

**MINUTES
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
UNITED STATES AMATEUR SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

Orlando, Florida

July 18, 1997

Chairman Gianfranco Borroni opened the sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the United States Amateur Soccer Association at 8:30 am, July 18, 1997.

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 did not have any teams registered:
South Carolina and Vermont.

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

The total eligible votes for the election were 132; at other times the total votes will be 142.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the fifteenth Annual General Meeting of July 12, 1996 in Arlington, Virginia were adopted as distributed.

INSURANCE PROPOSALS

Brooks McCormick of the ad-hoc Insurance Committee briefly addressed the delegates regarding the pending insurance proposals, no questions were raised.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the insurance plans as proposed by the Executive Committee.

REPORTS

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the reports as distributed in the book of reports.

MODIFY THE AGENDA

Rules Committee Chairman Robert L. McGee, Jr moved to modify the agenda to allow four related rule changes to be taken up.

The motion was adopted and the rule changes were taken up at this time.

Rule 5013 Officers and Administrators

Section 4 - Secretary (NEW)

The Secretary of this Division is elected in odd numbered years at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for a period of two (2) years.

Rule 5014 Duties of Officers and Administrators

Section 3 - Duties of the Secretary (NEW)

The Secretary has the following duties:

- (1) to coordinate the following duties with the Administrator of the Division:
 - a. assure proper notice of all, Division meetings is given.
 - b. assure recording and publishing of the minutes of all meetings with description of the content of the discussion therein and a record of the vote.
 - c. to be the official custodian of the minutes.
- (2) to participate in debate and may initiate and second motions in the Executive Committee meetings.
- (3) to serve as a member of any committee by appointment or as an exofficio member.
- (4) to perform such additional duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

Rule 5013 Officers and Administrators

Section 7 - Treasurer (NEW) - (delete Accounting Officer)

The Treasurer of this Division is elected in even numbered years at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for a period of two (2) years. (exception: the Treasurer shall be elected at the 1997 AGM for a period of one (1) year).

Rule 5014 Duties of Officers and Administrators

Section 4 - Duties of the Treasurer (NEW)

The Treasurer shall have the following duties:

- (1) to coordinate the following duties with the Administrator of the Division:
 - a. assure the keeping of full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements of the Division. The Division accounts shall be handled by the Division Office to the extent approved by the Treasurer, in accordance with the financial policies of the USASA.
 - b. assure the preparation of financial statements on a monthly basis and send to all National State Association within 30 days of the end of the reporting period. All additional statements should be prepared at the direction of the USASA Executive Committee.
 - c. in accordance with the financial policies of the Division, secure an independent review

of financial accounts and transaction of the Division, including all accounts and transactions of the Regions.

- (2) to assist the USASA Executive Committee in establishing a proposed budget and serve as an exofficio member of the Budget Committee.
- (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 exofficio member.
- (5) to perform such additional duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

All four rule changes were adopted by the council.

Chairman Gianfranco asked USSF Executive Vice-President Larry Monaco to conduct the election.

The Election Chairman asked for nominations for Chairman. Mike Maloney of New Mexico nominated Mike Edwards (seconded by Luis Montoya of the Hellenic American Sports League), no further nominations were made, the nominations were closed and the Secretary instructed to cast one ballot for Mike Edwards and he was declared elected.

The Election Chairman asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Stephen Flamhaft nominated Charles Robinson (seconded by Larry Hall of North Texas). Peggy Polley, Deputy Director of Region II nominated Robert L. McGee, Jr. Bob McGee declined the nomination. No further nominations were made, the nominations were closed and the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for Charles Robinson and he was declared elected.

The Election Chairman asked for nominations for Secretary. Peter Pinori of Eastern New York nominated June Stroup (seconded by Luis Montoya of the Hellenic American Sports League), no further nominations were made, the nominations were closed and the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for June Stroup and she was declared elected.

