

MINUTES  
FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING  
of the  
UNITED STATES SENIOR SOCCER DIVISION  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
July 6, 1985

Chairman Edward N. Nunez called the fourth Annual General Meeting of the United States Senior Soccer Division to order at 2:30 PM, July 6, 1985.

ROLL CALL

The Roll Call showed the following State absent: Alaska, Arkansas, Heart of America, Iowa, Mississippi, New Mexico, Northwestern New York, Oregon, Montana and West Virginia.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Credentials Committee Chairman Dick Burns reported the following State Associations not in good standing: Alaska, Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Iowa and New Mexico, a total of 99 eligible votes.

Chairman Edward Nunez appointed George Donnelly as parliamentarian.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the third Annual General Meeting held on July 6 & 7 1984 in New York City, N.Y. were adopted as distributed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Wallace R. Watson (Metropolitan, D.C.-Virginia) moved that we change the normal order of business as printed and take up the election of Chairman before any further business, the motion was duly seconded by Southern New York and approved unanimously.

George Donnelly moved that the Chairman be discharged and that on recommendation of the Chairman Mr. Robert Guelker be elected temporary Chairman for the purpose of the election of Chairman. The motion was duly seconded and approved.

Robert Guelker took the chair and appointed Fritz Marth as secretary and two of the administrators from the National Office as tellers. The total vote eligible and present was established as 91.

Stan Mirza (Minnesota) placed in nomination the name of Edward N. Nunez, the nomination was duly seconded by California-North.

Milton Aimi (Texas-South) nominated Bob Beck of the Louisiana State Soccer Association, seconded by Louisiana.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the nominations be closed. Both candidates declined to make any statements.

By the vote of 59 to 32 the delegates elected Edward N. Nunez as Chairman. A motion was made, seconded and passed to destroy the ballots. Robert Guelker turned over the chair to the reelected Chairman Edward N. Nunez. Edward Nunez accepted the chair again and remarked that he first would like to thank all those who voted for him for their confidence in him; but that he will be the chairman of all members and will work equally as hard for all affiliates in the next two years.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Administrator reported that no communications were received which would require action by the Council.

## REPORTS

The reports of officers and committees were distributed previously to all delegates. The chairman opened the floor for any questions. Steve Flamhaft (Southern New York) asked the Administrator about his report that he hoped for Budweiser to be on board as one of the sponsors at this time. Fritz Marth replied that this had been accomplished. Robert Friedman (Massachusetts) questioned why the auditors report was only a review and not a full audit. The Administrator explained that after the close of the fiscal year a fully audited report will be forwarded to all members.

Bill Marquez (Colorado) moved that the financial report be accepted subject to the year ending audit. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

All other reports were acknowledged by the delegates.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to be taken up.

## RULES AND REVISIONS

George F. Donnelly, Chairman of the Rules and Revision Committee took the chair to present the rule change proposals.

The following rule changes were adopted:

Rule 5.2.1 - 2601 MEMBERSHIP (Page 93)

4. Member Dues

The affiliation fees for the senior state associations and team fees for individual teams thereunder shall be set by the Senior Division Council (see Chapter 8 - Fees). The player registration fees shall be set by the National Council from time to time (see Chapter 8 - Fees). Such accumulated fees must be paid to the Senior Division within sixty (60) days of registration.

Rule 5.2.14 - 2614 REGISTRATION OF AMATEUR PLAYERS (Page 100-104)

All rules in regards to registrations be deleted and replaced by a statement: ("Please refer to USSF Rule 3.2.6. - 1106")

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4. Youth-Senior Relationship

Delete the entire paragraph and replace by the statement: ("Please refer to USSF rule 3.2.6 - 1106 par. 5").

Rule 5.2.15 - 2615 SENIOR DIVISION STANDING COMMITTEES

To delete par. 4 Promotion and Publications

par. 8 Tournament and Games

To change all appropriate numbers.

