

**US ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION
National Board of Directors
Manchester Grand San Diego
January 6, 2017**

Meeting called to order 9:00 am PST

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 Darius Ejlali; Region IV Director, Paul Scherer; Region I Deputy Director, Tony Falcone; Region II Deputy Director, Nick Radu; Region III Deputy Director, Richard Moeller; Executive Director, Duncan Riddle; At Large Director, Cezar Wasecki; At Large Director, Werner Fricker, Jr.

Excused: Sergio Bolioli

Guests: Andy Gregory (Des Champs, Gregory & Hayes), Chris Ahrens

1. Roll Call – Shonna Schroedl

2. Approval of Minutes – September 29, October 12 approved.

3. Presidents Report – John Motta gave an update of items that have been brought before the USSF NBOD: A) Eastern New York Youth Soccer has put forward a recommendation for behavior towards officials. This has been tabled for now, in order to get more information. B) There is interest in USSF submitting a bid for the 2026 World Cup. C) USSF is still interested in grant programs for membership. The proposed amount is ~\$3million. Working on process for establishing D) FIFA & CONCACAF 1. looking at reformatting CONCACAF qualifiers. 2. Bruce Arena was hired as the USMNT Head Coach. He has full discretion for his staff. 3. USSF is seeking a new Technical Director. 4. USSF is seeking candidates for independent directors on the NBOD 5. NWSL USSF has a long-term relationship to support league 6. Data Collection for all players 7. Gifts to USSF ~\$7million expected, much has been earmarked 8. Hall of Fame will be opening in Texas at FC Dallas stadium looking at opening in September. 9. National Coaching Center in Kansas City opening in October 10. Discussion on policy regarding players and the national anthem occurred but the board did not come to a conclusion.

4. Introduction – Andy Gregory of Des Champs, Gregory & Hayes Duncan Riddle introduced Andy Gregory and stated that insurance communications need to be concentrated and State Associations are being asked to utilize Nick Schmidt at the USASA office to consolidate communications. Tom Hayes has retired from the insurance organization.

Mr. Gregory has emphasized how important it is to manage our policy to protect USASA.
Leagues, players, State Associations need to funnel all insurance questions/inquiries through Nick Schmidt at the USASA office.

5. Registration of players – Discussion occurred regarding the lack of compliance of State Associations submitting registrations and payments in a timely fashion. USASA staff will further examine the current process and submission of information and bring back to the NBOD additional information and recommendations.

Tony Falcone made a **motion** that for any organization to have a vote at the AGM, they must have paid their affiliation fees by January 31, 2017. Fritz Marth seconded. **Motion passed.**

6. National Cup Proposals for 2018 and beyond – The NBOD discussed proposed options for National Cup Competition.

The NBOD has reviewed and thoroughly discussed all five proposals presented. The NBOD will send further comments to Duncan and he will send a final detailed proposal back to the NBOD prior to the AGM. The NBOD did come to a consensus on the preferred direction for National Cups, incorporating the ideas brought forth via the different options.

7. Tiered Membership – Duncan Riddle discussed options for memberships for currently unaffiliated soccer groups. The Membership Working Group developed several different options to try to engage new members. The NBOD discussed the options.

8. Regional Leagues – Duncan Riddle discussed the current 5 Regional Leagues (UPSL, EPLWA, PLA, ASL, EDP), plus another league that has applied for membership as a Regional League (CSL – Florida, Southeast and Northeast). The NBOD discussed offering administrative services to these Regional Leagues, in order to help them be stronger organizations.

The NBOD does not support any further agreements between the NSL and Illinois Soccer.

9. National Meetings – Tony Falcone made a **motion** to change the USASA AGM to the Fall time frame beginning in 2018. The officer's terms scheduled to end in March 2018 will be extended to October 2018. Fritz Marth seconded. **Motion passed.**

10. 2017 Bylaw Changes – Duncan Riddle will email out the Bylaw Change proposals and the NBOD will discuss via conference call.

11. Old Business - Registration Policy

Paul Scherer made the following **motion**: (this item was discussed and previously agreed to but formally voted on today)

USASA Player Registration Policy Approved December 1, 2016.

Section 1 - Purpose & Applicability

(A) The purpose of this policy is to prescribe the categories of registration of players registered through an Organization Member.

(B) This policy applies to all Organization Members that register players to USASA.

(C) All players on a roster of a team, as defined by Bylaw 107, shall be registered under the same player registration category with the exception for players registered to multiple teams as set forth in Section 4 of this policy.

(D) All players are to be registered annually. Organization Members shall determine the annual registration period and report that policy to the USASA Executive Director.

(E) All registering entities must insure that every player sign a waiver in person or electronically annually starting January 1, 2017. All waivers are to be stored electronically for no fewer than 7 years.

12. Salesforce – Cezer Wasecki announced that his company will be donating 10 licenses to USASA. He will work with Duncan Riddle to implement.

Motion seconded by Fritz Marth. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm PST.
Respectfully submitted,
Shonna Schroedl, USASA Secretary