| 10 11 12 12 13 14 14 15 16 17 17 18 19 20 20 21 22 23 24 24 25 | Adult Council Meeting ```Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill Washington, D.C. June 1, 2013 1:00 p.m. - 2:07 p.m. Reported by Debra K. Resling, RMR, CRR Resling Sportscript, Inc. 4 Cheyenne Blvd Colorado Springs, CO 80905``` | (Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.) <br> PRESIDENT GROFF: We're going to call <br> this meeting to order in about 10 seconds. I'll <br> give you 10 seconds to quiet down. <br> Good afternoon. Calling to order the <br> United States Soccer Federation Adult Council <br> Meeting. <br> We will start with a moment of silence to remember those people who were very important in building this organization and who have passed away. And another person I want you to think about right now is Janice Slausen, who is in the hospital. We want to pray for her and hope she gets better very quickly. <br> Just take a moment and think of these great people that helped us get here today after 100 years. <br> (Moment of silence.) <br> PRESIDENT GROFF: Thank you. <br> So as we go through this meeting, we <br> will try to describe every action that we're <br> going to take very carefully. The Adult Council is under the bylaws of the United States Soccer Federation and has exactly one member. In order to be a member of this organization, you have to |
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| 10 11 12 12 13 14 15 15 16 17 18 18 19 20 21 21 22 23 24 24 25 |  | have 200,000 registrations as a national association. There's only one of those, the United States Adult Soccer Association, or known as USASA. <br> (Applause.) <br> PRESIDENT GROFF: In addition, a <br> state association, under the rules of U.S. <br> Soccer, can join the Adult Council directly, but none of you have chosen to do that -- and we thank you very much -- so we have one member. <br> So the first thing we have to do instead of having Shonna just sit up here and cast all the votes, we have to allocate all the voting power from U.S. Adult Soccer to each of you. So, I need a motion to do that. <br> UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move. <br> PRESIDENT GROFF: Second? <br> UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second. <br> PRESIDENT GROFF: All those in favor? <br> Opposed? <br> Thank you. <br> (Motion passed.) <br> PRESIDENT GROFF: So next we have to <br> have a Credentials Report from the Credentials <br> Committee to tell us how we're going to vote in |

the United States Adult Soccer Association Council, which means you will have exactly the same votes that you have in the USASA National Council meeting. Darius, are you ready for the credentials? He's obviously very busy.

MR. EJLALI: Thanks for your patience. We have elections, and I was trying to collect names, so...

PRESIDENT GROFF: We are going to take a bit of time to go through the Centennial celebration while the Credentials Committee gets their computer working.

It happens.
So 100 years ago on April 5th, 1913,
the United States Football Association was formed. And in that meeting, in the Astor Hotel in New York, there were a group of people. There were actually five state associations. There were more out there, but only five came to the meeting. And then there were executives from different football associations. The meeting was chaired by a referee from Philadelphia; I knew we were in trouble then.

So they decided to merge all of the
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groups, form the United States Football
Association and apply to FIFA. FIFA had said there were too many organizations in the United States; you have to get down to one. So this is a new organization that was formed.

And what we're going to do now is celebrate those state associations that, between that April 5th date and early in 1914, came together to build the United States of America Football Association.

Now, I'm going to do this by memory, because we have 18 plaques over here. We would like you to come up with your plaque. We're going to honor both the original association and today's association.

Jen, are you ready?
We're going to start with the
Connecticut Football Association. And from Connecticut State Association --
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: -- and they were at the very first meeting on April the 5th.

The Southern New York Football Association, which is today the Eastern New York Soccer Association.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: Stay there. We're going to take a picture of all of you.

The New Jersey Football Association which today is the New Jersey Soccer Association.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: The Michigan Soccer
Association which is today the Michigan Soccer Association.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: And the Utah Association Football Union which is now the Utah Soccer Association.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: Now, keep in mind, this gentleman arrived at this meeting on April 5th, 1913, from Salt Lake City. He took a long time to get there.

