will select the host by **June 22, 2016**. Format for 2017 to be consistent with 2016.

D. USASA no longer has a National Cups Committee, therefore there are no Regional Cups Commissioners.

It is at the discretion of the Regional Directors to determine how entrants for any non-direct entry to National finals are selected.

12. NBOD Meeting schedule – AGM February 25-28, 2016 San Antonio; Midyear Meeting September 29-Oct 1, Orlando; August 6 or 13, 2016 Chicago; January 6 San Diego

13. US Futsal – US Futsal is interested in becoming an affiliate member of USASA.

14. Hyatt Hotels – credit card issue, the USASA will send out a letter to those who attended the Midyear Meeting at Newport Beach, alerting them about the data breach that occurred with Hyatt Hotels.

15. Carlos Cordeiro candidate for USSF VP spoke to the NBOD.
16. Kevin Payne candidate for USSF VP spoke to the NBOD.
17. Recognition for exceptional organizational efforts – John Motta announced that he will be recognizing organizations at the Midyear Meeting that have accomplished extraordinary things in building adult soccer.
18. Bylaws Discussion – Tony Falcone brought up the Bylaws changes that are being proposed. The Rules Committee Report has yet to be distributed to the NBOD. It will be distributed and there will be a conference call to discuss in the next two weeks.

The next NBOD will be February 26, 2016 in San Antonio.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55No index entries found. pm PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Shonna Schroedl, USASA Secretary

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