

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

Cincinnati, Ohio

August 11, 1995

Chairman Gianfranco Borroni opened the fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the United States Amateur Soccer Association at 9:00 am, August 11, 1995. He introduced USSF Vice President Larry Monaco as the parliamentarian. He also stated that Larry would be the election chairman and that during that time Robert McGee would act as the parliamentarian.

A minute of silence was observed for all those people who passed away during the past year.

CREDENTIALS REPORT - ROLL CALL

Dick Burns, Chairman of the Credentials Committee reported the following National State Association having no votes since they do not have the required amount of affiliated teams: Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

The following National State Associations were not represented: Vermont and Montana.

The total eligible votes for the election were 135; total votes present were 132, at other times the total votes will be 144.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the thirteenth Annual General Meeting of August 12, 1994 in San Diego, California were adopted as distributed.

MODIFY THE AGENDA

Eastern New York moved to modify the agenda to allow the rule change regarding the votes of Regional Leagues be taken up prior to any further business. The motion was adopted and the rule change was taken up at this time.

The following rule was adopted:

Section 4 Member Voting Rights

(c) Divisional Leagues consisting of a minimum of ten (10) active teams shall have voting power set forth in these Bylaws and Rules as follows:

- (1) Each National League one (1) vote at the National Council Meeting.
- (2) Each Inter-Regional League one (1) vote at the National Council Meeting.
- (3) Each Regional League one (1) vote at the national Council Meeting and one (1) vote at the Regional Council within the Region comprising the majority of its teams.

(This vote added six votes to the total count)

Kentucky moved to modify the agenda to allow the rule changes regarding the office of Vice Chairman to be taken up prior to the elections. The motion was adopted.

The new rules regarding the office of Vice Chairman were adopted:

Section 2. Chairman

(b) If, for any reason, the position of Chairman shall become vacant, the Vice Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman of the USASA for the balance of the term of office. Should the position of the Chairman become vacant when the position of Vice Chairman is also vacant, a special meeting of Regional Directors shall be convened and the Regional Directors shall elect an acting Chairman of USASA until a general election can be held.

Section 3. Vice Chairman

(a) The Vice Chairman of this Division is elected in even numbered years at the Annual General Meeting for a period of two (2) years. Exception (to be deleted as of September 1, 1995). The Vice Chairman shall be elected at the 1995 Annual General Meeting for a period of one (1) year.

(b) If, for any reason, the position of Vice Chairman shall become vacant, it shall remain vacant until the next General Meeting, when a general election will be held.

Section 6. Amateur Administrator

The Executive Committee shall appoint the Amateur Administrator.

Section 7. Accounting Officer

The Executive Committee shall appoint the Accounting Officer.

Rule 5014. DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Section 2. Duties of the Vice Chairman

- (1) to assist the Chairman of the Division.
- (2) to assume the Chair in the absence of the Chairman.
- (3) to participate in debate and may initiate and second motions in the Executive Committee meetings,
- (4) to serve as a member of any committee by appointment or as an ex-officio member.
- (5) to serve as a general representative of the Division in the absence of the Chairman.
- (6) to perform such other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

Rule 5015. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and the four (4) Regional Directors shall comprise the Executive Committee.

Rule 5019. VOTING

At all meetings under Rule 5017, the designated representatives of National State Associations shall vote as authorized. The Chairman, Regional Directors and Deputy Directors shall be entitled to one (1) vote each, where applicable. The Amateur Administrator shall not vote. Divisional and Regional officers may not cast a vote in the capacity as Divisional or Regional officers at the elections of Divisional and Regional officers but, may vote in other incidents.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Larry Monaco asked for nominations for the office of Chairman.

Mike Edwards (New Mexico) nominated Gianfranco Borroni
Steve Flamhaft nominated Rick Skirvin
Julian Stanculescu (Illinois) nominated Bruno Trapikas

Election Chairman Larry Monaco announced the result of the election: Gianfranco Borroni 78, Rick Skirvin 44 and Bruno Trapikas 14. He declared Gianfranco Borroni elected.