Those are the original five.
Northern Massachusetts, New Hampshire Football Association. We have two plaques. One for New Hampshire and one for Massachusetts Soccer.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: The Southern New 8

England Football Association of Providence, Rhode Island; the Rhode Island Soccer Association.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: The Wisconsin State
Football Association.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: The Wisconsin
Soccer League.
The Western Pennsylvania Football
Association; Western P.A. Soccer.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: The Association
Football League of Chicago, which is now the Illinois State Soccer Association.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: The Northwestern
New York State Football Association of Rochester, New York; Western New York Soccer.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: The Northwestern
Association Football League, Seattle, Washington.
We're awarding one to Washington State Soccer and
to Oregon State Soccer.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: The California

Football Association. Cal North.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: They actually may have been the earliest starting in 1902, but they were the last one of these 16 who joined the U.S. Soccer Association was -- they joined in January.

Okay. How many more do we have, Jen?
Two?
MS. SUNDERLAND: Three left.
PRESIDENT GROFF: The Football
Association of Eastern Pennsylvania and the
district. Clearly the Eastern Pennsylvania
Soccer Association.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: The Missouri Soccer
Football Association.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: Missouri Soccer.
And the Cleveland Association
Football League; Ohio North.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: These were the founding members of our organization. I'm very proud to have them here today.
(Applause.)

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PRESIDENT GROFF: Okay. The next group that we wanted to honor today were leagues
that have been here for a very long time and clubs that have been here a very long time. So, from the state of New York, Eastern New York Soccer, the Cosmopolitan League.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: They were founded in -- what's the date on that? 1923. Duncan, read out their dates when they come up.

The San Francisco Soccer League.
(Applause.)
MR. RIDDLE: 1902.
PRESIDENT GROFF: What was that?
MR. RIDDLE: 1902. Very impressive.
PRESIDENT GROFF: And they're still
operating. How about that?
We have two clubs -- oh, that's
right, from Illinois, the National Soccer League from Illinois. The dates on that one?
(Applause.)
MR. RIDDLE: 1919.
PRESIDENT GROFF: 1919.
We also want to honor two clubs who have been playing in our leagues. This club
actually plays in the Cosmopolitan League. It's the Hoboken Soccer Football Club.

MR. RIDDLE: 1912.
PRESIDENT GROFF: 1912 and still
playing today. Last year they celebrated their 100th anniversary.

And the United German Hungarian Soccer Club.
(Applause.)
MR. RIDDLE: 1910.
PRESIDENT GROFF: Again honoring our roots. Thank you very much.

Are you ready?
MR. EJLALI: Yes, sir. All right.
Again, thanks for your patience. We will read off the board and go through the states in alphabetical order.
(The following represents the roll call being called by Mr. Ejlali; the answers by the respective parties.)

Q Mr. Groff?
A Here.
Q Bill Bosgraaf?
A Here.
Q Shonna Schroedl?
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A Here.
Q Toni Briggs?
A Here.
Q Jim Hamilton?
A (No response.)
Q John Motta?
A Here.
Q Fritz Marth?
A Here.
Q Tony Falcone?
A Here.
Q Scott Mapes?
A (No response.)
Q John Kahmke?
A Here.
Q Bruno Trapikas?
A Here.
Q Bill Davey?
A Here.
Q Dyann Pugliese?
A Here.
Q Wayne Wilson?
A (No response.)
Q Rob La Vielle?
A Here.

