

MINUTES
FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
of the
SENIOR DIVISION
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION

DALLAS, TEXAS
August 26-28, 1982

Chairman Milton Aimi called the first annual meeting of the Senior Division to order at 2:00 p.m., August 26th, 1982.

Milton Aimi welcomed the delegates & guests to the annual meeting. He specially welcomed as guest the representatives of the Inter Service Sports Committee.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Federation Credentials Committee Chairman Karl Regul and Senior Division Credential Committee Chairman Robert Ray announced the total eligible votes as 77.

The Credential Committee's report was accepted as presented.

REGIONAL REPORTS:

Chairman Milton Aimi introduced the newly elected Directors for Region II: Frank Borroni and Region III: Charlie Meeks, who was elected for Jim Depew, who resigned.

The Chairman also announced that Edward Nunez was reelected from Region IV. The Director for Region I, Fritz L. Marth, was not up for reelection. The Regional Directors then gave their yearly reports, which are attached to these minutes.

A question was raised by John Foley of Western Pennsylvania as to the decision of the National Board of Directors in regards to reappointment of the Technical people of the Federation Referees Committee. Director Fritz L. Marth reported that the NBOD voted with only two no votes for the reappointment. He stated, however, that he feels some good came out of this: the Federation Referees Committee held its next meeting in New Jersey and invited representatives from the region to the meeting.

Charlie Meeks added to the report of Jim Depew that it was an honor for him to be appointed manager of the Region III team to the National Sports Festival and that it was a great experience for him to work with all the other coaches and managers, he specially mentioned Region I manager, George Donnelly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Peter Van Borkulo, Cup Committee Chairman, gave his report:

The National Cups took a new turn this year, with all four cups coming to a National Semifinal and Final in Chicago.

In the Mens Open Cup: N.Y. Freedoms; in the Mens Amateur Cup: Croatia S.C. of Seattle; in the Womens Open Cup: Loewenbraue of Seattle and in the Womens Over-30: Flash of Dallas.

Some problems also arose when the clubs did not receive their travel subsidies in due time. It seemed that while the cup coordinator and the chairman had okeyed the bills, the Federation office had not received the money from Marketing to be able to pay the bills.

Keith McGechie, chairman of the Appeals Committee, gave a brief outline of the appeals procedure to be followed. His committee had only one case this year. He will ask the office in the future to get both sides' information together before mailing out the appeals to his committee members. His committee is recommending to the Executive Board that each year two men on the Appeals Committee be changed.

John Foley of Western Pennsylvania asked which case the committee had handled. The answer was: Schwaben S.C. vs. Illinois. John Foley then asked about his case Allen vs. Western Pennsylvania; he was informed that that case had been given to the Federation Appeals Board.

Robert Ray, chairman of the Credentials Committee and his committee will be establishing a workable structure for the Senior Division's credentials committee to be able to keep abreast during the season of any state falling behind in their payments.

The chairman of the Rules and Revisions Committee gave an explanation of the delay in the Allen vs. Western Pennsylvania case; the papers with the decision had been lost in transit. He promised a fast decision. He reported that he had undertaken two tasks for the Senior Division" 1) a special hearing in Illinois, and 2) as the manager of the Region 1 team at the Sports Festival, he was proud to be associated with such fine athletes.

Wallace R. Watson, chairman of the Select Team Committee reported on his committee's work during the past season. His committee held a meeting in Chicago to work out some plans for the program. After the original plans were made, the direction of the program was changed to an Under-23 program, because of the Bermuda CONCACAF Under-23 tournament. The committee was also asked by the Senior Division to help with the Olympic Trials. The committee had worked out a plan for a national select team final round, which did not come off because of a lack of sponsorship. The Bermuda tournament was postponed by CONCACAF.

Promotion and Public Relations Committee chairperson, Ines Black, reported a somewhat "rocky" year in this first year of operation, but she was able to show some of the promotional brochures finalized and the first edition of a Senior Division directory. The committee also had promotional material specially geared to women. The committee feels they need input from the states as to what their needs in the promotion field really are.

