

**United States Adult Soccer Association
Annual General Meeting
August 10, 2002
San Francisco, California**

The 2002 Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the National Council of the United States Amateur Soccer Association ("USASA") was called to order at 8:25 a.m. by the Chairman, who asked for a moment of silence for those in the soccer community who were victims of the September 11 attack on New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania. The chairman also asked that the members remember the USASA Administrator, Fritz Marth, in their thoughts and prayers.

Roll Call

Ken Conselya, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, conducted the roll call of members. The following members were not present during the roll call: New Hampshire, South Dakota, Kentucky, Kansas, Alaska, and Montana. Kentucky and New Hampshire joined the meeting later. The LASL regional league and USL National League were not represented. The total vote was 160 votes, with a majority being 81 votes and 2/3 majority being 107 votes.

Minutes of 2001 AGM

The minutes of the 2001 AGM were corrected with one minor change.

Election of Officers

Charlie Robinson and Marge Madriago were nominated for the position of Vice Chairman of USASA. Marge Madriago was elected on the first ballot.

Toni Briggs and Carlos Rodriguez were nominated for the position of Treasurer of USASA. Toni Briggs was elected on the first ballot.

Marypat Bell was nominated for an At Large position as Adult Council Director. With no further nominations, the Chairman declared Marypat Bell the winner by acclamation.

Communications

No communications related to the AGM were received.

Reports of Officers and Committeess

Bill Bosgraaf, Chairman of the Select Teams Committee, congratulated Texas State Soccer Association south for an outstanding job hosting and staging the 2002 USASA Soccer Festival.

Marypat Bell, chairman of the Midyear Meeting Committee, asked for feedback on the timing of the Midyear Meeting in the 2002-2003 fiscal year, when US Soccer will change its AGM to a winter meeting. After discussion, a motion was passed to stage a Midyear Meeting in October 2003 at a site to be determined.

Tim Busch, Chairman of the Veteran's Cup Committee reported on status of the 2003 Veteran's Cup to be held in Hawaii and the direction from the Executive Committee to solicit bids for the 2004 Veteran's Cup. Following discussion, a motion was passed to award the 2004 Veteran's Cup to Hawaii.

Gerhard Mengel, Chairman of the National Cups Committee, congratulated his committee on a job well done and commended the winners of the national cup championships for 2002. He also announced that the 2003 National Cup finals will be played in Milwaukee.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Chairman Mike Edwards presented a business plan framework for USASA, a copy of which is attached. USASA will receive some funding from USSF after the USASA/USSF Marketing and Sponsorship Agreement terminates on August 31, 2002. One of the requirements for the ongoing funding, which will extend for 3 years, was that USASA develop and present a business plan to the USSF Board of Directors. The Chairman also reported on the status of our office relocation and hiring of a new administrator.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Amendments to the Bylaws and Policies

(Changes indicated as underlined or strikethrough)

Bylaw Change 1

Bylaw 101. NAME

This organization shall be incorporated as the "United States Adult Soccer Association, Inc."

Bylaw Change 2

Bylaw 203. REGIONS

Section 2. Region I is composed of the following

(7) Massachusetts Amateur State Soccer Association

Bylaw Change 3

Bylaw 213. STATE ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL LEAGUE, AND REGIONAL LEAGUE RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 2. Each State Association shall comply with the following:

~~(1) Each team within the State Association must be classified as either of the following:~~

~~a. The "Premier Team" classification shall designate teams playing at a higher level of amateur, adult competition. Premier Teams shall be eligible for National Cups competitions and interstate travel.~~

~~b. The "Recreational Team" classification shall be assigned to teams not eligible for National Cups competitions and interstate travel. Each team shall maintain and make available a roster of all of its players. Each State Association shall establish procedures to carry out these requirements for its recreational teams.~~

~~(12) A State Association must set its fees for all of its members on an equal basis and may not charge any team or club additional fees except servicing fees and costs, because the team or club may play in a National or Regional League.~~

~~(23) Subject to compliance with the Bylaws, Rules, Policies, and procedures of USASA, a State Association shall admit to its membership teams, leagues, and organizations within its jurisdiction and provide management assistance where required.~~

Bylaw Change 4

Bylaw 215. FEES

Section 3. Organization Members shall pay a registration fee to the USASA for each of its affiliated players not later than 60 days after such teams have registered with them. If the fee is not paid within that 60-day period, the Organization Member is fined \$1 for each player. If the fees and fines are not paid within 30 days after the 60-day period, an additional fine of \$1 for each player is added. If all fees and fines are not paid within 120 days after the team has registered with the Organization Member, additional fines may be imposed on the Organization Member by the Executive Committee.