| Q D arius Ejlali, here. <br> A Here. <br> QKaron Beyer? <br> A Here. <br> Q Jeanne Sm ith ? <br> A (Noresponse.) <br> Q Dan Trainor? <br> A Here. <br> Q M ike M aloney? <br> A Here. <br> Q B arbara Trainor? <br> A (Noresponse.) <br> QLoriStoneburner? <br> A Here. <br> Q Alabama? <br> A Here. <br> Q A laska? <br> A (No response.) <br> Q Arizona? <br> A Here. <br> Q Arkansas? <br> A Here. <br> Q Cal North? <br> A Here. <br> QCalsouth? | QKansas? <br> A Here. <br> Q K entucky? <br> A Here. <br> Q Lou isiana? <br> A Here. <br> Q M a in e? <br> A (Noresponse.) <br> Q M aryland? <br> A Here. <br> Q Massachusetts? <br> A Here. <br> Q M etro D.C.? <br> A Here. <br> Q M ichigan? <br> A Here. <br> Q M in nesota? <br> A Here. <br> Q M is sissip pi. <br> A (Noresponse.) <br> Q $M$ is souri? <br> A Here. <br> Q M ontana? <br> A (Noresponse.) <br> Q Nebraska? |
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| A Here. <br> Q Colorado? <br> A Here. <br> QConnecticut? <br> A Here. <br> Q Delaw are? <br> A (Noresponse.) <br> Q Eastern N ew York? <br> A Here. <br> Q Eastern Penn? <br> A Yo. <br> Q Florida? <br> A Here. <br> Q Georgia? <br> A Here. <br> Q H a w a ii? <br> A Here. <br> Q Id a ho? <br> A Here. <br> Q Illino is? <br> A Here. <br> Q Indian a? <br> A Here. <br> Q Iow a? <br> A Here. | ```A(No response.) Q N evada? A H ere. Q N ew H a m pshire? A H ere. Q N ew Jersey? A H ere. Q N ew M exico? A H ere. Q North C arolina? A H ere. QNorth Texas? A H ere. Q O h io North? A H ere. Q O k la hom a ? A H ere. QOregon? A H ere. Q Pennsylvan ia W est? A Present. QRhode Island? A H ere. Q South Carolina? A H ere.``` |


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| 1 | Q South Dakota? | 1 | A (No response.) |
| 2 | A Here. | 2 | Q Montana? |
| 3 | Q Southern Ohio? | 3 | A (No response.) |
| 4 | A Here. | 4 | Q Nebraska? |
| 5 | Q Tennessee? | 5 | A (No response.) |
| 6 | A Here. | 6 | Q West Virginia? |
| 7 | Q Texas South? | 7 | A Here. |
| 8 | A Here. | 8 | Q Wyoming? |
| 9 | Q Utah? | 9 | A (No response.) |
| 10 | A Here. | 10 | Q NPSL? |
| 11 | Q Vermont? | 11 | A (No response.) |
| 12 | A Here. | 12 | MR. EJLALI: Folks, I want to |
| 13 | Q Washington? | 13 | identify your voting strength. I apologize for |
| 14 | A Here. | 14 | not doing that during the roll call. |
| 15 | Q West Virginia? | 15 | I'm going to announce your state and |
| 16 | A (No response.) | 16 | your voting strength. If there's a difference, |
| 17 | Q Western New York? | 17 | please come see me. Alabama, 2; Alaska, 4; |
| 18 | A Here. | 18 | Arizona, 4; Arkansas, 3; Cal North, 5; Cal South, |
| 19 | Q Wisconsin? | 19 | 5; Colorado, 3; Connecticut, 4; Eastern New York, |
| 20 | A Here. | 20 | 5; Eastern Penn, 4; Florida, 5; Georgia, 4; |
| 21 | Q Wyoming? | 21 | Hawaii, 3; Idaho, 2; Illinois, 4; Indiana, 3; |
| 22 | A (No response.) | 22 | Iowa, 2; Kansas, 3; Kentucky, 3; Louisiana, 4; |
| 23 | Q USL? | 23 | Maryland, 2; Massachusetts, 5; Metro |
| 24 | A Here. | 24 | D.C./Virginia, 6; Michigan, 4; Minnesota, 4; |
| 25 | Q WPSL? | 25 | Missouri, 2; Nevada, 1; New Hampshire, 1; New |
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| 1 | A Here. | 1 | Jersey, 4; New Mexico, 4; North Carolina, 5; |
| 2 | Q NPSL? | 2 | North Texas, 6; Ohio North, 3; Oklahoma, 3; |
| 3 | A (No response.) | 3 | Oregon, 4; Pennsylvania West, 3; Rhode Island, 2; |
| 4 | Q ANSL? | 4 | South Carolina, 3; South Dakota, 2; Southern |
| 5 | A ANSL, here. | 5 | Ohio, 2; Tennessee, 4; Texas South, 5; Utah, 3; |
| 6 | Q MSSL? | 6 | Vermont, 1; Washington, 5; West Virginia, 2; |
| 7 | A Here. | 7 | Western New York, 3; Wisconsin, 2; USL, 4; WPSL, |
| 8 | Q And we'll go back through the ones -- | 8 | 3; and MSSL, 1. |
| 9 | Werner Fricker? Thank you. | 9 | PRESIDENT GROFF: Thanks, Darius. |
| 10 | A Here. | 10 | The next item is the election of |
| 11 | Q Jim Hamilton? | 11 | Adult Commissioners. |
| 12 | A (No response.) | 12 | What you will see up here is the |
| 13 | Q Scott Mapes? | 13 | bylaw for U.S. Soccer that says in the Adult |
| 14 | A (No response.) | 14 | Council, we have eight Adult Commissioners. We |
| 15 | Q Wayne Wilson? | 15 | are to elect four every other year. The term is |
| 16 | A (No response.) | 16 | for two years. |
| 17 | Q Barbara Trainor? | 17 | So you should have your voting |
| 18 | A Here. | 18 | ballots now somewhere. Make sure you have them. |
| 19 | Q Alaska? | 19 | You will be voting for four different people or |
| 20 | A Here. | 20 | you can vote for one. You cannot vote for four |
| 21 | Q Delaware? | 21 | times for the same person. No cumulative voting. |
| 22 | A (No response.) | 22 | What we will do next is take |
| 23 | Q Maine? | 23 | nominations from the floor. All of the |
| 24 | A (No response.) | 24 | nominations will be listed on the screens. So |
| 25 | Q Mississippi? | 25 | you can look there and see who they are, and then |