He then asked for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman.

Patty Abshire (Texas South) nominated Rick Skirvin
Ted Kuczara (Michigan) nominated Julie Ilacqua
James Carson (Indiana) nominated Howard Rubenstein
Tim Busch (Washington) nominated Robert McGee
Dan Trainor (Arizona) nominated Mike Edwards

The first ballot had the following results:
(Bob McGee withdrew prior to the start of the voting) Mike Edwards 45
- Julie Ilacqua 43 - Rick Skirvin 33 - Howard Rubenstein 14.

Howard Rubenstein withdrew with remarks supporting Julie Ilacqua.

The second ballot had the following results:
Julie Ilacqua 59 - Mike Edwards 45 - Rick Skirvin 31

Rick Skirvin withdrew.

On the third ballot Mike Edwards was elected with 72 votes to Julie Ilacqua's 63.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

REPORTS

The reports of officers and committees were accepted as printed in the book of Annual Reports.

Each Committee Chairman was asked to come forward and present a token gift to each committee member.

John Ellinger, Coaching Committee chairman made some additional comments about the USSF Coaching Committee held this morning, and he also reported on the games of the Division's Men's Team.

Cup Committee Chairman Mike Edwards gave a report on the Amateur Finals held in Indianapolis, he had a special "Thank You!" for James Carson and the Indiana Soccer Association for their help. He asked the State Association to submit bids for next year's final competition.

He was happy to report that the Open Cup Final will be played in El Paso, Texas on August 27th and that it will be live on Prime Time TV.

Marcin Rembisz and Tim Grainey gave an update on the computerized registration program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The fiscal report for the 1993/94 fiscal year, as audited by the outside auditing firm of Jacobs, Siegel and Company (mailed to all state associations in December 1994) was accepted by the delegates as distributed.

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND RULES

Robert L. McGee Jr., Chairman of the Rules Committee took the chair to present the rule change proposals and the recommendations of the Rules Committee (other than the ones adopted at the beginning of the meeting).

The following Rule changes were adopted:

Rule 5013. OFFICERS

Section 8. Term of Office

An officer identified in this Rule shall commence a term of office after the conclusion of the meeting in which elected or appointed, or immediately after a vacancy has occurred.

Rule 5017. MEETINGS

Section 3.

(b) A Mid-Year Meeting may be held at the call of the Chairman or a majority of the Executive Committee, and shall have the same authority to conduct business as the Annual General Meeting, except elections, unless the elections are for the purpose of filling vacancies.

Rule 5018. QUORUM

A quorum of the National Amateur Division Council shall consist of at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the voting strength of the Council.

Rule 5019. VOTING

At all meetings under Rule 5017, the designated representatives of National State Associations, Divisional Leagues, and Associate Members shall vote as authorized. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Regional Directors, Deputy Directors shall be entitled to one (1) vote each, where applicable. The Amateur Administrator shall not vote. Divisional and Regional officers may not cast a vote in the capacity as Divisional or Regional officers at the election of Divisional and Regional officers at the elections of Divisional and Regional officers, but may vote in other instances.

Rule 5021. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any modification affecting the Bylaws and Rules of this Division must be carried by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative votes of the votes cast at a National Amateur Council Meeting.

Rule 5021. AMENDMENTS

Section 2

(8) Regional Officers

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 a National Council Meeting, except those submitted by the USASA Rules Committee. All proposals or motions thus received shall be sent in writing (by the Amateur Administrator) to each National Council member thirty (30) days in advance of a National Amateur Council meeting.

Section 4. Additional Amendments

Additional proposals or motions to amend the Bylaws and Rules of this Division may be made in writing from the floor of a meeting of the National Council if ninety percent (90%) of the voting strength present consent to their consideration.

