

[Note: Due to the fact that speakers at/during the meeting did not use the microphone and appropriately identify themselves and the organization that they represented, you will see many marks such as“(?)”. This means the audio was inaudible.]

Minutes of USASA Annual General Meeting

Hilton Village
Waikoloa, HI
February 15, 2008

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brooks McCormick at 2:30 pm.

He requested a moment of silence in honor of those that have passed.

Roll Call Conducted by Ken Conselyea, Credential Committee Chair

Region I

Connecticut: 4 votes (responded)
Delaware: 0 votes
Eastern New York: 5 votes
(responded)
Eastern Pennsylvania: 2 votes
(responded)
Maryland: 2 votes
Massachusetts: 4 votes (responded)
D.C./Virginia: 5 votes (responded)
New Hampshire: 2 votes (responded)
New Jersey: 4 votes (responded)
Pennsylvania West: 3 votes
(responded)
Rhode Island: 2 votes (responded)
Vermont: 2 vote
West Virginia: 2 votes
Western New York: 4 votes

Region II

Illinois: 4 votes (responded)
Indiana: 4 votes (responded)
Iowa: 2 votes (responded)
Kansas: 3 votes (responded)
Kentucky: 3 votes (responded)
Michigan: 4 votes (responded)
Minnesota: 4 votes (responded)
Missouri: 2 votes (responded)
Nebraska: 2 votes (responded)
Ohio North: 3 votes (responded)
South Dakota: 0 vote
Southern Ohio: 3 votes (responded)
Wisconsin: 2 votes (responded)

Region III

Alabama: 0 vote
Arkansas: 3 votes (responded)
Florida: 5 votes (responded)
Georgia: 4 votes (responded)
Louisiana: 3 votes (responded)
Mississippi: 0 vote
North Carolina: 5 votes (responded)
North Texas: 5 votes (responded)
Oklahoma: 3 votes (responded)
South Carolina: 0 votes (responded)
Tennessee: 3 votes (responded)
Texas South: 5 votes (responded)

Region IV

Alaska: 3 votes (responded)
Arizona: 4 votes (responded)
Cal North: 5 votes (responded)
Cal South: 5 votes (responded)
Colorado: 3 votes (responded)
Hawaii: 3 votes (responded)
Idaho: 3 votes (responded)
Montana: 2 votes (responded)
New Mexico: 4 votes (responded)
Nevada: 3 votes (responded)
Oregon: 4 votes (responded)
Utah: 3 votes
Washington: 5 votes (responded)
Wyoming: 0 vote

AYSO: 3 votes (responded)
USL: 3 votes (responded)
Champions League: 1 vote (responded)
Woman's Premier Soccer League: 2 votes (responded)
National Premier Soccer League: 2 vote (responded)
Mid-Atlantic Showcase Soccer League: 1 vote

Officers:

Brooks McCormick
Marge Madriago
Valerie Blanchenay
Toni Briggs-McGee

Region III

Carlos Rodriguez
Marypat Bell
Charlsa Moore
Russell Rankenberg

Region I

Richard Groff
Fritz Marth
Matt Krywonos
Tony Falcone

Region IV

Bill Bosgraaf
Mike Maloney
Barbara Trainor (voting for AZ)
Graham Biles (voting for NV)

Region II

Bruno Trapikas
George Chazaro
Ken Conselyea
Bill Davey

Total Vote: 189
Majority: 95
2/3: 126
90%: 170.1

While waiting for credentials committee, Brooks offered a "thank you" to Larry Frisoli for his years of service as Region I Director and he announced that Richard Groff was re-elected in to that same role.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Council approved the minutes of 2007 Mid-year meeting as submitted. Ric Olivas, Cal-N moved, and seconded Rob Lavielle, FL seconded to approve the minutes as presented.

Election of Officers

Chairman Brooks McCormick handed over the elections to be conducted by Marge Madriago.

Chairman

Carlos Rodriguez, Region III Director nominated Bruno Trapikas for USASA Chairman.
Rob LaVielle placed the name of Brooks McCormick for re-election as Chairman of USASA.

A motion to close nominations was made by (?), and seconded by Cal North, and passed. Each candidate was offered the opportunity to select an observer for counting of the ballots.

Brad Hays addressed the group with information about the US Soccer Foundation. He reported that Gianfranco Borroni was recently appointed Chairman of the Grants Committee. He'd be happy to field any questions regarding the Foundation.

Jim Hamilton also addressed the council and indicated we need to continue to have grassroots representation in the Foundation. He also stressed the importance of the work Brad Hays and Gianfranco Borroni have been doing for the Foundation. Jim Hamilton is also up for election this year.