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you can write them in.
    Sir.
    MR. O'BRIEN: Ben O'Brien, Minnesota.
    I would like to nominate Arthur
Mattson for Adult Council commissioner.
    PRESIDENT GROFF: Thank you.
    MR. MALONEY: I would like to
nominate Bill Bosgraaf.
    THE REPORTER: Have the speakers
state their name, please.
    PRESIDENT GROFF: Yes, Mike Maloney
was the last speaker.
    MR. WISLOCKI-WASECKI: Cezar Wasecki,
Massachusetts.
    I would like to nominate John Motta
for an Adult Commissioner.
    MR. MARTH: Fritz Marth.
    I would like to nominate Dan Trainor
for Adult Commissioner.
    MR. CARLSON: Roy Carlson, Cal South.
    I would like to nominate Shonna
Schroedl for Adult Commissioner.
    PRESIDENT GROFF: Thank you.
    MR. TRAPIKAS: I would like to
nominate Bill Davey.
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PRESIDENT GROFF: Could you mention your name for her?

MR. TRAPIKAS: Bruno Trapikas.
PRESIDENT GROFF: Thank you.
Are there any other nominations? Can everyone read the names? I will read them from here: Arthur Mattson, Bill Bosgraaf, John Motta, Dan Trainor, Shonna Schroedl, Bill Davey. Is the Credentials Committee ready to collect the votes?

MR. EJLALI: We have a total vote --
PRESIDENT GROFF: Is there a
procedural question?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Who are the incumbents?

PRESIDENT GROFF: Who are the incumbents? The terms are ending -- the people who held the terms before were Dan Trainor; Bill Bosgraaf; Bruno Trapikas held the position, but he has decided not to run; and Jim Hamilton, who has also decided not to run. So there are two people that held the position before who have decided not to run.

MR. EJLALI: Okay. The total vote of 184; the majority, 93; two-thirds, 122.

PRESIDENT GROFF: Again, you don't need two-thirds. This is just a majority vote, and only state associations are permitted to vote. No officers, no commissioners; no one else is permitted to vote in this election -- I am corrected. Thank you, Tony. Because you are voting for four, it's going to be the four highest vote carry, and one of them may not have a majority. So majority is not required; a plurality among the six is required.