Rule 5025. AMATEUR DIVISION STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees

(11) the Membership Committee

Section 4. Committees Responsibilities

(f) Rules Committee

(c) Proposing amendments of USASA organizational, playing, and administrative rules, policies, and procedures, subject to advance notice to the National Amateur Council members prior to a National Amateur Council Meeting, pursuant to Rule 5021.

- (1) Divisional Leagues Committee
- (2) The committee membership shall be comprised of a Chairman, one representative from each Amateur Division Region and a representative of each Divisional League.

(m) Membership Committee

The Membership Committee shall be responsible for

- (1) (a) Develop and distribute recruiting materials to members and prospective members.

(b) Ascertain member's needs, advise the Division and facilitate the provision of such needs.

(c) Promote the Division at appropriate functions.

Rule 5031. Title and Trophies

Section 1. The Amateur Division of the United States Soccer Federation shall organize (annually) National Competitions for men and women entitled as follows:

- (1) U.S. National Men's Open Cup
- (2) U.S. National Men's Amateur Cup. (In memory of Kurt Lamm)
- (3) U.S. National Men's Over 30 Cup.
- (4) U.S. National Women's Open Cup.
- (5) U.S. National Women's Amateur Cup.
- (6) U.S. National Women's Over 30 Cup.

The Executive Committee may incorporate (a) sponsor's name(s) in the title of any Cup, at its discretion, with the assistance and cooperation of the Federation.

Rule 5032. ELIGIBILITY

Section 2. U.S. National Men's Open Cup--U.S. National Men's Over 30 Cup--U.S. National Women's Open Cup Competition.

Section 4. U.S. National Women's Amateur 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, provided that they have not entered the U.S. National Women's Open Cup that year.

Rule 5033. ENTRIES AND ENTRY DEADLINES

Section 5. The entry fees shall be as follows:

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| (1) U.S. National Men's 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 Open Cup Competition | \$200.00 |
| (5) U.S. National Women's Amateur Cup Competition | \$ 75.00 |
| (6) U.S. National Women's Over 30 Cup Competition | \$ 75.00 |

Section 8. Entry forms and payment for Divisional teams conducting their own competition shall be forwarded as follows:

Regional Leagues shall forward forms and payment to the appropriate Regional Cup Commissioner.

Inter-Regional and National Leagues shall forward forms and payment to the USASA Administrator.

Rule 5034. ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. National Cup Commissioner

(c) Responsibilities

The National Cup Commissioner shall report to the Amateur Division Chairman and shall be responsible for coordinating the administration of the National Cup Competition on behalf of the Division. The National Cup Commissioner's specific responsibilities shall include the following:

- (a) Consult with the Regional Directors in the appointment of Regional Cup Commissioners.
- (b) Establish closing dates by which State and Divisional League entries must be received. Consult with the Professional Division to establish closing dates by which professional leagues must confirm entries to the Open Cup.
- (c) In conjunction with the Cup Committee, reject team entries for failure to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the National Cup competition.
- (d) Coordinate with the USASA Referee Committee the appointment of game officials.
- (e) Determine, in consultation with the Cup Committee, player or team suspensions and fines related to breaches of the rules.
- (f) Insure timely distribution of Cup entry forms, promotional materials and rule books to the Regional Cup Commissioners, Divisional Leagues, and Professional Leagues.
- (g) Coordinate the selection of game venues for conducting national level competition and Cup finals.
- (h) Coordinate and assist in the processing and determination of protests filed for interstate and national level competition per Rule 5054.
- (i) Support the Executive Committee in marketing of the National Cup program.
- (j) Other duties as assigned by the Chairman of the Amateur Division.

Section 2. Regional Cup Commissioners

The Amateur Division Executive Committee, in consultation with the National Cup Commissioner shall appoint Regional Cup Commissioners. One regional Cup Commissioner shall be appointed to coordinate and administer the National Cup Competition of each of the administrative regions as defined in Part 5072 of the Federation Official Administrative Rule Book.

