

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

San Diego, California

August 12, 1994

Chairman Gianfranco Borroni opened the thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the United States Amateur Soccer Association at 9:00 AM, August 12, 1994. He asked the delegates to observe a moment of silence for the late President of the Rhode Island Soccer Association Anthony Piccione and all those members which passed away during the past year.

Gary B. Perl was appointed Parliamentarian.

CREDENTIALS REPORT - ROLL CALL

Dick Burns, Chairman of the Credentials Committee call the roll of the affiliates, he reported a total of 136 votes.

The following National State Associations were not represented: Hawaii, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, South Carolina, Vermont and Wyoming.

Total votes present were 129.

After a short discussion regarding the eligibility of the U.S. Inter-regional Soccer League, it was moved and seconded to adopt the Credentials Report. The motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the twelfth Annual General Meeting of July 30 & 31, 1993 in Boston, Massachusetts were adopted as distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Administrator reported that no communications were received pertaining to this meeting.

AWARDS

Chairman Borroni asked each Committee Chairman to come forward and receive momentos for each of his/her committee members.

REPORTS

The reports of officers and committees were mailed to all National State Associations prior to the meeting. No questions were raised regarding any of the reports.

Milton Aimi, Chairman of the Membership Development Committee distributed a report on the survey conducted by his committee. A copy will be distributed to each State Association.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The financial report for the 1992/93 fiscal year, as audited by the outside auditing firm of Jacobs, Siegel & Co., was mailed to all National State Associations in December 1993; the delegates accepted the report as distributed.

Al Ober, President of Massachusetts Amateur State Soccer, moved that the delegates adopt the following resolution, to be presented to the Federation:

It is hereby resolved by this Division that the National Council of the United States Soccer Federation authorize the following actions to be implemented by the National Board of Directors:

1. Request World Cup USA 1994, Inc. to forward a copy of the 1993 Tax Returns to each member organization of the United States Soccer Federation.
2. Appointment of a U.S. Soccer/World Cup USA 1994, Inc. Audit Committee to meet with the staff of the World Cup USA 1994, Inc., and review the financial records and contract agreements of World Cup USA 1994, Inc.
3. Expenditures of United States Soccer Federation funds to employ an independent accounting firm to review the financial records, agreements and contracts of World Cup USA 1994, Inc., and report the results of the audit to the membership of the Federation.

The motion was adopted as presented.

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND RULES

Bruno Trapikas, 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:

Two housekeeping changes:

Wherever it reads "Secretary", " Division Administrator" or others, to be replaced with Amateur Administrator.

Wherever it reads "Division Executive Committee", "Executive Board" or others, to be replaced with Executive Committee.

RULE 5011. MEMBERSHIP

Section 5. Member Dues

- (f) Divisional leagues shall also post a performance bond with the Amateur Division as described in Chapter 3 Fees, Dues, Bonds. The performance bond shall be paid to the Amateur Division at least thirty (30) days prior to the first league game of the year.

RULE 5021. AMENDMENTS

Section 3. Advance Notice

Any proposals or motions to amend the Bylaws and Rules of this Division must be submitted in writing, to the Amateur Administrator one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. All proposals or motions thus received shall be sent in writing (by the Amateur Administrator), to the Secretary of each National Amateur Association thirty (30) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

RULE 5025. AMATEUR DIVISION STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees

(10) the Divisional Leagues Committee

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Section 4. Committee Responsibilities

(g) Referee Committee

(1) (f) Identify and coordinate with the appropriate SRA the appointment of qualified referees for Divisional League games.

(k) Divisional Leagues Committee

(1) To work with the Amateur Administrator regarding the Division's administration of national and inter-regional leagues.

(2) To review existing administrative rules and systems regarding these leagues and propose changes as appropriate.

(3) To coordinate a first-level attempt to solve problems submitted by national and inter-regional leagues. The Committee will work directly with the leagues to help them solve institutional and administrative problems that occur within the Federation such as problems with other leagues, the Amateur Division, other divisions or referees.

(4) To review affiliation requests of new national and/or inter-regional leagues and make recommendations to the Board of Directors or Executive Committee. If affiliation is granted conditionally, the Committee will determine whether and when all conditions have been satisfied.

(5) To draft for adoption by the Amateur Division, a set of standards, applicable to the various national and inter-regional leagues and to make these standards available to all interested parties.

(6) The committee membership shall be comprised of a Chairman, one representative from each Amateur Division Region and a representative of each national amateur and inter-regional league.

RULE 5033. ENTRIES AND ENTRY DEADLINES

Section 1.

add extra line:

The different competitions may have different deadlines.