Coaches Committee chairman, Mike Kabanica, had no report. His committee must wait for directions from the Federation Coaches Committee before it can do any meaningful work.

John O. Best reported for the Referees Committee. He has attended all meetings and has reported his findings always to the Executive Board. One major point this year was the raising of the referee fees.

Chairman Milton Aimi reminded all committee members that the appointments were made for two years, but that all appointments will be reviewed by the Executive Board. He feels that the workshop held in Chicago helped. Bob Friedman of Massachusetts recommended: all committee reports and recommendations be mailed out well in advance of the next AGM. Chairman Aimi promised that with the hiring of an Administrator for the Senior Division, this will be done.

RULE CHANGE REVIEW

Senior Division Rules and Revisions Committee Chairman, George Donnelly, reviewed all proposed rule changes both for the Senior Division as well as the Federation. He explained each point and the importance of it to the State Associations. He asked that the delegates give all proposals some thought and be ready for the voting tomorrow.

John Foley of Western Pennsylvania asked that a resolution be passed that states "his state association has a right to suspend a referee under the rules and bylaws of his state association."

Roland Croft of Oregon proposed that a general resolution be passed covering all state associations: "that it is the policy of this association that the state association has the right to suspend referees under their jurisdiction and under their bylaws."

A motion by the State of Washington and second by Florida was made to that effect and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sal Rapaglia, Southern New York State Soccer Association brought to the attention of the delegates the problem facing his state association with the Youth Association of Southern New York State changing their name to Eastern New York State Youth Association. He feels that this change violates the bylaws of both the Senior as well as Youth Association. A meeting was held during the day between both parties and the Youth Association has agreed to be seated under the name of Southern New York State Youth Association, however Mr. Rapaglia would like the delegates to be aware of the problem in case this agreement is not followed.

The Executive Board of the Senior Division distributed a new proposed registration form and Senior Division pass form to be discussed and voted on the next day. Travel permission forms will also be distributed tomorrow.

Gene Ringsdorf from the Hall of Fame Committee reported that the committee is recommending that the Hall of Fame be placed in Oneonta, New York and that his committee is recommending to the NBOD that for this meeting; and in the future, the inductees will be invited on Federation expenses to the meeting. He asked that the Senior Division support his proposals at the Federation meeting.

Helmuth Schurer of Eastern Pennsylvania recommended that a committee be appointed to study the streamlining of our current registration system and possible computerization. His recommendation was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Milton Aimi reported on the work of the Executive Board during the past season and pointed to some of the important decisions made by the Board.

He specially pointed out the various administration guideline booklets distributed to all members of committees, chairmen, directors, and others involved in the work of the Senior Division.

One of the important administrative guidelines is the cup policy, including the travel subsidies. A job description and a budget figure have been set for the Senior Division administrator.

George Donnelly, Southern New York, raised the point that he hopes a soccer oriented person is to be hired. Chairman Aimi stated that this is definitely the intention of the Executive Board, and that he will get the input from the state association for this position as well as for the programs the state association feels they need.

He again recommended to all state associations to have a look at the insurance program worked out by the Executive Board. He feels the liability part of the program is specially important to the member state associations.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED:

The meeting was reconvened by Chairman Aimi at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 28th, 1983.

RULE CHANGES:

Chairman Milton Aimi called on Rules Committee Chairman George Donnelly to take the chair during the discussion and vote on the proposed rule changes.

The delegates adopted the change of Rule 2602 to read:

- "a. The seasonal year of this Division shall begin on September 1 and end on August 31 of the following year and shall be adhered to by all Senior state associations.
- b. All state associations shall report to the Senior Division at the beginning of their official season through the official form provided by the Division."

The delegates adopted changes to Rule 2601 to read:

"The affiliation fee for the Senior State Associations shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per season. The team affiliation fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per season. The players registration fee shall be two dollars (\$2.00) per registration.

The State affiliation fee shall be paid thirty (30) days after registration. The teams and players fees shall be payable ninety (90) days after registration.