The Regional Cup Commissioner shall be responsible for the coordination and administration of all National Cup play in the Commissioner's designated Region. The Regional Cup Commissioner's specific responsibilities shall include the following:

- (a) Consult with the appropriate National State Associations in the appointment of State Cup Commissioners and forward written appointment letters to the State Cup Commissioners.
- (b) Consult with the Regional Director to establish closing dates for the region by which State and Divisional League entries must be received. Notify the National Cup Commissioner of all regional competition dates.
- (c) Consult with the Regional Director, establish the date by which all state and Divisional League competitions in the region must be completed.
- (d) Forward all entry forms and fees received from the National State Association and Regional Leagues to the Administrator in a timely manner.
- (e) Coordinate the scheduling of all interstate and regional semifinal and final games at the appropriate regional meetings.
- (f) In consultation with the Cup Committee, resolve all disagreements regarding the site, date and time of interstate games.
- (g) Coordinate with the Regional Referee Administrator for the scheduling and assignment of referees for all interstate and regional semifinal and final games.
- (h) Provide the Regional Referee Administrator with rule books to distribute to referees assigned to interstate and regional semifinal and final games.
- (i) Provide the Regional Referee Administrator with the appropriate game report forms to be completed following all interstate and regional semifinal and final games, with directions on submission of the completed reports to the Regional Cup Commissioner.
- (j) Periodically report to the National Cup Commissioner the ongoing results of the competition. Immediately report to the National Cup Commissioner and the Administrator the final determination of regional winners in all categories of the National Cup competitions.

- (k) Administer all suspensions as provided in Rule 5052 for interstate and regional semifinal and final competition.
- (l) Recommend to the Cup Committee, player or team suspensions and fines related to breaches of the rules.
- (m) Insure timely distribution of National Cup entry forms, promotional materials and rule books to the State Cup Commissioners and Regional Leagues.
- (n) Coordinate the processing and determination of protests filed for interstate and national level Competition per Rule 5054.
- (o) Support the National Cup Commissioner and the Executive Committee in marketing of the National Cup program.
- (p) Provide advice to the State Cup Commissioners regarding conduct of the competition and rule interpretations.
- (q) Other duties as assigned by the Regional Director and National Cup Commissioner.

Section 3. State Cup Commissioners

The Regional Cup Commissioner shall, in consultation with the appropriate Regional Director, appoint a State Cup Commissioner for each National State Association domiciled in the Regional Cup Commissioner's region. Such appointments shall be made based on a recommendation from the National State Association and shall be made at the beginning of the National Cup competition without regard to potential participation of teams from each National State Association.

The State Cup Commissioner shall be responsible for the coordination and administration of all National Cup play in the State Cup Commissioner's National State Association. The State Cup Commissioner's specific responsibilities shall include the following.

- (a) Consult with the National State Association to establish closing dates for the state by which entries must be received. Notify the Regional Cup Commissioner of all state competition dates.
- (b) Distribute entry forms, rule books and other promotional materials to all affiliated USASA leagues and teams in the state, as well as forwarding similar information to all Federation affiliated youth organizations whose membership may be eligible for the Amateur Cup.
- (c) Forward all entry forms and fees received from the National State Association to the Regional Cup Commissioner in a timely manner.
- (d) Coordinate the scheduling of all intrastate games, including dates and locations and recommend to the National State Association and "closed" periods required per Rule 5037.

