

MINUTES  
FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING  
of the  
UNITED STATES SENIOR SOCCER DIVISION  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
July 6, 1986

Chairman Edward N. Nunez called the fifth Annual General Meeting of the United States Senior Soccer Division to order at 8:30 AM, July 6, 1986. He appointed Keith McGeachie as the parliamentarian.

CREDENTIALS REPORT/ROLL CALL

Dick Burns, Chairman of the Credentials Committee reported the following State Association "Not in Good Standing": North Carolina and Ohio-South. The following State Associations, not having the required minimum number of teams affiliated, were not able to vote: Iowa and Western Pennsylvania. New Hampshire and West Virginia will be continued on Provisional Status. The total votes eligible were 101.

The Roll Call showed the absence of: Alabama, Idaho, Mississippi and Montana.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the fourth Annual General Meeting held on July 6, 1985 in New Orleans, Louisiana were adopted as distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

REPORTS

The reports of officers and committees were distributed prior to the meeting to all State Associations and delegates. The Chairman asked for any questions or comments from the floor on any of the reports. No questions were raised and the reports were acknowledged as distributed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administrator Fritz L. Marth reported that the 1984/85 audited financial report had been mailed to all State Associations in October 1985 and would now require adoption by the Council. It was so moved, seconded and unanimously adopted by the delegates.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS AND RULES

Robert Reid, Chairman of the Rules and Revision Committee took the chair to present the rule change proposals and the recommendations of the Rules and Revision Committee.

The following rule changes were adopted:

Rule 5.2.13 - 2613 Number of Players on a team or club roster

2. Minimum Number

No state association or league may affiliate a club or organization that does not operate a team in a league under its jurisdiction unless it is geographically impractical to do so, such team in order to be eligible to vote, to consist of not less than eleven (11) registered senior players playing in actual competition.

Rule 5.1.1 - 2501 Name

This body shall be known as the United States Senior Soccer Division, Inc., as well as the Senior Division of the United States Soccer Federation.

Rule 5.2.4 - 2604 Duties of the Officers and Administrators

4. Duties of the Accounting Officer

The Accounting Officer shall be responsible for maintaining all financial accounts of this Division, shall have comperative financial statements prepared in accordance with General Accepted Accounting Principles for distribution to the membership on a quarterly basis; shall present for the previous fiscal year a certified annual report independently audited prior to the Annual General Meeting of this Division; and shall assist the Executive Committee in establishing a proposed budget.

Rule 5.2.3 - 2603 Officers

3. Chairman

The Chairman of this Division is elected in odd numbered years at the Annual General Meeting for a period of two (2) years and will be a Vice-President of the United States Soccer Federation. If for any reason the position of Chairman shall become vacant, a special meeting of the Regional Directors shall be convened and the Regional Directors shall elect an acting Chairman to assume the duties of the Chairman of the USSSD until a general election can be held.

Rule 5.3.4 - 2704 Administration

2. Regional Cup Coordinator

The Regional Cup Coordinators in cooperation with the Regional Directors, shall appoint State Cup Coordinators, as per recommendation by the respective state association, to work directly under them.

Rule 5.3.8 - 2708 Intra-State and Inter-State Competitions

1. Intra-State Competition

The competition among teams headquartered within a state Association shall occur first, and only the winner of the competition shall be eligible for inter-state competition.

Intra-state competition may be sponsored financially and shall be administered by the state association in that state.

The National Cup Coordinator and Regional Cup Coordinators shall set the date by which the state winners must be determined.

If only one enters in any state association, the Regional Cup Coordinator shall enter that team in competition with a neighboring state association, thus voiding rule 5.3.5-2705.