The vote accreditation at regional meetings shall be based on the previous twelve (12) months registration of team and clubs. The vote accreditation at the annual general meeting shall be based on the current season."

The delegates further voted to include the following two Federation Rules in the Senior Division rules:

Rule 1101 to become Senior Division Rule 2613
Rule 1106 to become Senior Division Rule 2614.

NEW BUSINESS:

The proposed new registration forms and players passes were discussed. After many pros and cons the delegates decided not to accept the passes and forms at this time.

State Associations were given permission to use the proposed passes if they so wish.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED:

The meeting was reconvened by Chairman Milton Aimi at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 29th, 1982.

NEW BUSINESS: (Cont'd.)

The budget for the 1982/1983 had been previously distributed to the delegates and after a brief discussion was approved as presented by the delegates.

Costas Mallios of Southern New York State Soccer Association moved that the Chairman be authorized to appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee to study and develop a new registration form and Senior Division pass, to be presented to the Senior Division prior to the next annual meeting for their approval; the motion was duly seconded and approved unanimously.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT:

The first annual general meeting of the Senior Division of the United States Soccer Federation was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 29, 1982.

REPORT OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR FRITZ L. MARTH

REGION I, SENIOR DIVISION - U.S.S.F.

SUBMITTED TO THE DELEGATES, SENIOR DIVISION AGM, DALLAS, TX., AUG. 26, 1982

The first meeting of Region I after restructure was held on July 4, 1981 in Seattle, Washington.

Fritz L. Marth of S.N.Y.S.S.A. was elected Regional Director. The delegates also elected a Steering Committee for the region, with the following members: Mario DePaola, Vice Chairman (New Jersey), Wallace R. Watson, Secretary (Metro-D.C.-Va.), Helmut Schurer, Treasurer (Eastern Pennsylvania) and Paul Cromwell, Recording Secretary (Metro-D.C.-Va.).

The Steering Committee met in September in Bloomfield, New Jersey to plan the first regional meeting. The meeting was held on October 26th in Secaucus, New Jersey. All State Associations with the exception of North Western New York were present. Also in attendance was Milton Aimi, Division Chairman.

Some of the main subjects the Region addressed itself to, were Refereeing, Coaching, Select Teams, National Cups and Development of new State Associations in Region I.

In regards to Refereeing, the delegates passed a resolution, directed to President Gene Edwards, asking the president to request the resignation of Don Byron and asking him not to reappoint the other technical members of the Federation Referee Committee.

In regards to Coaching, Harry J. Saunders of Region I was appointed to the Federation Coaching Committee, and he hopes that he will be able to formulate programs within the Coaching Committee benefiting the Senior State Associations. Through questionnaires within the region, he hopes to get the necessary input. Specially in view of the fact, that many amateur club coaches complain, that most programs are geared toward college coaches.

Region I Senior Division Committee members participated with other regions at the November 21st workshop in Chicago. Most of the members did attend the workshop and were able to contribute to the work of the committees.

The second meeting of Region I was held on March 6, 1982 again in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Most of the committee members were able to report progress. The regional coach Nick Zlatar outlined his plans and his expectations. The regional cup finals were set for May 8th and 9th in Union, New Jersey.

The delegates voted to require all states to participate in regional programs and asked all states to pay their fair share. For the first year the states agreed to contribute \$50.00 per USSF vote to the regional treasury.

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The N.Y. Freedoms were again able to win the National Open Cup (second time in three years); Virginia Kicks and Rochester Waves lost in the finals and only the Washington Red Shins were eliminated in the semi-finals.

Two clubs of Region I represented the U.S.S.F. in the CONCACAF Cup Competition. The New York Freedoms and the Brooklyn Dodgers met in Giants Stadium, with the Freedoms coming out on top. The New York Freedoms then went on to defeat the F.A.S. club of El Salvador in a two game series and will now play Universitat of Mexico in the quarterfinals.

The Region I Select Team Tournament was held on June 20th at Mercer County College, Trenton, New Jersey.

