

**MINUTES  
ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
of the  
UNITED STATES AMATEUR SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

New Orleans, Louisiana

August 22, 1992

Chairman Gianfranco Borroni opened the tenth Annual General Meeting of the United States Amateur Soccer Association at 11:30 AM, August 22, 1992. He asked the delegates to observe a moment of silence for those members which passed away during the past year.

Everett Germain was appointed Parliamentarian.

CREDENTIALS REPORT - ROLL CALL

Dick Burns, Chairman of the Credentials Committee reported the following National State Associations: "Not in Good Standing": North Dakota and Wyoming (provisional member).

The Mississippi State Association is in "Good Standing" but does not have the minimum number of teams (10) to have a vote at the AGM.

The following National State Associations were not represented: Mississippi, North Dakota, South Carolina and Wyoming.

The total eligible votes were: 124; total votes present were: 121.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the tenth Annual General Meeting of August 3, 1991 in Detroit, Michigan were adopted as distributed. A typographical error was corrected on page five of the minutes third line should read: "passed".

COMMUNICATIONS

The Administrator reported that no communications were received pertaining to this meeting. He did mention that he received a complaint from a State Association regarding the paperwork involved with the D & O Insurance.

REPORTS

The reports of officers and committees were mailed to all National State Associations prior to the meeting, the Chairman asked each Committee Chairman to add a few words if they wished to do so.

Gordon Redshaw, Chairman of the National Cup Committee mentioned the record number of participating teams from California South (104). He especially thanked James Carson and the Indiana Soccer Association for their splendid job in hosting the National Finals.

The council recessed for lunch at 12:00 Noon and Chairman Borroni reconvened the meeting at 1:30 PM, to continue with the reports of Committees. He added a few remarks of his own, reviewing the Cup Finals and the direction of the Select Team Program.

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Nancy McDavid reported on the 1991/92 Select Team Program, with a special thanks to Florida for hosting the National Select Team Finals and Eastern Pennsylvania for hosting the Donnelly Cup Finals.

Tim Grainey reported on a Database Management plan for computerizing the player registrations within the Amateur Division. A detailed plan was distributed prior to the meeting.

John Ellinger, the Division's Men's Team Coach reported on the games played in the Chicago Cup and the game in Washington, DC. He outlined the selection process, gave the delegates the names of his players and a report on each game. Assistant Coach Tom Fitzgerald added a few remarks.

Linda Grant reported on the "Mini Sports Festival" in Boston. The tournament invited the National Team, The Division Team, and two regional teams (East/South and North/West). Our Woman's Coach Stan Mirza added his report to Linda's, with a special "Thank You" to the Boston group for their efforts.

Marilyn Childress gave a report on the effort of our Women's Committee to add Women Soccer to the 1996 Olympic Games, she asked all delegates to support their effort.

All reports were accepted by the delegates as distributed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The financial report for the 1990/91 fiscal year, as audited by the outside auditing firm of Jacobs, Siegel & Co., was mailed to all National State Associations in November 1991; the delegates accepted the report as distributed.

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND RULES

Helmut Von Oetinger, Chairman of the Rules Committee took the chair to present the rule change proposals and the recommendations of the Rules Committee.

The following rule changes were adopted by the council:

RULE 5.2.11 AMENDMENTS

par. 2 Any proposal or motion to amend the Bylaws and Rules of this Division may be made by:

1. Affiliated National State Association.
2. A Region of this Division.
3. The Amateur Division Executive Committee.
4. Properly constituted committees of this Division.
5. The United States Soccer Federation Board of Directors.
6. A member of the Amateur Division Executive Committee.

Rule 5.2.15 AMATEUR DIVISION STANDING COMMITTEES

par. 3 Committee Responsibilities

1. Structure of State Association Appeals Committee

1. For the adjudication of appeals and other disciplinary matters there shall be an Appeals Committee. A hearing on any appeal shall be conducted by not less than three (3) no more than five (5) members of the Appeals Committee plus a Chairman with the responsibility of conducting the hearings. The committee should be comprised of members of the National State Association. Decisions shall be determined by a majority vote, with the Chairman voting only in the case of a tie vote.

