

**United States Adult soccer Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2005
Orlando, Florida**

Chairman Michael Edwards opened the twenty-third Annual General Meeting of the United States Adult Soccer Association at 8:35 a.m. on March 12, 2005.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Edward 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

Chairman Ken Conselyea conducted the roll call by region. States not in attendance were: Maine, South Dakota, Alabama, Mississippi, California South, Montana, Wyoming, and Premier Arena Soccer League. The total votes are 181, with a majority being 91, two-thirds vote being 121, and 90% is at 163 votes. See Attachment 1 for the entire Credentials report.

FOUNDATIONS CANDIDATES AND INFORMATION

Chairman Edwards gave each of the United States Soccer Foundation board candidates an opportunity to introduce themselves. Lauren Grey, Brad Hayes, and Jim Hamilton each spoke for a few moments requesting to be re-elected to their current positions on the Foundation Board. Chairmen Edwards added an additional piece of information concerning the foundation. The board is in the process of amending its by-laws and by doing so will create more diversity on its board. As Chairman of USASA, he automatically has a seat on this board. The by-law change will permit each council an opportunity to select a person to serve in his place. At the 2006 Adult Council Meeting, there will be an election to fill that position for a two-year term.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE FLOOR

President, Jim Sadowski, of Metro DC – Virginia Soccer Association announced that due to the fact that the Insurance Committee would be making a presentation of its findings under New Business he would withdraw his rule change.

RECESS

Chairman Edwards recessed the meeting to hold the Adult Council Meeting at 8:45 a.m.

MEETING RESUMED

The meeting was resumed at 8:52 a.m.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting in New York, New York were approved.

ELECTIONS

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the USASA. The incumbent is Ms. Marge Madriago. Bill Bosgraaf, Region IV Director, rose to nominate Ms. Madriago for an additional term. There were no other nominations. The

nominations were closed and the Chair declared Ms. Madriago elected by acclamation. She accepted.

The floor was opened for nomination for the position of Treasurer. Ms. Toni Briggs is the incumbent. Richard Groff, Region I Director, rose to nominate Brian Alexander, past Region I Deputy Director, for the position of Treasurer. Ric Olivas of California North rose to nominate Toni Briggs. Richard Williams rose to second the nomination of Brian Alexander. Brooks McCormick, Region III Director seconded the nomination of Toni Briggs and John Sutter also seconded her nomination. The nominations were closed. The Chairman announced that Toni Briggs was re-elected as Treasurer. She accepted.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chairman Edwards acknowledged the newly elected members to the Regional and Executive Committees including Bill Bosgraaf, Region IV Director, Fritz Marth, Region I Deputy Director, Mike Maloney, Region IV Deputy Director, and Russel Rankenburg, Region III Treasurer.

COMMUNICATIONS

The administrator informed the chair that there were no communications.

REPORTS

Gerhard Mengel of the National Cups thanked his committee and outgoing Cup Commissioners.

John Motta, Chairman of Referee Committee, reminded everyone that nominations are due for the Referee of Year and should be sent to the state's SRA by April 1. All SRAs received communication to send referees to the Veterans Cups and there will be a need for referees at the COED Cup as well.

Carlos Rodriguez on behalf of the Select Team Committee reported on the results of the Donnelly Cup at the Home Depot Center. California South won the men's championship and Illinois Select won the women's championship. He also reported on the Men's Team at Bradenton at IMG Academy. The team played the U-17, and U-20 National Teams, Kansas City Wizards and Real St. Lake doing very well. The Select camp will be July 4 weekend at the Home Depot Center. The coaches will be selecting six players per region to go into camp for a camp of thirty-six men and women players. Also he thanked Bill Bosgraaf for his work as Chairman.

Tim Busch announced that the Veterans Cup has new divisions of O-35 and O-60 Men's. The deadline is April 1. There are currently 70 teams registered for the Wilmington games. He anticipates close to 80 to 85 teams.

Brian Alexander congratulated Toni Briggs and thanked all of those who voted for him.

Vice Chairman Marge Madriago announced that Gerhard Mengel was awarded the Werner Fricker Builder's Award.