RULE 5033. ENTRIES AND ENTRY DEADLINES

Section 2.

The Regional Commissioner, upon consultation with the Regional Director, shall establish a Regional deadline, which may be earlier than the date set by the National Cup Commissioner. Once that deadline is established, he/she must forward it to the National Cup Commissioner.

RULE 5033. ENTRIES AND ENTRY DEADLINES

Section 5. The entry fees shall be as follows:

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| (1) U.S. National Open Cup Competition | \$ 200.00 |
| (2) U.S. National Men's Amateur Cup Competition | \$ 75.00 |
| (3) U.S. National Men's Over-30 Cup Competition | \$ 75.00 |
| (4) U.S. National Women's Amateur Cup Competition | \$ 75.00 |
| (5) U.S. National Women's Over-30 Cup Competition | \$ 75.00 |

RULE 5036. FORM OF COMPETITION

Section 3.

(a) The U.S. Open Cup shall be conducted as a knockout single elimination competition.

(b) Providing that the other Regional Championship are completed no later than the scheduled deadline, Regional Cup Commissioners may organize same in any fashion agreed upon at the Regional Meeting.

RULE 5038. INTRASTATE, DIVISIONAL LEAGUE, AND INTERSTATE COMPETITIONS

Section 1. Intrastate Competition

(d) rule is deleted in its entirety

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Section 3. Interstate Competitions

(d) A team which wins the Regional Championship in both the National Open and either or both the Amateur and Over-30 Cups, shall participate only in the National Open Cup final, if the two finals are played on the same day.

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RULE 5041. REGIONAL FINALS - TRAVEL EXPENSES

Section 2.

(a) The Federation Amateur Division shall provide a subsidy to the four regions equitably apportioned by the National Cup Committee with the approval of the Executive Committee. The funds shall be deposited directly into an account as designated by the region.

(b) Full accounting must be made by the Regional Commissioner and the hosting state.

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The National State Association hosting the regional finals shall submit to the USASA office, with a copy to the National and Regional Cup Commissioner, 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 an advance towards hosting the finals (in accordance with the adopted budget) from the USASA. 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.

RULE 5042. SEMIFINALS AND GRAND FINALS

Section 1.

The semifinals and finals shall be played at a site, or sites approved by the Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the Cup Commissioner, and shall be supervised by the Cup Commissioner and his/her Cup Committee.

RULE 5050. PLAYING RULES

(3) Three (3) substitutions shall be allowed in all cup competitions, one of which must be the goalkeeper. A player who has been substituted may not re-enter the game. In the Men's and Women's Over-30 competitions, a maximum of five (5) players may be substituted (including the goalkeeper).

RULE 5055. AWARDS - TEAM AND PLAYERS

Section 2.

(b) The winning teams shall be entitled to call themselves the United States Soccer Federation-Amateur Division champions of their respective competition level. The Executive Committee may incorporate sponsor's name(s) in the title of any Cup at its discretion.

NEW BUSINESS

During a break in the rule change discussions, Chairman Gianfranco Borroni introduced Tom Kane of adidas. Both Chairman Borroni, as well as Tom Kane announced a sponsorship agreement by adidas for United States Amateur Soccer Association. Tom Kane explained the commitment of adidas to the development of the Amateur players and their cooperation with the Division. The agreement to be for six years, and will include a partnership agreement for staging the U.S. Open Cup.

Division Men's Coach John Ellinger gave a report on the past year's activities of his team

Chairman Borroni introduced Thomas Hayes of Des Champs & Gregory. There were no questions raised.

Budget Committee Chairman Foster Perry took the chair to present the 1994/95 proposed budget.

Bruno Trapikas introduced a series of budget amendments. After some discussions, it was moved and seconded to adopt the proposed amendments. The motion passed. The budget was adopted, as amended.

A question was raised regarding the Region I Cup Competition (Amateur Cup Final: A team of Eastern New York). Chairman Borroni will ask the National Cup Commissioner to review the situation and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee to resolve the matter.

A question was raised regarding releasing of players by state and/or teams for Select Team Programs. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Amateur Division approach the USISL regarding this matter, with a request to cooperate with their local State Association.

Director Everett J. Polley conducted a straw poll regarding a rule change proposal for the 1995 AGM to establish a Vice (Deputy) Chairman. The rule change at the 1995 AGM would call for the election of such a Vice (Deputy) Chairman. The poll indicated that the majority of the delegates were in favor of a Vice (Deputy) Chairman with a vote on the Executive Committee and the right to succession.

Tim Grainey gave an update of the status of the computerized registration program.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Gianfranco Borroni adjourned the thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the United States Amateur Soccer Association at 4:00 PM.