

MINUTES  
SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING  
of the  
UNITED STATES SENIOR SOCCER DIVISION

Colorado Springs, Colorado

July 4, 1987

Chairman Edward N. Nunez opened the sixth Annual General Meeting of the United States Senior Soccer Division at 9:15 AM, July 4, 1987.

He appointed Judge Ted Wedemeyer as the parliamentarian.

CREDENTIALS REPORT/ROLL CALL

Dick Burns, Chairman of the Credentials Committee reported the following state associations "Not in Good Standing":  
Alabama, Kansas and Montana.

The following state associations, not having the required minimum number of teams affiliated, were not able to vote:  
Iowa, Mississippi, New Hampshire, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania.

Arizona was not represented by an accredited delegate.  
Kentucky and South Carolina were not present.

Total eligible votes were 103, total votes present were 98.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the fifth Annual General Meeting held on July 6, 1987 in Chicago, Illinois were adopted as distributed.

On a motion by Metropolitan, DC-Virginia and seconded by Ohio-North, the delegates voted to change Agenda and go to point number 8, Election of Chairman.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Gene Edwards was appointed Temporary Chairman for the purpose of Election of Chairman, Foster Perry and John O. Best were appointed tellers.

Gino Ferraguti of Eastern Pennsylvania placed in nomination the name of Edward N. Nunez; Carlos Rodriguez of Texas-South placed in nomination Bob Beck, Steve Younan, Illinois nominated Joseph Rodrigues and Keith McGeachie, Colorado nominated Bill Marquez.

The vote tally showed the following result:  
Nunez 43, Beck 33, Rodrigues 14, Marquez 7 and one for John Best.

An other vote was called for by Chairman Edwards.

The second tally showed:  
Nunez 48, Beck 39, Rodrigues 6 and Marquez 5.  
Joseph Rodrigues withdrew.

The third tally showed:  
Nunez 48, Beck 46 and Marquez 4.  
Bill Marquez withdrew.

The fourth and final vote had the following result:  
Nunez 51, Bob Beck 46 and one illegal write-in vote.

Edward N. Nunez was reelected as Chairman. He again took over the chair, he thanked the delegates for the privilege and the opportunity to serve an other two year term.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

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

#### REPORTS

The reports of the 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. Hearing none, a motion was made, seconded and approved to acknowledge all reports.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The audited financial report for the fiscal year 1985/86 was adopted as distributed in October 1986.

#### AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND RULES

Robert Reid, Chairman of the Rules and Revisions 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 by the Council:

#### Rule 5.2.15 - 2615 SENIOR DIVISION STANDING COMMITTEES

The following Senior Division Standing Committees shall be appointed annually:

1. Appeals
2. Budgets
3. Coaching
4. Credentials
5. Rules
6. Referee
7. National Cups
8. Select Team
9. Women's Development

1. Committee Composition

Committee membership shall be comprised of a chairman and one representative from each Senior Division Region.

Committee chairmen will be appointed by the Chairman of the Senior Division. Regional committee members will be appointed by the respective Regional Director. The Division Chairman may appoint one of the regional representatives to chair the committee.

2. Duration

Committee appointments will be for a term of two years and will be made immediately following the election of the Regional Directors for the respective Region. Appointments may only be made from state associations which have paid their USSSD affiliation fees for the current seasonal year. The chairmanship of these committees will be for a period of one year. It is recommended that these chairmanships be rotated through the regions. Committee members may be replaced at any time for cause (i.e., nonparticipation or nonperformance of duties, but not for differences of opinion) by the Senior Division Chairman or the respective Regional Director.

3. Committee Responsibilities

1. Appeals

The purpose of the Senior Division Appeals Committee shall be to hear appeals resulting from the game of soccer among players who are affiliated with the USSSD, and to hear appeals pertaining to the USSF and USSSD Bylaws and Rules and other rules, regulations and policies of affiliated organizations, whose appeals were not satisfactorily resolved at the state level.