Chairman Edwards reviewed the Business Plan to update the membership. He also introduced the new USASA logo. A new COED Cup logo was also adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER, BYLAWS, AND POLICIES

Tim Busch stated Washington State Soccer proposed By-law 403-3-1-4 and that it be withdrawn. He stated that perhaps the proposal was a little over reaching and requested that on controversial issues that the votes be recorded especially those in the minority. Chairman Edwards also pledged to distribute the minutes in a timelier manner.

Also being withdrawn was Policy 201-2 by the Executive Committee.

Dan Trainor, Rules Committee Chairman, took the chair. Dan thanked his committee. He added a summary page to facility the process.

Proposal 1:Bylaw 301-2 passed.

Bylaw 301 Organization Members

Section 1

(2) At any National or Regional council meeting, the number of votes (delegates) of State Associations shall be based on the number of players registered and fees paid by the State Association to the USASA. Players registered and fee paid shall be for the previous calendar year (January 1 through December 31) before the Annual General Meeting as certified by the USASA Administrator. The number of votes (delegates) determined at the Annual Meeting shall remain in effect until the next Annual General Meeting.

Note: For the first transitional year (2006 only) the number of votes shall be based on players registered and fees paid during the previous calendar year (January 1 through December 31) or on players registered and fees paid during the twelve (12) month period as of thirty (30) days before the Annual General Meeting which ever is the greater.

Proposal 2 Bylaw 403-3-1-d withdrawn

Proposal 3 Bylaw 412 failed

Proposal 4 Policy 201-2 withdrawn

Proposal 5 Policy 203-2 passed as recommended

PART II: ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

RULE 203: PLAYER POOL

2. This Player Pool Form must be filled out completely and typed, signed by a team official, and must be verified and dated by the appropriate State Association, Regional League, or National League.

Proposal 6 Policy 305-1-f passed

PART III. PLAYING REQUIREMENTS

RULE 305: PLAYING RULES

1 (f) Regional Cups commissioners may organize the Regional Rounds of competition in a manner agreed to at a Regional Council meeting. This may include round robin brackets, double elimination, or single elimination. Depending upon the format chosen and approved by the Regional Council, a tie may be allowed to stand. In games in which a winner must be determined, the regional Cups Commissioner shall have the authority to decide whether games will go into overtime periods, or directly to Kicks from Penalty Mark as prescribed by FIFA. In all National Rounds of competition in which the score of any game is tied at the end of the second half, there will be two (2) overtime periods of fifteen (15) minutes each. If the game remains tied at the end of the two (2) overtime periods, the winner will then be determined by Kicks from the Penalty Mark as prescribed by FIFA.

Proposal 7 Policy 307 passed
PART III. PLAYING REQUIREMENTS
RULE 307 PLAYER DISCIPLINE

RULE 307 PLAYER AND TEAM OFFICIAL DISCIPLINE

Proposal 8 Policy 307-3 passed
PART III. PLAYING REQUIREMENTS
RULE 307 PLAYER AND TEAM OFFICIAL DISCIPLINE

3. If any player or team official is participating in more than one National Cups competition during the same weekend, that ejected player or dismissed team official will be suspended from the next one [Rule 307(1)] or two [Rule 307(2)] games of all competitions in which that player or team official was eligible to participate.

Proposal 9 Policy 307-4 passed as recommended
PART III. PLAYING REQUIREMENTS
RULE 307. PLAYER AND TEAM OFFICIAL DISCIPLINE

1. Team officials (coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, and others allowed to be in the technical area) are expected to behave in a responsible manner. A team official may be expelled from the field by the referee, in which case the team official must leave the area of the field entirely and no longer participate directly or indirectly in the match. The dismissed team official will also be suspended from participating in the next scheduled match of the official's team, but the National Cup Committee may increase or add other penalties as the behavior warrants.

Proposal 10 Policy 308-1 passed as recommended
PART III. PLAYING REQUIREMENTS
RULE 308. TEAM AND PLAYER BREACH OF RULES

The National Cups Committee has the authority to impose additional player suspensions and/or disqualify and remove from further participation in any National Cups competition, any team, team official, or player of any competing team who has been proven to be guilty of any breach of the rules of USASA or the Federation.