2. Written notification of a hearing shall be sent by the Chairman, within fifteen (15) days after the receipt of a properly filed Appeal, to all parties involved in the dispute. This notification shall include the nature of the dispute, the names of the parties involved and provide for the date, time and place of the hearing. In addition, copies of all pertinent documents received shall also be sent to all committee members prior to the hearing date. The conduct of the meeting shall permit the opportunity for parties to the dispute to be brought together (confront one another) and permit reasonable time for questioning without being governed by any rules of evidence, but subject to the discretion of the Chairman.

Hearings shall be called at the Chairman's discretion, but in no event shall it be more than fifteen (15) days from the receipt of the Notice of Appeal. Minutes of the proceedings shall be maintained. Written notification of the decision or recommendation of the Committee shall be mailed within one week of determination but no later than two (2) weeks of the hearing it shall be the responsibility of the Chairman to notify, by certified mail, parties to the dispute of the decision.

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RULE 5.3.24 PROTEST

10. In the event of a dispute arising from a National Cup competition under the jurisdiction of the USASA in which suspensions or sanctions of six (6) months or more are being considered against an individual, an opportunity shall be provided for the parties to present their respective positions.

To ensure due process, any written charges preferred against an individual shall be forwarded stating the specific date and place of occurrence to the officials by certified mail. The parties will then be permitted, as far as practical, to submit answering affidavits, including those of witnesses and character witnesses, to the authority responsible for the competition for its consideration prior to the disposition of the matter. Any appeals against decisions of that committee shall be considered by the USASA Appeals Committee, which shall have the authority to require the submittal of any documents and relevant materials as it may require.

NEW BUSINESS

Burton Haines, President of AYSO delivered greetings from his organization and promised that his members will work with all people in the soccer family.

Chairman Borroni reported to the membership that after due consideration, the Executive Committee is forced to announce that no medical insurance will be available through the Division for the 1992/93 season.

Budget Committee Chairman Foster Perry took the chair to present the 1992/93 proposed budget.

The following changes were made in the proposed budget:

R1.7 and E1.14 (Medical Insurance) were eliminated.

R1.4 (Liability Insurance) the team fees were reduced to \$ 25.00 per team, making the total income \$ 187,500.00.

E4.4. (Coaching Committee) \$ 3,000.00 was allocated (at the present time under the funding line).

With these changes the 1992/93 budget was adopted.

Frank Rojas brought to the floor the question of the "State Referee Committee". He is raising the issue at the Division Council meeting to find out, where the Division stands when the question is voted on at the USSF council meeting.

Speakers of numerous state associations voiced the same concern. It was also pointed out that the rule change proposals on the agenda of the USSF Council were not presented to the membership in a timely fashion.

It was recommended that the question of the referee council (# 9.8) should be raised at the USSF council at the time when the approval of all NBOD actions is requested by the chair.

Costas Mallios asked the delegates to vote against the request by the Long Island Junior Soccer League to become a new state association at the USSF Council meeting.

He also asked the delegates for their support regarding the ENYSSSA resolution pertaining World Cup 1994 tickets.

The question was raised regarding the recreational teams. It was pointed out that the program may be implemented starting September 1st.

Ingrid Saldibar of New Haven Travel donated to set of tickets to be raffled off among the delegates. The winners were: David Schmitt of North Carolina and Mike Edwards of New Mexico.

Dave Eldridge thanked the Executive Committee and Administrator on behalf of all the delegates for a "job well done".

ADJOURNMENT

Director Gianfranco Borroni adjourned the eleventh Annual General Meeting of the United States Amateur Soccer Association at 5:50 PM.