The objective of the Senior Division Appeals Committee shall be to provide fair, swift and just hearings for all appeals reaching this committee. All avenues of appeal must be exhausted at all levels below this body, before the Senior Division Appeals Committee shall consider any appeal.

All appeals shall be timely filed (within 5 days of the receipt of the written decision from the lower authority) and filed in writing (six copies) with the USSSD Administrator.

All decisions of the Senior Division Appeals Committee may be appealed to the USSF Appeals Committee. The decisions of the Senior Division Appeals Committee will be in effect and binding until rescinded or modified by a higher authority.

**2. Budget**

The Budget Committee shall be responsible for:

1. Gathering of all cost data for the appropriate financial requirements for the Division's programs.
2. Acquiring with the assistance of the Division's Treasurer and the Administrator detailed cost data for the appropriate budget to be submitted to the Executive Committee and the Division Council.
3. Ranking all program requests and preparing an itemized budget to be submitted to the Executive Committee and the Division Council.

**3. Coaching**

The Coaching Committee shall be responsible for:

1. Developing a program encompassing all aspects of the game, with specific targets and specific dates to be met.
2. Reporting quarterly to the Executive Committee.
3. Propagate the program throughout the different organizational levels (Regions, State Associations, Leagues, Clubs and Players).
4. Establishing a pool of players for the divisional teams.
5. Recommending to Regions, the level of credentials, length of appointment, fees and qualifications of coaches, by the first regional meeting of the seasonal year. The Regional committee member shall present names of applicants for Regional Coach appointments to the respective Regional Director.

**4. Credentials**

The Credentials Committee shall be responsible for:

1. Establishing a uniform procedure for submitting and certifying votes at the USSSD National Council Meetings.
2. Reporting on eligibility of representatives to the USSSD Council and giving the committee recommendations.
3. Ensuring that the USSSD Council meeting delegate

seating arrangements are arranged in advance for the delegates.

4. Recording and checking the authenticity of votes cast at the USSSD meetings.

#### 5. Rules

The Rules Committee shall be responsible for:

1. Reviewing all proposals involving USSSD organizational rules, playing and administrative rules, and giving all proposals due and careful consideration before submitting such proposals to the USSSD Council for its consideration. Timing of receipt of proposals and subsequent distribution to members shall be as set forth in rule 5.2.11 - 2611 Amendments herein.
2. Endeavoring to keep the USSF Rules Committee and the Senior Division Chairman apprised of proposed rule changes in a timely manner.
3. Ensuring that all applicants for membership are apprised of the need for six (6) copies of their bylaws, rules and regulations for provisional approval.

#### 6. Referee

The Referee Committee will receive, help develop and direct information to the USSF Referee Committee and also:

1. Assist the USSF Referee Committee in establishing and evaluating the policies and procedures for the conduct of referee courses at the National, Regional, State and local level
2. Identify the referee needs and requirements to conduct soccer games sanctioned by the USSSD.
3. Develop an annual report and recommendations for possible changes.
4. Review and endeavor to resolve problems from any interested party that will help to positively change any referee concerns pertaining to USSSD.
5. Identify those qualified and available referees for any sanctioned USSSD Tournament, or cup Competition to the appropriate appointing authority for that competition.

The regional committee members shall be responsible for the aforementioned tasks in their regions.

#### 7. National Cups

The task of the USSSD National Cup Committee shall be ensuring that National Cup rules are adhered to as defined under rule 5.3.4 - 2704.

**8. Select Team**

The Select Team Committee shall be responsible for:

1. Informing all interested parties about the selection criteria of the teams, in keeping with the intent and spirit of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978.
2. Developing a program to showcase Regional and National teams.
3. Establishing dates and locations for regional select team tryouts for men and women by the first Regional Meeting of the seasonal year, and shall secure U.S. Olympic Training Center dates and facilities where possible.
4. Maintaining a file, consisting of names, addresses and telephone numbers, of players selected in the Regions.

**9. Women's Development Committee**

The Women's Development Committee shall work with senior state associations to promote and develop women as referees, players, coaches and administrators.

The Committee shall encourage women's participation in state organizations to ensure a growing role of leadership.