Proposal 11 Policy 308-2 failed

Proposal 12 Policy 308-5 passed as recommended

**PART III. PLAYING REQUIREMENTS
RULE 308. TEAM AND PLAYER BREACH OF RULES**

Any team which abandons a game in progress in any Regional or National Round of Competition shall be disqualified and removed from the competition and shall forfeit their bond and entry fee, as well as any awards to which they would otherwise be entitled to by completing the game. The Nation Cup Committee, at its discretion, has the authority to impose additional penalties and suspensions for unsportmanlike conduct, including requiring such team to reimburse the USASA for all travel expenses to the appropriate round of Competition.

Proposal 13 Policy 309-1 failed

Proposal 14 Policy 309-3-b-2 failed

Proposal 15 Policy 309-3-d passed

**PART II. I PLAYING REQUIREMENTS
RULE 309. PROTESTS**

3 (d) No protest is proper for the alleged use of an ineligible player whose name appears on the Player Pool Form received by the opposing team under "203-3", unless prior to the game a written protest, accompanied by the \$100 pretest fee, is lodged with the referee and the opposing team for that game.

Proposal 16 Policy 309-3-f failed

Proposal 17 Policy 309-4 failed

Proposal 18 Policy 309-5 failed

Proposal 19 Policy 310-1-b failed

Proposal 20 Policy 404-2 passed

**PART IV. ROUNDS OF THE COMPETITION
RULE 404. REGIONAL ROUNDS OF COMPETITIONS**

2. Each champion of National League and Regional League Rounds of competitions shall be entered in Regional Rounds of competitions within that Region in which the team is domiciled.

Proposal 21 Policy 404-3 passed

**PART IV. ROUNDS OF THE COMPETITION
RULE 404. REGIONAL ROUNDS OF COMPETITIONS**

3. The finals of the Regional Rounds of competitions shall be conducted in any State Association of the region that has been granted hosting permission by the Regional Council.

Proposal 22 Policy 501-2 passed

PART V. COMMISSIONERS
RULE 501. NATIONAL CUP COMMISSIONERS

2. Should the National Cup Commissioners, Regional Cup Commissioners, State Cup Commissioners, or any other person to whom any responsibility for administering the National Cups competitions is delegated, be a player registered with, or an official of a State, League or Team entered in the competitions, the Commissioner(s) must recuse him/herself from all discussions and decisions concerning the team or organization of which he/she may be affiliated with.

Proposal 23 Policy 501-3 passed as amended

PART V. COMMISSIONERS
RULE 501. NATIONAL CUPS COMMISSIONERS

The National Cups competitions shall be administered directly by the National Cups Commissioners.

Proposal 24 Policy 502-2-e passed

PART V. COMMISSIONERS
RULE 502. REGIONAL CUPS COMMISSIONERS

2 (e) coordinate the scheduling of all Regional Rounds of competitions.

Proposal 25 Policy 501-1-e passed

PART V. COMMISSIONERS
RULE 503. STATE CUPS COMMISSIONERS

1. (e) resolving all disagreements regarding the sites, dates, and time of intrastate Cup games in consultation with the Regional Cups Commissioner.

Proposal 26 Policy 603-1 passed

PART VI. FINANCIAL MATTERS
RULE 603. TRAVEL SUBSIDIES FOR NATIONAL FINALS

1. Any team representing a Region at the National level will receive a full allotment of the travel subsidy. For those teams wishing to make their own travel arrangement to the National Finals – they will be reimbursed for only the same amount of money it would have taken to fly if arrangements had been made within three days of winning the Regional competition. However, for those teams who live within 250 miles of the National Cup Finals, they will only receive a team travel allocation based on a team mileage rate set annually by the Executive Committee.

Proposal 27 Housekeeping passed
NATIOANL CUP POLICIES

Remove all reference to U/20 Cups throughout the policies.