The Election Chairman asked for nominations for Treasurer. Eastern New York nominated Howard Rubenstein (seconded by Luis Montoya of the Hellenic American Sports League). Brooks McCormick of Florida nominated Foster Perry. Don Hood of Metropolitan DC-Virginia nominated Wallace Watson. Wallace Watson and Howard Rubenstein declined. The nominations were closed, and the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for Foster Perry and he was declared elected.

Gianfranco Borroni asked the delegates for support at the USSF council meeting, where he will be a candidate for the U.S. Soccer Foundation Board.

1997/98 BUDGET

Foster Perry presented the proposed budget. The council amended the budget by allowing

\$5,000.00 for the Secretary and \$5,000.00 for the Treasurer. With these amendments the budget was approved.

RULE CHANGES

Rule 5011 Membership
Section 1 - General

This rule change proposal was adopted and the complete adopted rule change is an attachment to the minutes.

5011 Membership
Section 5 - Member Dues
Paragraph (f) to be deleted

A motion was made to modify rule 5019 and 5021 to allow for Amateur Division Affiliate Members and Associate Members.

Subchapter III (NOW IV) - National Cup Competition Rules

These rule changes were proposed by Chairman of the National Cup Committee, the Rules Committee Chairman made some minor changes in the text.

As changed the rules were adopted and are made an attachment to these minutes.

Subchapter III to become subchapter IV and a new subchapter III
- Rule of Play to be added.

Rule 5023 and 5024 moved to this subchapter and renamed 5034 and 5035, other rules and subchapters renumbered accordingly.

Rule 5036 **Rules of Play**

Section 1

Except as provided by this Division or its members, the FIFA "Laws of the Game" shall apply to any and all competitions.

Section 2

National State Associations or their members shall not sanction games or tournaments involving teams and/or players not properly registered or not in good standing with a National State Association.

Add Rule 5037 Travel

(1) Members (as identified in Rule 5011) wishing to host teams from another National State Association or National Association to play games must request written approval from its National State Association, except for Divisional Leagues, in which case (a) Regional Director(s) shall approve a Regional League event and (b) the Executive Committee shall approve a National League event.

(2) A team wishing to play in a sanctioned competition in another National State Association or National Association must be a Premier registered team or be comprised of Premier registered players, and must have written approval signed by its National State Association, except as provided in paragraph (1) above with respect to Divisional Leagues.

(3) A member wishing to host a tournament must request written approval from its National State Association. Upon approval, the hosting member must request and receive from each participating team written approval signed by its National State Association or National Association, except as provided in paragraph (1) above with respect to Divisional Leagues.

AYSO

Burton Haimos of the AYSO addressed the council. He pledged their cooperation with the Amateur Division. He invited the members to attend their sectional meetings all over the country.

DIVISIONAL COACH

The Men's Coach addressed the council. He gave a brief report on the games played by the team during the past few weeks (both in Cleveland). One game against the Cleveland Caps (USISL 3rd Division) and the Columbus Crew (MLS). Our team was able to win both games.

MID-YEAR MEETING

Marypat Bell reported on the 1998 Mid-Year Meeting to be held in Nashville, Tennessee on February 20-22, 1998.

USSF RULE PROPOSAL

Frank Rojas, President of California Soccer Association South spoke about a proposed rule change regarding the distribution of funds from international games. He strongly urged a no vote on this proposal.

U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION

Jim Hamilton, President and Bob Beck, Executive Director of the U.S. Soccer Foundation

presented and oversized check to Chairman Borroni. The check in the amount of \$220,000.00 presents a grant for four years to support the U.S. Soccer Festival.

CLOSING REMARKS

Newly elected Chairman Mike Edwards made some closing remarks and he thanked Gianfranco Borroni for his time of service to the Division. He presented a gift on behalf of the Regions and membership.

Mike Edwards then asked Wallace Watson, as the senior member of the Executive Committee to present a plaque to Gianfranco Borroni. A standing ovation by the council followed his remark.

U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION BOARD

Marilyn Childress asked the delegates for their support at the Federation Council Meeting in her quest for a seat on the U.S. Soccer Foundation Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gianfranco Borroni adjourned the sixteenth Annual General Meeting at 10:00 am.