Gianfranco Borroni briefly addressed the group and indicated he has not seen many grant applications from USASA. He encouraged everyone to use the resources within the office to help with the grant application process.

Brad indicated grants are being made where programs/funding doesn't currently exist, i.e. inner city and economically depressed areas. Grants that offer same or better exposure would likely obtain consideration. They are trying to use currently affiliated organizations to supplement in the instances where there are existing programs.

Marge Madriago announced vote count results: 84 votes for Bruno Trapikas, and 87 votes for Brooks McCormick. Brooks McCormick was re-elected as Chairman of USASA.

Secretary

Nominations: Jim Sadowski, MDCVSA, nominated Valerie Blanchenay for the position of USASA Secretary. North Texas seconded the nomination. Valerie indicated her acceptance of the nomination. A motion to close nominations was made by (?), seconded (?), and passed. Valerie was re-elected by acclamation.

Credentials Committee requested a motion to destroy the election ballots. Mario Treglia, ENY motioned, and (?) seconded to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

At-Large Representative to Adult Council

Werner Fricker, Jr. was nominated for re-election by Jim Hamilton. Ric Olivas, Cal N seconded. Werner indicated his acceptance of the nomination. Ric Olivas motioned, and Peter Pinori, ENY moved that nominations be closed. He was re-elected by acclamation.

Communications

The Administrator advised the Chair that there were no communications for this meeting.

Reports of Officers and Committees

Reports of Committees and Officers were provided to the membership through meeting books or email.

Brooks indicated he had one announcement we wanted to make. USASA is on the verge of signing its first national sponsor, RW Knudsen Company, Recharge. They are a high-end energy drink manufacturer. They are working on finalizing a three year agreement that will consist of \$7,000 in cash and \$3,000 in product.

Unfinished Business

None

Amendments to Charter, Bylaws and Policies

Dan Trainor thanked his committee for their work. He explained that the Rules Committee reviewed all proposals and made their recommendations. Process for approval will be voice vote first, if needed they will go to the voting cards. Marge Madriago, Vice Chairman, motioned, and (?) ENY seconded to bring the changes to the floor. Motion carried.

1) (?) motioned and (?) seconded to bring to the floor. Motion carried.

2) (?) motioned and (?) seconded to bring to the floor. Motion carried.

3) New Bylaw 530 – under section 3

(?) motioned and (?) seconded to bring to the floor. Motion carried.

Bob Black offered an amendment, change 4 to 8, so two from each region, if accepted by the proposer. Remainder of the proposal would stay the same. [Dan Trainor indicated we will return to this proposal when Bruno returns to the room.]

4) Bylaw 701 – Section 1

Bruno Trapikas indicated he does agree with Rules Committee recommendation based with exception of section 1, 3, and 5.

(?) motioned and (?) seconded to bring to the floor. Motion carried.

Make a motion to accept the changes would be required from the floor.

(?) motion and (?) seconded to bring to the floor

Jim Sadowski, MDCVSA, requested clarification: that we are striking completely sub paragraph 3, "directly from USASA office". If this amendment passes, players can still not directly register with USASA.

#6 would be renumbered to 5 and number 5 would be stricken from the record.

Motion to approve as amended passed.

Overall passed as amended.

Back to previous Bylaw proposal.

Bob Black Change 2 to 4 during first year. He explained rationale for proposed changes. Bruno indicated his acceptance of proposed changes, barring no objections from remainder of the committee.

Bob Black motioned to accept change as amended, seconded by (?):

Hall of Fame shall also include 8, two from each region. During the first year of implementation, 4 of these individuals shall be chosen to serve 1 year terms.

Bylaw 702

Motion to bring to floor Mike Maloney, seconded by (?) Werner Fricker, Natl Cup Commissioner, would like to offer an amendment. Delete section 4 currently covered by national cups policy 202.6 as he would not like to have any conflicts between the two. Bruno accepts this amendment along with Section 2 should have a period after word "teams" and remove "non-conflicting leagues and competitions" and adopt rules committee recommendations. Motion passes as amended.

Budget

Toni Briggs-McGee was called upon to present the 2008-2009 USASA budget. She provided clarification regarding USASA committee recently approved \$15,000 for Co-ed Cup which is not reflected here. This puts us at a -\$76,650 deficit. She explained the process this year, which was to change how we approached overall budgeting process. First column, "SW/TB" reflects use of historical information. They calculated averaged amounts for airfare, hotel, etc for meetings to be attended in order to have a methodical process to come up with the proposed budget numbers. Budget was \$100,000 to the deficit. A concession made was to increase projected number of player registration. Elite Player Program breakout was presented in a two page print, however, note the bottom line amount for that program category will not change. Toni explained that insurance reserve calculated for past two years. You pay 9.50 per player and we pay in 9.05, the extra .45 goes in to reserve account. It is in retained earnings, \$237,000 and is earmarked for insurance reserve. The \$318,000 amount is a contingency receivable.