- (e) In consultation with the Cup Committee, resolve all disagreements regarding the site, date and time of intrastate games.
- (f) Coordinate with the State Referee Committee and/or Assignor for the scheduling and assignment of referees for all intrastate games.
- (g) Coordinate with the State Referee Committee and/or Assignor the distribution of rule books to referees assigned to intrastate games.
- (h) Provide the State Referee Administrator with the appropriate game report forms to be completed following all intrastate games, with directions on submission of the completed reports to the State Cup Commissioner.
- (i) Periodically report to the Regional Cup Commissioner the ongoing results of the competition. Immediately report to the Regional Cup Commissioner the final determination of state winners in all categories of the National Cup competitions.
- (j) Administer all suspensions as provided in Rule 5052 for intrastate competition.
- (k) Recommend to the Cup Committee, player or team suspensions and fines related to breaches of the rules.
- (l) Coordinate and assist in the processing and determination of protests filed for intrastate competition per Rule 5054.
- (m) Collect appropriate financial report forms from all games whether a payment to USASA is required or not.
- (n) Support the National Cup Committee and the Executive Committee in marketing of the National Cup program.
- (o) Other duties as assigned by the National State Association and the Regional Cup Commissioner.

Rule 5036. FORM OF COMPETITION

Section 3. (a) At the Interstate and National level of competition, the Open Cup shall be conducted as a knockout single elimination competition.

Section 3. Interstate Competition

- (a) All winners of National State Association competitions or Divisional League competitions shall participate in interstate competitions. If the winner of a National State Association or Divisional League competition is unable or unwilling to participate in interstate competition the runner-up of such National State Association or Divisional League competition shall be eligible to advance to interstate competition instead. The participation of such runner-up shall require the notification of and approval by the Regional Cup Commissioner and the appropriate State Cup Commissioner.

- (d) A team which wins the Regional Championship in both the Open Cup and the amateur and/or Over-30 Cup, may participate in National level competition in the Open Cup and one of either the Amateur or Over-30 Cup. If the team elects not to participate at the National level in either the Amateur or Over-30 Cup, the regional runner-up shall advance to the National semifinals in place of the regional winner.
- (e) A team which wins the Regional championship in both the National Amateur and Over-30 Cups shall participate in only one National final, if the two final are played on the same day. The team notify the Division within 48 hours of the Regional championships of its election to participate in either the Amateur or Over-30 final. The National final in which the team elects not to participate shall be filled with the regional runner-up.
- (f) The Open Cup competition shall be administered by the Region through the completion of a Regional Open Cup winner. The administration of the Open Cup following the completion of Regional championship shall be coordinated by the Amateur Division in consultation with the appropriate professional leagues. Such administration shall include the determination of the form of competition at the National level.

Rule 5040. INTERSTATE COMPETITION - TEAM BOND

Section 2. In the event a team does not fulfill its obligations, by participating in interstate competitions, as scheduled, the posted bond shall be forfeited. In the event that such non-fulfillment of obligations results in a scheduled opponent or host state association incurring and fair and reasonable expenses as a result, that team or host state association may submit for payment within ten (10) days a statement of all such expenses, which shall be paid in an amount not to exceed the amount of the bond. Such submission shall be made to the Regional Cup Commissioner and a recommendation of fair and reasonable expenses to be paid shall be made by the Cup Committee to the USASA Executive Committee.

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 disbursed directly to the teams or State Associations by the Division Administrator at the direction of the Executive Committee.

Rule 5042. SEMIFINALS AND GRAND FINALS

Section 1. The semifinals and final of the Amateur and Over-30 Cups shall be played at a site or sites approved by the Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the Cup committee. The Cup Committee shall be responsible for the supervision of the Amateur and Over-30 Cup finals.

The National level competition in the Open Cup shall be played at sites approved by the Executive Committee in consultation with the Cup Committee and the appropriate professional leagues. The Amateur Division shall be responsible for the supervision of the Open Cup finals.

Rule 5043. FORFEITS FOR FAILURE TO COMPETE IN INTERSTATE COMPETITION

Any team intending to forfeit a game must give written notice of its intention to do so to the delegate of the opposing team, with copies to the Regional Cup Commissioner, and State Cup Commissioner, and be received by the opposing team no less than seven (7) days before the date of the game. A team which forfeited a National Cup game may not enter any National Cup in the following year. Timely notice of intention to forfeit under this rule shall not negate any claims for expenses submitted under Rule 5040.