Someone once asked why are we doing this? You saw what the bylaw was somewhere, and I talked to Mike Edwards back in 2006. We got into a U.S. Adult Soccer meeting, and we basically did not do any election that year. So what I did was look at the rules for U.S. Soccer, discussed it with the legal department of U.S. Soccer, discussed it with some people on our board, and we felt we should have a proper election under the rules of the U.S. Soccer bylaws, and you will note in the USASA meeting, we have a bylaw change for that as well, dealing with this.
(Jim Hamilton entered the room.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: What I would like

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to do while they are counting the votes, without objection, is go to the Adult Council resolutions. Is there any objection to doing that? So we will move to the Agenda on Adult Council resolutions. You have a copy. There are three. These resolutions were discussed by the Adult Commissioners. They were all approved by a majority.

Jim Hamilton is here.
Each one of them is a resolution to make a recommendation to the U.S. Soccer National Board of Directors and National Council. That is what this body is required to do: make recommendations. You can't just go and do this. You have to send this to the U.S. Soccer National Board of Directors.

Do you want to vote on all three separately? How would you like to proceed? UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Separate. PRESIDENT GROFF: Okay. So the first one is called the mandatory adult player liability insurance. What your commissioners have noticed is that there are other adult organizations registering adult players that only provide insurance to the venue; do not provide
insurance to the team, to the club, not even to U.S. Soccer, not even to our organization if we are required to play against them. And we believe this is a minimal standard of liability insurance that should be required by any member of U.S. Soccer that registers adult players. Do I have a motion to approve? UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move. PRESIDENT GROFF: Is there a second? UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second. PRESIDENT GROFF: Any discussion?
All those in favor, say aye?
(Motion passed.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: We have the president of U.S. Soccer -- Sunil, do you want to wait until we finish these? Okay.

The second resolution deals with the Lamar Hunt Open Cup.

As you know, our members, this year, we, out of -- Mr. Kepner?

MR. KEPNER: I'm simply going to ask that we try to do one thing at a time, Richard. People are roaming around, and so I'm trying to focus on what you are saying about resolutions. It just makes it tough.

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PRESIDENT GROFF: Would you like -would you be permitted to hear from the president of U.S. Soccer? Is that okay, Bob? Mr. Gulati.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Well, I don't want to interrupt if people want to talk. I don't want to interrupt anybody's thoughts.

Thanks, Richard. I'm going to be very brief since we're going to get to address you tonight. Obviously, this weekend is, in addition to the business meeting that we are all having -- yours is now, we will have one tomorrow morning -- a celebration, so it's things I will say tonight and you will hear from a few other people that have -- not in person. I don't want to mislead any of you -- that have occupied the building down that way in Washington talk to you as well.

The sport is in a great place. And I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you that are in this room for helping us get there. While a few of you come close, no one of you has been there for all hundred years of it. A few claim they have been. But it's really at a great place.

I've just come back from the FIFA

Congress, and the respect for where we are is extraordinary. The number of people that watch games, the number of kids that play, the number of adults that play, the number of pro leagues we have, all of those things, all the metrics, as the people in the sponsorship room would say, are very positive. So we have got to continue all those efforts.

But I really want to take an opportunity to thank all of you in this room, because frankly, in the adult side, people there are generally there a lot longer, and there's a lot more turnover in the youth side. And the pro side, there's a lot of turnover in clubs, which is settling, finally, and that's a good thing. So thank you for that.

And I'm around if you want to spend a few minutes along the way in the next 24 hours. Feel free to grab me and we'll chat. Otherwise you have got Richard's home number and feel free to reach out to him any time, day or night. And he usually finds a way to reach me.

So thanks and keep up the good work and have a good meeting.

Thanks, Richard.

| (Applause.) | 28 |
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| PRESIDENT GROFF: Mr. Kepner, can we |  | move on to the next resolution please?

MR. KEPNER: Yes, you may.
PRESIDENT GROFF: The next resolution is the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Resolution.