Rule 5.3.9 - 2709 Intra State and Inter-State Competition Game Receipts

3. In both the above paragraphs, a financial report shall be prepared after every competition by the home team, shall be signed by both teams and shall be sent to the Regional Cup Coordinator within 48 hours after the competition, with the appropriate fee in a check made payable to USSSD.
4. The financial report shall be sent, whether or not a gate fee is charged or a collection is made. Failure to send in the financial report may result in not being allowed to proceed any further in competition or may stop them from entering the next years' competition.

Rule 5.3.17 - 2717 Player Eligibility

1. General

Each player of a team competing in these competitions must be duly qualified according to the rules of the USSF-Senior Division, and must be properly registered with the USSF at least seven (7) day prior to any game in the competition in which the player may participate.

A player shall not actually play for more than one competing team during the conduct of the competition, but players of each respective team may be changed during the series of games in the competition.

No player(s) may be registered for any competing team after March 15. The Regional Cup Coordinator (State Finals) shall have the power to investigate and determine the qualification of any player.

The State Cup Coordinator is responsible to have teams forward to the Regional Cup Coordinator by March 22 a player list of a maximum of eighteen (18) eligible players for all state teams remaining in the competition; each list must be certified by the State Registrar. Failure to submit a proper team player list by this deadline will result in rejection of the team entry.

Rule 5.3.19 - 2719 Player List

4th paragraph:

The two teams may waive, in writing, the requirements of sending player lists. For intra-state competition the State Cup Coordinator may also waive the requirements of sending the list of players to the opposing teams. If the list of players is waived by the two teams or the State Cup Coordinator, the time allowed for protests in case of an ineligible player shall refer to Rule 5.3.24-2724.

After the conclusion of the rule change agenda items, a motion was presented by the Women's Development Committee to make an additional rule change. The parliamentarian ruled the motion "out of Order".

Dick Burns on behalf of the Colorado State Soccer Association, had made some rule change proposals in regards to timely payments of all affiliation and registration fees. The rule changes were not adopted, however on recommendation of the Rules and Revision Committee the delegates unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the State Associations of the USSSD be strongly encouraged to submit timely payments of all dues and fees as presently required by the rules of the USSSD. Also that State Associations submit all affiliation forms, player registration forms, etc. in a timely manner. State Associations who do not comply with these provisions will not be eligible to vote at the Regional Meetings, Senior Division Meetings and the Annual General Meeting of the USSF scheduled during the period commonly known as the AGM."

The Administrator reported on a proposed rule change that was received to late for the current AGM, but that seemed to need clarification:

Rule 5.3.2.2 - 2722 in the USSSD Cup Rules talks about game suspensions, the Chairman of the Rules and Revision Committee ruled that without a doubt, a two games suspension means the next two regular scheduled games.

Jo Anderson, Chairman of the Women's Development Committee introduced Marge Hartfel of the Committee who presented a resolution to the delegates, which the committee hopes will be incorporated into the rules and regulations at the 1987 AGM:

"Since 1979 our Women's Development Committee programs have made tremendous strides on all fronts. During the Women's Development Committee meeting last February in Charleston, South Carolina, we reviewed past progress and reformulated specific needs of women's soccer within the USSF and set goals to meet those needs.

In our work since that meeting we have determined that a committee update is necessary because:

- a) Select Team Programs are well underway in each Region providing excellent avenues of individual participation
- b) Cup Programs are viable in all four Regions and upward
- c) Women's leagues are showing continued growth in many states

In responding to the desire to update and the recognition of unique regional needs, we propose that:

- a) This committee be renamed to the Senior Division Women's Committee
- b) This committee be restructured to consists of only four regional women's program coordinators, so that we may better meet the needs and requests from our constituency
- c) These program coordinators continue to work in close cooperation with their respective Senior Division Regional Directors and the Chairman of the Senior Division on:
  1. Select Teams (State-Regional-National)
  2. Cup Program (State-Regional-National)
  3. Player Affiliation
  4. Coaching (Women's participation)
  5. Refereeing (Women's participation)
- d) There be renewed effort directed toward assisting the development of Women's programs in those states where that need is recognized.
- e) The four regional women's program coordinators communicate with each other through:

1. Bi-monthly conference calls (more frequently if needed)  
The first conference call will be the 16th or 17th of August.
  2. Quarterly written reports to be compiled by members of the committee and distributed to each of the members of the committee. Subsequent distribution into the Region is the responsibility of the regional program coordinator.
  3. Bi-annual meetings. One meeting will be a general women's caucus to be on the printed schedule of events each year at the USSF-AGM. The second meeting will be a Senior Division Women's Committee meeting which will be held in conjunction with the Youth Workshops every winter.
- f) The current regional representatives be retained at this time for necessary continuity within the program:
- I - Beth Dorch
  - II - Marge Hartfel
  - III - Trish Breen
  - IV - Janet Slauson

This proposal represents a consensus of opinion of the Regions. Our programs have made great progress in the past. This proposal recognizes that past and prepares us for the future.

We support Jo Anderson for what she has accomplished for the Women's Development Committee over the past two years which included: A Women's Workshop at the 1985 AGM in New Orleans, A National Women's Development Committee Meeting in February 1986 in Charleston, and her sincere contribution to the development of women's programs in the USSF. We would like to see her remain as a consultant to the newly structured committee and to be involved in all communications. We heartily endorse her efforts on other committees on behalf of women's soccer.

The delegates adopted the resolution unanimously.

Chairman Edward Nunez thanked Robert Reid and his committee for the work done and the delegates for the attention during the presentations.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Larry Kardaras, Chairman of the Budget Committee took the chair for the presentation of the 1986/87 budget.

The budget had been previously mailed to all State Associations. It was moved and seconded to adopt the budget as distributed. Robert Friedman of Massachusetts took the floor and presented 12 changes (reductions) in the expense part of the budget and 5 changes in the allocation of funds. After some discussions as to the merits of some of these proposals, it was moved to table the proposed changes; the motion to table was adopted. The delegates then adopted the budget as proposed.

The Administrator distributed a budget amendment procedure proposal. The procedure (attached to these minutes) was adopted unanimously.

The outgoing Director Thomas E. Webb took the microphone: he thanked the Executive Committee, the delegates and especially Region IV for the help and cooperation given to him during the past years. He then introduced the newly elected Director from Region IV: Ramon S. Ramos of the California Soccer Association-South.

Sal Rapaglia of Southern New York raised the question of the newly established procedures of the USSF Coaching Committee to grant licenses. He urged the delegates to look at the proposal by Director George Donnelly which he had proposed to the USSF NBOD as a Policy and Procedure. The delegates adopted a resolution which instructed the Administrator to forward their concern and their support of the proposal by George Donnelly to the National Office.

The Chairman and the delegates expressed their appreciation to Joseph Rodrigues, President of the Illinois Soccer Association and to Frank Kracker, Chairman of the Convention Committee, for the hospitality shown to the delegates.

Gene Ringsdorf, Past President of the USSF, thanked the delegates for their support of making the Soccer Hall of Fame an Associated Member of the USSF.

Costas Mallios of Southern New York asked the Executive Committee and the Cup Committee to investigate the possibility of playing the National Cup Semifinals and Finals on a home-and-home basis or at the homefield of one of the teams, in order to have greater spectator interest.

Gary Hovagimian of Massachusetts felt that many State Association need help and direction in order for the game to grow from the bottom up and that programs are needed towards this goal and to help the average player.

Gino Ferraguti, Chairman of the National Cup Committee, reported on the plans for the Grand Finals to be played in St. Louis, Missouri on July 12th and 13th and he announced the regional winners in the five national competitions.

The Chairman and the Directors addressed the delegates with a few general remarks and a word of thanks and appreciation to outgoing Director Thomas E. Webb.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Edward N. Nunez adjourned the fifth Annual General Meeting of the United States Senior Soccer Division at 11:45 AM, July 6, 1986.