Rule 5.2.3. - 2603 OFFICERS

New par. 7 Restriction of Officers

The motion to adopt was tabled, the rule change proposal was later withdrawn.



Gino Ferraguti, Chairman of the Cup Committee now took the chair to present the rule change proposals in regards to cup competitions. The following rule changes were adopted:

Rule 5.3.3. - 2703 ENTRIES AND ENTRY DEADLINES

1. The National Cup Coordinator, upon consultation with the Senior Division Executive Committee, shall establish the national closing date by which a definite entry of team must be received by the Regional or State Cup Coordinator (All State and Regional deadlines must occur before the National).
2. The Regional Coordinator, upon consultation with the Regional Director, shall establish a regional deadline. Once that deadline is established, he must forward it to the National Cup Coordinator.
3. Any State Coordinator wishing to have an earlier deadline than his respective region, may do so, upon consulting with the Regional Coordinator. Once a deadline is established no State Coordinator shall begin Intra-State competition before all entry forms and fees are received by the Regional Coordinator.
4. When a regional and state deadline is established only the Regional Director and Coordinator may extend it, upon consultation with the National Coordinator. Under no circumstances should it be extended beyond the national deadline.

Rule 5.3.4. - 2704 ADMINISTRATION

2. Regional Cup Coordinator

The Senior Division Executive Committee, in cooperation with the National Cup Coordinator, shall appoint Regional Cup Coordinators. The Regional Cup Coordinator shall be responsible for administering the Inter-State games. Furnish all State Coordinators with entry forms, referee, financial and game reports, and Rule Books for every team that enters the Cup. Appoint referees for all Inter-State games. Supervise and assist State Coordinators during the Intra-State competitions. Collect all Intra-State scores and financial reports. Forward the scores to the Division Administrator with the Division fees if a collection was made. Furnish the Inter-State referees with the game reports. Then have them returned to him and administer any player suspension necessary. Handle any protest according to rule 2724. He shall report to the National Coordinator on the progress of the competition periodically.

3. State Cup Coordinator

The State Cup Coordinator shall be responsible for administering the Cup competitions among teams headquartered within the State Association for which he/she is selected. He/she shall furnish all teams within the State Association with an entry form, have it returned with the proper fee within the established deadline. Check them out and make sure they comply with the Cup Entry Rule. Make copies for his/her use, and forward the original with the fee to the Regional Coordinator before Intra-State competitions shall commence. Furnish all teams entering the Cup with a schedule, game financial reports and a Rule Book. Assign referees. Furnish them with referee reports. Have them return to him and administer player suspensions if warranted. Collect all scores. Forward the scores to the Regional Coordinator the same day that the competitions occurred. Make sure that every home team fills out and forwards a financial report whether a collection is made or not. Receive all Intra-State protests. Handle the protest according to rule 2724.

Rule 5.3.18 - 2718 PLAYER PASSES

All players shall carry USSSD approved identification passes bearing his/her photograph. These passes shall be certified by the player's State Association, affiliated with the USSSD and by the State Cup Coordinator, and shall be presented to the referee and the representative of the opposing team before the start of the game. For all Inter-State competitions all players must have a USSSD official pass provided by the USSSD, bearing the player's photograph which must be laminated on the side that has the photograph.

Rule 5.3.20 - 2720 PLAYING RULES

2. Goal nets shall be used. A flag on a post not less than five (5) feet high and having a non-pointed top, shall be placed at each corner

Rule 5.3.22 - 2722 PLAYER DISCIPLINE

Automatic minimum suspension shall be two (2) games but a person or committee who has the authority may increase the period of suspension depending on the referee report. Exhibition games or Indoor Games will not be considered official games for the purpose of crediting toward disciplinary suspensions.