The winners in the Men's Division was S.N.Y.S.S.A. and in the Women's Division, Metro-D.C.-Virginia.

Coach Nick Zlatar took his Region I (East) team to the National Sports Festival and again won first place in the competition.

A special thanks must go to Paul Cromwell and Pat Varsallona for the arrangements at the tournament.

The Region I Olympic Team (from the Sports Festival) played the Region I All Stars on August 7th, at Giants Stadium, in Rutherford, New Jersey, as a preliminary to the UNICEF game.

For the future Region I is looking to more All Star competition in both the men's and women's divisions; more participating in the National Cups in all divisions and a National Outlet for the Select Teams.

A new State Association, Vermont, has been formed and is ready for membership in the Senior Division.

For the coming summer a Regional League is in the planning stages. Either eight teams in one division or twelve teams in two divisions. This would give clubs a chance to continue to play in the summer and gives the players an extra outlet to be seen by the Regional Coach.

As the Regional Director, I would like to give a special thanks to the members of the Region I Steering Committee, the Regional Senior Division Committee members and the Federation Committee members for a job well done.

I would also like to say, it was a pleasure to serve on the Executive Board of the Senior Division and work with the other Regional Directors and Chairman Milton Aimi.

Respectfully submitted,

Fritz L. Marth

DIRECTOR, REGION II - ANNUAL REPORT 1981/1982

SENIOR DIVISION - U.S.S.F.

Newly elected Regional Director Gianfranco Borroni gave the highlights of the Regional Report, as given to the Regional Meeting by his predecessor Joseph L. Rodrigues.

Regional Director Joseph L. Rodrigues pointed out, that he had emphasized the quality in growth rather than the quantity ever since the Regions had been established.

For the first time, the Senior Division held a national tournament for the four-cup competition.

The Cup Committee had selected Chicago, Illinois, in Region II as the first host for the tournament.

The tournament was well organized with the help of the Illinois State Soccer Association.

The Region had for the first time a Tournament of Champions established and hopes to be able to play winners of similar tournaments of other Regions.

The Midwestern team had a successful week at the Olympic Sports Festival and was able to win the Silver Medal.

The Region is now looking into the possibility of establishing a Super-league with teams from various States of the Region participating.

Respectfully submitted,

Gianfranco Borroni

DIRECTOR, REGION III, ANNUAL REPORT 1981/1982

The past year has been both a revelation and a shock. An education and an experience. Frustrating and rewarding.

To have been able to represent this Region on the National Board of Directors has been my pleasure. I have attempted to reflect what I perceived your views to be. The point of agreement was secondary to the point of unity.

The responsibilities of a Regional Director, in my mind, are to assist when needed; work through the Sub-Regional Directors; support the decisions of the Region; pass on information; adjudicate when necessary; and promote the game whenever possible. I hope that I have done just that.

The accomplishments of the year, oversimplified, included:

1. The Regional Workshops in Atlanta
2. The proposed State affiliation of Alabama. That brings the Region to 100% membership.
3. The creation of a Regional Senior Directory.
4. The commitment from all States for 100% registration.
5. The first Regional Tournament of Champions.
6. The installation of the Regional Director's Newsletter.
7. The creation of the inter-regional play-offs against Region II.
8. The placing of key people on National Committees.

Specific accomplishments that should be pointed to with pride include:

1. The National Champion Over 30 Women's Team.
2. Hosting the USSF 66th Annual General Meeting.
3. Being home of the Senior Division Chairman & Women's Committee Chairlady.

But it wasn't done alone. Far from it. I owe a deep and sincere congratulations and thank you to many people. For instance:

- * To Bob Sumpster, Dan Weinstein, and the crew from Georgia for an outstanding workshop last September
- * To Bob Beck, Alan, and Steve from Louisiana for hosting not only the Regional Meeting, but also the very successful Regional Tournament of Champions
- * To Martin Burniston & Eileen Rexroad for carrying us through the Cup Competitions
- * To Betsy and the Ladies of North Texas for an outstanding Regional Women's Competition
- * To Al Collard for being available whenever I needed advice or assistance
- * To Milt and the Texas-South people for a flawless Men's Regional Tournament
- * To Don Rathburn for his work the previous year in laying out the basic rules for our Regional Competitions
- * To every delegate from the States who took their time, and spent their money to be part of the decision making process of this Region

DIRECTOR'S REPORT, REGION III, 1981/1982 (Cont.)