**Rule 5.2.1 - 2601 Membership**

par. 4 The affiliation fee for the senior state association shall be set by the Senior Division Council (see Chapter 8-Fees) and must be forwarded together with the state affiliation form to the Senior Division on or before October 1st. Any state association not in compliance with this rule will be fined \$ 100.00; if the fee and fine is not paid within thirty (30) days, an additional fine may be added. The team affiliation fees for individual teams within the state associations shall be set by the Senior Division Council (see Chapter 8-Fees). Such fees must be paid to the Senior Division within sixty (60) days of registration. Any state association that does not forward these fees within sixty (60) days, shall be fined the sum of \$ 5.00 per team; if the fees/fines are not paid within an additional thirty (30) days, an additional fine of \$ 5.00 may be added; if the fees/fines are not paid within one hundred and twenty (120) days, additional fines may be added.

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.

The vote accreditation at the regional meetings and any special meeting shall be based on the previous twelve (12) months registration of teams and clubs. The vote accreditation at the Annual General Meeting shall be based on the current season.

A state association that has not paid the fees and/or fines or has not forwarded their state affiliation form shall be considered delinquent and will have no voice or vote(s) at any regional, divisional or national meetings.

Rule 5.2.10 -2610 Protests, Appeals and Fees

3. An appeal must be made in writing and must be sent by mail to the office of the Senior Division within five (5) days from the date of the official receipt of the decision by the party seeking the appeal. An appeal shall not be considered valid unless it further complies with the following:
  1. Not less than six (6) copies of the complete appeal shall be sent.
  2. Not less than six (6) copies of the rules of the organization against whose decision the appeal is being taken shall accompany the appeal.
  3. The applicable fee in form of cash, money order or cashier's check shall accompany the appeal.
  4. The appeal shall be sent by mail to the organization whose ruling is affected and a signed statement showing the date when and address to which the appeal was sent in accordance with this provision shall accompany the appeal to this Division.
4. The applicable appeal fee shall be retained by this the Division unless the appeal is fully sustained in which case the fee shall be returned to the appellant.
5. The appellee shall have ten (10) days from the date a copy of the appeal was received to submit to this Division six (6) copies of each of any material it considers relevant to the appeal. The Chairman of The Appeals Committee, at his discretion, may also require notice of the appeal to particular parties who may be affected by the appeal and may allow those parties to submit, within a specified time, six (6) copies of each of any material they consider relevant to the appeal.

The Appeals Committee shall render its decision within thirty (30) days from receipt of all appropriate materials. This time limit may be extended only with permission of the Executive Committee by a maximum of fourteen (14) days.

Rule 5.3.2 - 2702 Eligibility

par. 3 Men's Amateur, Women's Amateur, and Women's Over-30 Cup Competition.

The competition shall be open to all amateur teams under the jurisdiction of this Federation that comply with the requirements of the competition.

Men's Amateur and women's amateur cup competitions are also open to youth under-19 teams.

Rule 5.3.10 - 2710 Interstate Competition - Team Bond

The winning team from each State Association shall be required to post a bond in the amount of \$ 200.00 in the form of certified cashier's check or money order or State Association check made payable to USSSD and sent it to the Regional Cup Coordinator within seven (7) days after the State Championship is determined. No Interstate game shall commence without the Regional Coordinator holding the bond.

Rule 5.3.11 - 2711 Regional Finals - Travel Expenses

1. The Regional final shall be played in any state association within the respective region, when hosting permission is requested and granted by the region.
2. For all regional final games, traveling expenses shall be subsidized in part by the USSF-Senior Division. Only regional finalists shall be subsidized.
3. The state association hosting the regional finals shall submit to the USSSD office, with a copy to the National and Regional Cup Coordinator, a budget outlining the income and expenses for the finals. This must be submitted sixty (60) days prior to the finals in order to receive a \$ 2,000.00 advance from the USSSD. The advance money shall be used for expenses relating to the cup finals and shall not be used for the purpose of entertainment or other non cup related expenses.
4. The regional finals gross gate shall be divided in the following manner:  
The hosting state association shall submit to the USSSD office a finalized report showing the income and expenses and receipts within thirty(30) days after the finals. If a profit is shown, not including the \$ 2,000.00 advance, the money shall be divided equally among the participating teams.

