

UNITED STATES ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2004

Chairman Michael Edwards opened the twenty-second Annual General Meeting of the United States Adult Soccer Association at 8:18 a.m. on March 6, 2004.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Edwards asked the membership to stand and join him in a moment of silence for friends, colleagues and relatives who have passed away during the last year.

CREDENTIALS REPORTS

A sign-in by the Credentials Committee was conducted prior to the opening of the meeting. The Chairman Ken Conselyea thanked his committee. The following associations were not represented: Vermont, West Virginia, South Dakota, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Montana, and Wyoming. Chairman Conselyea certified the voting strength at 175 with a majority at 88, and for a two-thirds vote, 117.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting in Chicago, Illinois were approved.

ADULT COUNCIL MEETING

Chairman Edwards reported that there were no elections for the council. A motion was made and seconded to approve the actions of the Adult Council. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

The administrator informed the chair that there were no communications.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Gerhard Mengel of the National Cups added the additional comments to his report. He thanked the Executive Committee for their support to the national cups and his four Regional Cup Commissions working to create more entries for the national competition.

Tim Busch of the Veterans Cup reminded the membership that the cup will be held in Hawaii June 23 to 27. Entries are open through April 1. This year the committee has added the following divisions of Over 30, 34 and 35 for Women, and Over 45 for women and men. Communication should be done through the regional representative. The committee is working with the Executive Committee on the 2005-06 bid, which will be with North Carolina.

Dyann Pugliese, Chairman of Grants Committee, Build USASA, reported that last year they awarded \$6,830 in grants' money, and one of those has already directly related to an increase in membership. The grant went to Iowa, which increased their Hispanic league membership. The purpose of these grants is to increase membership. Capital improvements are a foundation application and not the purpose of the USASA grant program.

The Mid Year Meeting Committee Marypat Bell reported that information on the meeting should have circulated at the regional meetings. This is reminder that the meeting will be August 6-8 in Orlando Marriott St. Mary, FL. Registration sheets will soon be sent out. This year's format will be a little different as we are combining with the national cups in order to offer the members a chance to see those games. The region meetings will start about 1 p.m. A buffet luncheon will be provided between twelve and one so that if you go to the games you can come in, pick up your lunch, and go to your regional meeting. On Saturday, there will be a continental breakfast, workshops, Referee and Coach of the Year luncheon. Hospitality room will be available Friday and Saturday nights. The difference is there may or may not be a meeting on Sunday. The chairman encouraged the states to invite their league and club presidents as workshops will available on insurance certificates over the internet, review office functions, Soccer 101, on bring Hispanic leagues, Division 3 and the player, and state web pages. She is looking for volunteers to help on the web page workshop.

Bill Bosgraaf, Chairman Select Team Committee, said that they were looking forward to doing the festival in Milwaukee in July starting on the sixteenth, which is a few weeks earlier than previously. They were looking forward to the new format change to see what challenges it brings. The committee was thanked.

Mike Edwards added the following additions to his report that they have found a firm that will let the states do online insurance certificates. The estimated cost will be \$3000 and create savings in the office in labor providing an easier system. The process will be the same as a state's claims program with a verification's officer. The program was found on the AYSO web page. Before you is an application for membership from Premier Arena Soccer League, which is a multi-state high-level soccer operation that is currently working with MISL as a minor league. The league as a network of arenas and will give us an in to increasing the membership in our Indoor Soccer category. US Soccer will be adding next year an Indoor Referee certification program. He has had two meetings with potential marketing agents, and one offer that would have cost the USASA nothing but would have required a healthy amount of sponsorship to be brought in before we would have realized any revenues. The Executive Committee wanted to see other offers before a decision was made. It was felt that within two to three months there would be a marketing agent in place. Mike requested that the states need to take the step to begin to provide a database that includes teams, leagues, and players. The need is for the name, address, and gender of the players. This provides the demographics of who we are and what the agent

is trying to sell. This information will provide valuable data for the USASA in determining who we are and where we are not. The Executive Committee has invested monies in a Hispanic Recruiting Committee that is already on the road visiting state associations. This helps pinpoint where the monies needed to be spent. The information could provide sponsorship for events and create more programs for the membership.

Marge Madriago reported on her attendance at the Athlete's Council. She felt the meeting was open and that on many issues they have the same concerns. They hope to send representatives to more events and hope to improve communications. At all levels, we also need to communicate and be more inclusive.