~~**Section 4.** Player registration fees must be paid to USASA within 60 days after the fees are paid to the Organization Member.~~

Bylaw Change 5

Bylaw 301. ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

Section 1. (a) Each State Association is entitled to vote at National Council meetings, Federation National Council meetings, and that State Association's Regional Council meetings. A State Association shall have the following number of votes:

<u>(1) 0-44 players.....</u>	<u>0 votes</u>
<u>(2) 45-750 players.....</u>	<u>1 vote</u>
<u>(3) 751-1700 players....</u>	<u>2 votes</u>
<u>(4) 1701-3400 players..</u>	<u>3 votes</u>
<u>(5) 3401-8500 players.....</u>	<u>4 votes</u>
<u>(6) Over 8500 players.....</u>	<u>5 votes</u>

Changed from the following:

- (1) 1 - 50 teams 1 vote
- (2) 51 - 100 teams 2 votes
- (3) 101 – 200 teams 3 votes
- (4) Over 200 teams 4 votes

Bylaw Change 6

Bylaw 301. ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

Section 2. Each National League is entitled to vote at National Council meetings and Federation National Council meetings. A National League has the same number of votes as a State Association based on players registered with USASA. A National league shall always be entitled to at least one vote.

Section 3. Each Regional League is entitled to vote at National Council meetings, Federation National Council meetings, and Regional Council meetings of the region in which a majority of its players are located. A Regional League has the same number of votes as a State Association, based on players registered with USASA. A Regional League shall always be entitled to at least one vote.

Section 4. Each Affiliate is entitled to vote at National Council meetings and Federation National Council meetings. An Affiliate has the same number of votes as a State Association, based on players registered with USASA. Except for a USASA

Affiliate that has less than 45 players, an Affiliate shall always be entitled to at least one vote.

Bylaw Change 7

Bylaw 506. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee is responsible for

- (1) developing and distributing Executive Committee approved recruiting materials to members and prospective members;

Bylaw Change 8

Bylaw 701. NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON TEAMS

Section 2. (a) A team registered to a State Association, National League, Regional League, Affiliate, or other Organization Member may not have more than 18 registered active players dressed for a game at one time except Coed and Over-30, ~~other over-aged aged and recreational teams.~~ ~~The maximum number of players allowed to register for a team shall be determined by the State Association, National League, Regional League, Affiliate or other Organization Member.~~ The Organization Member may set the number of active players dressed for a game at one time. ~~Special consideration shall be given to teams from Co-ed, Over-30, other over-aged and recreational programs.~~

(b) The maximum number of players allowed to register for a team shall be determined by the State Association, National League, Regional League, Affiliate or other Organization Member.

~~(b) A State Association, National League, Regional League, Affiliate or other Organization Member may adopt the club concept for team registrations that provides for 36 registered active players of the club fields a team and a reserve team. The eligibility of those players to play for either team of that club shall be determined by the leagues and competitions in which the club competes.~~

Bylaw Change 9

Bylaw 702. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

Section 5.

- (1) An Organization member (except an Associate) may register individual players for indoor-only play by paying a special indoor-only fee set annually pursuant to Bylaw 215, Section 1, together with all insurance premiums set annually for all members.
- (2) Any Organization Member seeking to register players at a special indoor-only fee shall submit such request to the Executive Committee for approval. This request must include a description of the indoor program including the style of play (i.e., Futsal, reduced side, dasher board).
- (3) Players who register in an indoor-only program and pay a special indoor-only fee shall not be eligible to participate in any other competition of an Organization Member in any capacity, including as a guest player, without having paid the fees required of USASA players in full-sided competitions.

Section 6.

- (1) An Organization member (except an Associate) may register individual players for play in one-time small-sided events (i.e. 3 v. 3 tournaments) by paying a special small-sided event fee set annually pursuant to Bylaw 215, Section 1, together with all insurance premiums set annually for all members.
- (2) Any Organization Member seeking to register players at a small-sided event fee shall submit such request to the Executive Committee for approval. This request must include a description of the event(s), including the style of play, the rules of the event, dates of the event(s) and location and information identifying the entity staging such event(s).
- (3) Players who register for such one-time small-sided events and pay a special small-sided event fee shall not be eligible to participate in any other competition of an Organization Member in any capacity, including as a guest player, without having paid the fees required of USASA players in full-sided competitions.

Bylaw Change 10

Bylaw 704. TRAVEL

Section 2. A team wishing to play in an approved competition outside its jurisdiction must:

- (1) be a registered premier team or comprised of registered premier players; and

New Business

The 2002-2003 USASA budget was approved as presented with the following modifications:

- Women's Development Committee increased to \$4,200
- Player Registration Fee decreased to \$1,035,000

The Chairman presented hosting awards to Eastern Pennsylvania for the 2002 National Cups, West Virginia for the 2002 Veteran's Cup, and North Texas for the 2001 Coed Cup.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.