But there were also valleys during the year. I found disappointment in volunteer who "bit off more than they could chew" and let the Region down. I found disappointment in the manner in which our Region participated in the Olympic sponsored games in Indiana. I found disappointment in the people who could offer complaints without solutions. I found disappointments in lack of new ideas or programs that came from the top, beginning with this Regional Director. I found disappointment that in August we were no further along than we were in September, 1981.

But the up side is the tremendous unity within the Region. The enthusiasm for the game, and the development thereof. Region III is too aggressive to sit by and let others advance. We will lead, as well as follow. Our continued growth will not slow in the near future.

My decision to resign at this time had little to do with my future plans. But, rather, I feel that a number of people within the Region are quite capable to step in and serve the Region in this capacity. My interest in the development of adult soccer is no less. I simply believe that another's views on the Board might be more beneficial.

I thank you very much for the year, and look forward to working closely with you.

Regards

Jim Depew

REPORT OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR EDWARD N. NUNEZ 1981/1982

REGION IV, SENIOR DIVISION - U.S.S.F.

SUBMITTED TO THE DELEGATES, SENIOR DIVISION AGM, DALLAS, TX., AUG. 26, 1982

This past year has been a time of innovation and challenge under the re-structure. Region IV continues its consistent rise in team registrations. Thus, reflecting a healthy interest and participation in the game.

Communications throughout the twelve states continue to be the binding factor resulting in a unified region. Please know that your transmission of reports, ideas, and needs facilitate participation of all.

The following is a brief summary of activities:

Region IV Annual Pacific Coast State Invitational Under-23 was hosted by C.S.A., "N" and held in San Francisco, California on Memorial Day weekend, May 29th and 30th, 1982. The tournament winner was W.S.S.A. with O.S.F.S.A. second, C.S.A., "N" third, and C.S.A., S. fourth. In 1983 the tournament will be hosted by C.S.A., S.

National Cups: The Region would like to congratulate the Croatia S.C. from W.S.S.A. for winning the National Amateur Cup. Also, the F.C. Loewenbraue-Zurich of the W.S.S.A. for winning the Women's Open Cup for an unprecedented third consecutive year.

Schedule of Regional Meetings for 1982-1983:

October 30 & 31, 1982 in Portland, Oregon

February 13 & 14, 1983 in Denver, Colorado

Recommendations of new rules submitted to the National Cup Committee.

Ms. Jo Anderson was given the assignment to submit to the Region, for its approval at its next meeting, a Regional Logo and colors. Ms. Anderson has submitted the colors: Royal blue and bright yellow, and the logo: a shield with the Western States designed inside.

National Cups: the following teams represented Region IV in Chicago at the National Finals:

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| Men's Open | - Maccabee of C.S.A., S. |
| Men's Amateur | - Croatia S.C. of W.S.S.A. |
| Women's Open | - F.C. Loewenbraue-Zurich of W.S.S.A. |
| Women's Over 30 | - San Andreas Fault of C.S.A., "N" |

A newly printed Regional Directory compiled by Ms. Jo Anderson, P.R. and Promotion Chairperson, was given to each affiliated state.

Our congratulations to Mr. John O. Best for being inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame. Mr. John O. Best was nominated by C.S.A., S.

REGION IV REPORT 1981/1982 (Cont.)

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to express my all-inclusive "thanks" and deepest appreciation to all standing committee chairpersons, committee members, and ad hoc committees for the hours spent in meetings. The ideas discussed and acted upon truly reflect your devotion and commitment to making our Region a viable instrument for the development of Soccer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward N. Nunez