Rule 5044. FORFEITS - GENERAL

(b) Ineligibility claims in any level of the competition must be made under the provisions of Rule 5049 and 5054. Player eligibility protests for Intrastate games shall be resolved by the State Cup Commissioner. Player eligibility protests for Interstate and national level competition shall be resolved by the Cup Committee, in consultation with the appropriate State Cup Commissioner(s) and the Division and Federation offices.

Rule 5047. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Section 3. U.S. National Over-30 Cup Competitions

All players must be born 30 years prior to the date of any game they play in this competition. Players must provide proof of age. It must be submitted to the National State Association Registrar.

Section 4. U.S. National Women's Amateur Cup Competition

Only amateur players are eligible to participate in this competition.

Rule 5048. PLAYER PASSES

Section 1. (b) All players on eligible youth teams participating in the Amateur Cup shall present an appropriate identification pass bearing the player's photograph, as issued by the youth organization.

Rule 5049. PLAYER LISTS

Section 1. Not less than seven (7) days before the original scheduled date of the game, every team playing in any of the competitions shall send to the opposing team, by special delivery mail, telegram, telephone facsimile or electronic mail, to be followed by special delivery, registered or certified (return receipt requested) letter, a list of eligible players from which the team will be selected. The list shall not exceed eighteen (18) players, and shall not be changed for replayed games. Transmission of the player list be telephone facsimile or electronic mail shall be followed by voice confirmation of receipt of the player list.

Rule 5050. PLAYING RULES

(3) A maximum of three (3) substitutes shall be allowed in Open and Amateur Cup competitions. A maximum of five (5) substitutes shall be allowed in all Over-30 Cup Competitions. In any Cup competition, a player who has been substituted may not re-enter the game at any time.

Rule 5034. PROTESTS

(6) The appropriate cup commissioner shall determine the protest as soon as possible, and may require further submission of evidence relating to the protest.

(7)

(a) Protests of intrastate games.

Notice of the State Cup Commissioner's determination shall be sent by mail, telegram, telephone facsimile or electronic mail, to both teams competing in the game which was subject of the protest. In addition, the State Cup Commissioner must forward to the appropriate Regional Cup Commissioner a copy of the decision and copies of the documentation available in the case, within three (3) days of the decision.

(b) Protests of interstate and national level games.

Notice of the Cup Committee's determination shall be sent by mail, telegram, telephone facsimile or electronic mail, to both teams competing in the game which was subject of the protest. In addition, the Cup Committee must forward to the Executive Committee a copy of the decision and copies of the documentation available in the case, within three (3) days of the decision.

Rule 5054. AMENDMENTS

(10) to be moved to Rule 5053. as section 3

(11) to be moved to Rule 5053. as section 4

Rule 5055. AWARDS - TEAMS AND PLAYERS

Section 2. National Finals

(a) National Finals winning and second place teams shall be awarded trophies and player medals. Additional awards may be made to the teams at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

FEE INCREASE

The Council adopted the proposal by Treasurer Wallace Watson to increase the annual team dues to \$ 25.00, with the increase earmarked for the select team program.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Committee Chairman to chair to present the 1995/96 proposed budget. An amendment was adopted to add a line item for the Vice Chairman in the amount of \$ 4,000.00. All other motions to change or amend the budget failed.
The budget was adopted.

Chairman Borroni introduced Roger Faulkner, a member of the Board of the Directors of the Soccer Foundation.

Roger explained the make up of the current Board and on behalf of Charles Stillitano and himself asked for the support of the delegates in the upcoming election for the Soccer Foundation Board.

Frank Rojas urged the delegates to support the rule change proposals of the United States Youth Association to be voted on at the Federation council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gianfranco Borroni adjourned the fourteenth Annual General Meeting at 5:30 PM.