Rule 5.3.24 - 2724 PROTEST

Any protest concerning a game played in an Intra-State round shall be referred to the State Cup Coordinator. He/she, together with a committee of two or more persons appointed by the State Association before the beginning of the Intra-State Competition, shall determine the protest and that decision shall be final. Any protest concerning a game in an Inter-State round shall be referred to the Cup Committee through the Regional Cup Coordinator, and the decision shall be final. par. 7 Notice of the State Cup Coordinator or the Cup Committee determinations shall be sent by mail, or telegram, or both, to both teams competing in the game which was the subject of the protest. In addition, the State Cup Coordinator must forward to the Regional Cup Coordinator a copy of the decision and copies of all documentation available in the case, within three (3) days of the decision.

At the conclusion of the rule change proposals Gino Ferraguti as the Ad-Hoc Committee for player passes brought to the floor the question of the adoption of the USSSD pass to be introduced over a three year period to the Division (At the end of the third year it would be mandatory). Karl Langheinrich (Georgia) made a motion to that effect, second by Southern New York. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Albert Colone, Director of the National Soccer Hall of Fame addressed The Council and gave a short report on the status of the Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta, New York.

Division Treasure F. Patrick Healey presented the proposed budget to the Council. The budget included a proposed raise in team affiliation fees from the current \$ 10.00 to a proposed fee of \$ 25.00. The proposed cup fee increase was previously deleted by the vote of the council during the cup rule change proposals. After some debate to council voted to delete the proposed increase. Bob Black moved that the team fees be increased to \$ 15.00, motion was seconded by Louisiana. On a roll call vote the motion failed. A motion to adopt the alternate budget was made, second and passed as amended in the expense columns.



A question was raised about a possible General Meeting of the Federation to be held in February. Wallace R. Watson (Metropolitan-D.C.-Virginia) proposed a resolution that the Senior Division urge President Fricker not to call a special meeting unless pressing business call for such a meeting. The motion was seconded. Hank des Bordes urged the delegates to think about the budget 1986/87 and with that in mind the delegates should go to the Special Meeting and work on this budget. Chairman Nunez mentioned that these budget proposals could possibly be handled in Regional Meetings. The resolution passed overwhelming by voice vote (only a few nos could be heard).

Charles Kellog (Nevada) asked about the tax status of the Division. Chairman Nunez explained that the application for 501 (c) 3 has been filed, no determination has been received. As to marketing he explained that we are still working with C & W Marketing but that up to now we have had not any great success.

The question of the Under-23 program was raised. Chairman Nunez advises the delegates that the Executive Board is looking at the proposals of the ad-hoc committee and will make sure that this type a program is under the supervision of the Senior State Associations.

F. Patrick Healey introduced the new Region I Director: George F. Donnelly; George Donnelly replied with a thank you for a job well done to Patrick Healey.

Charles Meeks introduced newly elected Region III Director: Milton Aimi. Milton Aimi presented a gift to Charles Meeks on behalf of Region III.

Keith McGechie (Colorado) asked why the Senior Division office has not moved to Colorado. Chairman Nunez explained that up to now no space was available to us. Sal Rapaglia (Southern New York) feels the the office should stay in New York, because there is "where it is". Bob Beck (Louisina) pointed out that it is not allways cost effective to move an office just because of the savings of rent, when you loose good managment in the process. Gene Ringsdorf (Maryland) moved that the office of the Senior Division be kept on the East Coast where it is convenient for the current Administrator. The motion was second by Southern New York and passed by overwhelming by voice vote (only two nos could be heard).

Bob Black (North Texas) remarked that he would like to thank those delegates and directors who have not left the meeting.

Chairman Nunez, in his closing remarks mentioned that he sees the need of the Division in such areas as Marketing, Select Teams, Coaching and Refeering and that he will work on all of these areas, but that he is a strong believer in the autonomy of the states. He would like to see competitions come first and administration second.

He acknowledged the remarks by Bob Black and went on to explain that Region IV Director Thomas Webb left the meeting after handing him a letter of resignation.

He thanked all delegates for their input into the discussions of the meeting, showing their concern for the Division and the Federation.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The fourth Annual General Meeting of the United States Senior Soccer Division was adjourned at 6:30 PM, July 6, 1985.