Rule 5.3.12 - 2712 Semifinals and Grand Finals

1. The semifinals and finals shall be played at a site chosen by the USSF-Senior Division Executive Committee and shall be supervised by the National Cup Coordinator and his/her Cup Committee.



2. The USSF-Senior Division shall subsidize in part traveling expenses of the participating teams using a mileage percentage(%) factor between the city where the team is from and the city where the finals are hosted.
3. In order for a team to receive the subsidies for the National Semifinals and Grand Finals, the respective region must have 20 teams or more in the respective cup competition. A team winning the regional final may participate in the National Semifinals and Grand Finals at their expense. If they wish to do so, they must notify in writing the National Cup Coordinator within five (5) days of the regional finals with a copy to the Regional Cup Coordinator.

Rule 5.3.18 - 2718 Player Passes

1. All players registered on a senior form or a youth participation form shall carry USSF-Senior Division approved identification passes bearing their photograph. All players on an under-19 team participating in the USSF-Senior Division Cups shall carry a USSF-Youth Division identification pass bearing their photograph. Those passes shall be certified by the player's senior state association affiliated with the USSF-Senior Division and by the State Cup Coordinator and shall be presented to the referee and the representative of the opposing team before the game.
2. For all Inter-State games, all player passes must be laminated at least on the side bearing the player's photograph.

Rule 5.3.20 - 2720 Playing Rules

- par. 3      A maximum of two (2) substitutes shall be allowed during the game, except in the Men's Over-30 and the Women's Over-30 Competitions, where four (4) substitutes will be allowed, a player who has been substituted for cannot return to the game.

Rule 5.3.21 - 2721 Game Officials

- par. 5      In both (3) and (4) the officials must come from outside either team's state association, except when both teams waive this requirement in writing.

The Florida State Soccer Association moved, duly seconded that the Men's Amateur Cup be henceforth known as the Kurt K. Lamm Cup and that this name be used on all correspondence in regards to this cup from now on.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Edward N. Nunez asked Roger Parker, Chairman of the Budget Committee to take the chair for the purpose of adopting the budget. Robert Friedman, Massachusetts offered an amendment to the budget items 6-22 and 6-23, after a brief discussion the motion was defeated and the budget was adopted as presented.

Carlos Rodriguez, South Texas, addressed the delegates in regards to problems which have arisen in his state association and probably in others, when the USSF sponsors international games; it seems that the local state associations are ignored and not informed of any and all plans for such games. He requested that the Senior Division use their influence in this matter, to assure that local state associations are kept fully aware of such game plans.

Jan Van Woerden, Florida, mentioned problems with the USSF international game plans in regards to team training sessions, specially if these players are on regional teams in regional tournaments.

A question was raised by Linda Grant, Massachusetts, in regards to Under-19 youth teams participating in the National Cups; the question was addressed by other speakers and rules explained.

Tom Urciuoli, New Jersey, took the floor to offer a rule change proposal in regards to "Removal of Officers". After some discussion as to the propriety of such a motion, the delegates by voice vote rejected to take up the matter.

Sal Rapaglia, Southern New York, raised the question of the MISL settlement arrangements. He asked Chairman Nunez to give the delegates the information requested. Edward Nunez explained that he was not present at the meeting which approved the settlement. He will try to get the information, and if possible will inform the Senior Division Council.

Gianfranco Borroni made a motion, which was seconded and approved that in future Annual Meetings, the order of meetings be as follows: Regional Meetings, Divisional Meetings, Federation Council Meeting, and if necessary additional Regional Meetings.

Wally Kemp of Bene-Marc brought the delegates up-to-date on the Senior Division Insurance Program.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Edward N. Nunez adjourned the sixth Annual General Meeting of the United States Senior Soccer Division at 3:30 PM.