Nike allotment not shown in the budget due to the fact it is a non-cash item. Toni explained that we do not budget for non-cash items.

Paul Scherer motioned and Tim Busch, WSSA, seconded, to propose that USASA raise National Cup entry fee to make it equitable across all programs to \$400 and to help reduce budget deficit. Discussion against the motion followed. Motion failed.

Paul Scherer, ID, motioned and Marti Bevan, MDCVSA, seconded to cut the Deputy Director budget from \$5,150 to \$2,060 and only provide for each of the four representatives for their attending the AGM and MYM. Discussion on the motion was held. Motion passed.

Jim Sadowski, MDCVSA asked for further breakdown of spending by program. He noted that over 85% of discretionary spending is attributed to National Cup Program.

Paul Scherer, ID motioned and Tim Busch, WSSA seconded to increase the Veteran's Cup Hosting Subsidy by \$12,400. There was discussion on the motion. Motion failed.

Richard Groff motioned for a budget amendment to decrease the bottom line

deficit, and Tony Falcone seconded to remove the -\$7,970 and keep \$2,030 in the budget for the Adult Council representatives to attend USASA meetings. Rationale is that we have two representatives that sit on US Soccer Federation Executive Board. We pay over \$500,000 to USSF and they pay nothing back. Motion passed.

Tom Moore, Cal-N, motioned that USASA present a zero-based budget for 2009-2010 and it was seconded by Dan Roberge, NH. Motion carried. Tom also motioned, and (? seconded) that several items be added to budget presentation format: show gridlines, page numbers, column numbers, and add in columns for prior year, current year estimated vs. actual. It might be useful to also include a page which explains assumptions, acronyms and abbreviations and rationale. Motion passed.

Elite Player Program (*refer to handout from meeting*)

Bob Black motioned for the Donnelly Cup and (?) seconded, we accept budget amount of \$65,000, minus difference \$110,500 and reinstate \$5,000 for Donnelly referee. [-70k from 110500 =]. This provides the committee with a structure and budget to work within.

Richard Groff suggested a friendly amendment that would consist of simply removing \$30,000 in prize money from the Donnelly Cup/NST Program. Bob Black indicated acceptance of the amendment. Motion carried. New EPP total budget amount will be \$209,500. Donnelly Cup would be open to any state association or league all-star teams. There will be no subsidy for travel for the Donnelly Cup to come to a final event. Bill Bosgraaf reported nothing had been set up for Donnelly Cup at this date.

Jerry Zanelli, WPSL – Made a motion, and (?) seconded the motion, \$50,000 be removed from the budget and end our contract with Demosphere with 60 day notice. Additional discussion ensued. Motion failed.

Bob Black motioned to accept the budget as amended with a \$26,000 deficit. Motion seconded by (?). Motion carried.

New Business

Paul Scherer, ID – There are deficiencies in our programs and we should sit down and discuss these items. Straw poll of those wishing to have a President's meeting indicated the membership was not inclined to have an additional meeting.

Tom Moore, Cal North reported that Region IV created a committee to analyze the USASA project with Demosphere. Tom briefly described the work of the committee and made copies of the committee's analysis of the Demosphere project available.

Mike Edwards, VP of USSF- He addressed the fact that many people have a different definition of the role of a Deputy Director. Individuals have stepped up to serve the organization, what do you want them to do? Then you can propose what the value of what they'd do.

Barb Trainor, AZ – In 2005, she was part of group that surveyed various organizations to help determine what online registration requirements would be needed. Demosphere has met what they were contracted to do largely. Report referenced previously did not necessarily reflect this fact as it addressed additional services.

Larry Frisoli spoke to the topic of insurance. He suggested establishing an insurance committee to put out our coverage to public bid in order to obtain competitive pricing.

For the Good of the Game

Jim Sadowski, 2008 Co-ed Cup will be hosted in Dallas, TX. The exact tournament location will be announced shortly from NTXSSA. Dates will be Oct 24-26, 2008
Hosting plaques were distributed: Tim Busch accepted on behalf of WSSA for National Cup finals and Veteran's Cup. Jack Sullivan accepted on behalf of HI for hosting AGM meeting. Rob LaVielle from FSSA accepted for hosting the MYM meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie F. Blanchenay
USASA Secretary