Michael Edwards reported the USSF Governance Committee that was appointed. He and Marypat Bell have been appointed to the committee. A major issue deals with being a state organization and that everyone should have certain base line obligations. There are focus groups, and this evening there is a Town Hall meeting. Plan to attend, as it is an opportunity to give direct feedback.

Also, a Diversity Committee has been started and in addition to Michael, Richard Groff is also a member.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is none.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ADULT COUNCIL

On the advice of the Chairman of the USSF Rules Committee, Michael Edwards declared the current meeting in recess and convened the Adult Council Meeting. He called for any business to come before the council. As there was no business, the council meeting was adjourned.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER, BYLAWS, AND POLICIES

Dan Trainor thanked his committee for their work. The committee met via a conference call. Dan reminded the membership that if you disagree with a proposal, it need not be moved to the floor and it will die due to the lack of a motion. A voice vote will be the first vote. If this vote is inconclusive, then a card vote will taken.

Proposal No. 1 – passed

Proposal No. 2 – passed, revised and withdrawn

Proposal No. 3 – passed, as amended

Proposal No. 4 –passed.

Proposal No. 5 – passed

Proposal No. 6 – passed

Proposal No. 7 – passed

Proposal No. 8 – passed
Proposal No. 8 – passed
Proposal No. 9 – passed
Proposal No. 10 – passed
Proposal No. 11 – passed
Proposal No. 12 – passed, as amended
Proposal No. 13 – passed
Proposal No. 14 – passed
Proposal No. 15 - passed, as amended
Proposal No. 16 – passed
Proposal No. 17 – passed, as amended

NEW BUSINESS

a) Budget

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the 2004-2005 Budget. Richard Groff moved to amend line item E44 and E55 as follows. The total amount would be \$25,000. E44 would receive an additional \$20,000 and E55 would receive \$5,000. This was seconded from the floor.

Bruno Trapikas moved to table of the motion. This was seconded from the floor. Motion passed.

Bruno Trapikas moved that E80 and E81 be moved to below the line. The second was from the floor. Passed.

A motion was made and seconded to return the tabled amendment to the floor. Motion passed.

The E44 and E55 amendment passed.

Richard Groff made a motion to request \$65,000 from the Federation to fund the Soccer Festival. Michael Edwards determined that the Executive Committee has the power to revise the budget should those funds become available. There was no second.

The chair recommended that a Resolution of Support to such a motion to amend the Federation budget. A motion was made and second for such a resolution. Motion passed.

Paul Sherer discussed the monies in the budget designated as an insurance rebate, R11. He moved the money be placed in a pool to cover future losses. A second came from the floor. Motion passed.

Budget was passed as amended.

Recommendations were made to improve the presentation of the budget and financial reports.

b) Application for membership

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to grant membership to Premier Arena Soccer League. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to change status of MPSL from a regional League to a National League. Motion passed.

A motion by Bob Black to postpone this application for membership of US Club Soccer as a USASA Affiliate to the next general membership meeting was made and seconded from the floor. Motion passed.

GOOD OF THE GAME

Gerhard Mengel announced the National Cups for 2004 will be in Orlando and in 2005 in North Texas

Michael Edwards announced the Coed Cup would be Albuquerque and all are invited to attend.

Jim Hamilton announced the following were up for reelection: Irene Saucedo-Smith, Charlie Stillitano, and Kevin Payne for the US Soccer Foundation.

Rob La Vielle President of Florida said that his state looks forward to the Mid Year Meeting and the National Cup finals in Orlando and invites everyone to attend.

Bob Black seconded Jim Hamilton's comments. Also, he congratulated and thanked those who worked to produce this meeting's materials in a timely manner.

Marilyn Childress reminded everyone that the women's pro league is still an active entity and that they plan to have a festival this summer. She requested that we show that the grassroots still support the pro league.

Jack Sullivan encouraged everyone to come to Hawaii for the Veteran's Cup.

Peter Vermes, Chairman of the Athletes' Council was able to speak and to discuss their program. There needs to be more communication between councils and invited everyone to contact all the members of their council. He encouraged us to invite former players to become involved in our programs.

Mike Edwards asked the membership to support the incumbents for reelection at the federation meeting

Mike Edwards thanked Eastern New York for hosting the meeting.

Mike Edwards acknowledged Gianfranco Borroni, former Chairman of the USASA and praised his efforts on the behalf of soccer.

Gerhard Mengel announced that FIFA has eliminated Golden Goals. He recommended that this be adopted for 2004-05 cup policies. The Executive Committee will take the suggestion under advisement.

The meeting was adjournment at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

June D. Stroup,
Secretary