Larry Frisoli of Massachusetts requested the Rules Committee adopt a proposal on the Hall of Fame for the membership. He supplied a recommendation for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Insurance Committee report

:Chairman Edwards turned the chair over to John Sutter of the Ad Hoc Insurance Committee to discuss its findings and how they arrived at their conclusions. The committee reviewed the process and what would provide the best overall coverage for the association. It was decided since the sports market has a limited number of underwriters and to ensure the best price, it was determined to select an agent rather than an underwriter. A RFP was developed and given to three different agents including the current agent. The committee met with these agents asking the same questions of each and from these interviews determined the best agent. The chosen agent will have until May 1 to come in with the best policy for the association.

B. 2005-06 Budget

Tim Busch amended that line item E-73 to be returned to the original request of \$6000 for travel to potential sites for the Veterans Cup. The motion passed.

Gerhard Mengel requested that line item E-45 to increase the amount to \$14,500 to cover the cost of the awards for National Cups. A motion was made from the floor to approve the change. Motion failed.

Janet Slauson of the Women's Development Committee requested that line E 59 to be increased to \$5000. A motion was made from the floor and passed.

Carlos Rodriguez E-56 Soccer Festival needs to be changed to Soccer Camp.

Russel Rankenberg of Georgia stated we are approving a negative budget and questioned if there is a surplus. The surplus does exist. Last year, he requested a policy to include variances/differences in the budget and why the change is occurring.

Charlie Hagen of Nebraska moved E-80 and E-81 to be zeroed and recommended that they find other sources of funding or have the participants contribute to the program. Motion failed.

David Carmody of Connecticut moved to increase line item E-45 to \$10,000. Motion failed.

A budget as amended of \$3,915,150 in revenues and \$3,998,710 in expenses was approved. The projected deficit is \$81,566. See Attachment 2.

C. Audited Financial reports: A motion and second from the floor to approve the 2003 and 2004 audits was passed.

D. Request of Information: Tim Holt of USL questioned the status of MPSL vs the NPSL. The NPSL is in good standing. MPSL is not in existence and is

not recognized by this body. The NPSL changed its status to a national league and became a non-profit and the Executive Committee approved this.

E. Hall of Fame: The Hall of Fame has material to help states build their own Halls of Fame to recognize its members

F. Grants: Steve Flamhaft stated that he and others within the association sit on the Foundation Grants Committee. It is unfortunate that more adult state associations do not apply for grants. The funds are available and USASA members need to avail themselves of the opportunity.

G. Daytime Mikie Awards: The award is given by Chairman Edwards to people who have contributed to further adult soccer and for their outstanding contributions to the association. This year's honorees included Dan Flynn, Larry Harmon, Lyndell Phillips, Nino DePasquali, and our own Mike Maloney.

H. Hosting Awards went to Florida, Hawaii, Wisconsin and the Milwaukee Kickers, and New Mexico.

I. Mid-Year-Meeting information is in your delegate packet and the registration fee has been increased to \$50. The office has bid information for 2006.

J.. National Cup O-30 Trophy: the trophy has been named in honor of Gerhard Mengel.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

June D. Stroup,
Secretary

Attachment 1: Credentials Report
Attachment 2 2005-06 Budget

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Chairman Michael Edwards opened the meeting of the United States Adult Soccer Council Meeting at 8:46 am on March 12, 2005.

The roll call, being the same as the USASA meeting, was conducted during the USASA annual meeting. The vote count will be the same as recorded in the USASA March 12, 2005 minutes.

Chairman Edwards opened the floor for nominations for Member-at-Large Director. The incumbent is Marypat Bell. Werner Fricker, Jr. Member-at-Large Director for the Adult Soccer Council placed in nomination Marypat Bell's name. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed and the Chairman declared Marypat Bell elected by acclamation. She accepted.

Chairman Edward moved that breakfast is billed to the federation. Motion passed.

Richard Groff stated in light of the fact that the Adult Council is actually a member and the body of the federation and in light of the fact that the federation has 30 million dollars in bank, he moved the USSF support the grass roots effort of USASA and that they add to their budget a \$60,000 amount to fund the USASA Select Team Camp in July. The motion was seconded from the floor. The motion passed.

Being no other business to come before the council, Chairman Edwards adjourned the meeting at 8:51 am.

Respectfully submitted by,

June D. Stroup,
Acting Secretary