As you know -- you have the votes?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, I got my
vote --

PRESIDENT GROFF: They did not collect your vote?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.
PRESIDENT GROFF: Okay. Where is the voting being counted? Dan, go out the door. Make sure they recount them again.

All right. This year, there were 34 teams that entered the first round of the Lamar Hunt Open Cup. 32 of them are from our organization.

There are two organizations that are outside the Adult Council: USSSA and U.S. Club. They were permitted to enter one team each.

So this resolution does several things. One is we would like to increase those 34 teams to 36. It's very important.

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| Secondly, we want to modify the entry | 1 find out in April or March that they're going to |
| 2 fee. This year, we had over 200 teams that | 2 e |
| 3 entered the Lamar Hunt and all had to pay \$200. | is 3 what you wanted |
| 4 Well, some of those teams only played at the | MR. BOLLINGER: 2 or 3, ye |
| 5 state level. And we think it's unfair that they | PRESIDENT GROFF: In your case, you |
| 6 have to pay the full 200 . So the 200 should only | at, 19 |
| 7 be for those 34 to 36 teams that actually enter | 7 MR. BOLLINGER: 15, I think. |
| 8 and play in the first round of the Lamar Hunt | 8 PRESIDENT GROFF: 15. All 15 |
| 9 Open Cup. | 9 200, but only one of those 15 went to the region, |
| 10 The other thing is that currently the | 10 and only one of those teams, maybe none of those |
| 11 U.S. Open Cup Committee has about five people on | 11 teams, went to the first round of the Lamar Hunt |
| 12 it: three from the pros; Werner sits on it | 12 Open Cup. So we're saying, your 15 should pay |
| 13 representing the amateurs. It doesn't allow all | $13 \$ 50$, rather than 200, as a recommendation to the |
| 14 of the amateur groups to really talk to each | 14 Cup Committe |
| 15 other. We would like to see a subcommittee of | 15 Is that clear? |
| 16 all of the amateur groups that are participating | 16 MR. BOLLINGER: Yeah. Just further |
| 17 in the Open Cup. | 17 clarification on 2. If I understand you |
| 18 And we also mentioned there should be | 18 correctly, upcoming, for 2013-14 Cup season, you |
| 19 a minimum standard for liability insurance. | 19 are saying that any teams that want to enter the |
| 20 Are there any questions on this | 20 Open Cup have to notify you by August 1st of this |
| 21 resolution? | 21 year? |
| 22 Is there a motion to approve? | 22 PRESIDENT GROFF: No, no. I will |
| 23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move | 23 read it in a different way: U.S. Soccer |
| 24 PRESIDENT GROFF: Is there a second? | 24 organization members -- so that means USASA, PDL, |
| 25 Any questions? | 25 NPSL, all the groups that did it already, U.S. |
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| UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How do you | Club, USAAA -- have to send a letter to the Open |
| arrive at this? | 2 Cup Committee saying they are going to have a |
| 3 PRESIDENT GROFF: It was based on the | 3 preliminary competition. That's all they say. |
| 4 fact that we have over 200 teams entered, that we | 4 Then you will hold your competition |
| 5 have talked to the leagues, and we believe the 36 | 5 Now, we all know that in your |
| 6 is an ideal number that matches up with the pro | 6 regional meetings you have started to discuss how |
| 7 teams, and it increases the current number by | 7 you are going to nominate your teams, but we need |
| 8 two | 8 to tell them in advance that they're going to |
| 9 Question? | 9 enter teams. And if there is another |
| 10 MR. BOLLINGER: Richard, Jim | 10 organization that says, oh, we want to enter a |
| 11 Bollinger, from EPSA. | 11 team in March of next year, we're going to say |
| 12 Could you more fully explain Items 2 | 12 it's too late. |
| 13 and 3. I think you were addressing 3 in your | 13 Any other questions? |
| 14 most recent comments, but I would like you to | 14 Calling the question. All those in |
| 15 explain them a little more fully. | 15 favor, say aye; opposed? |
| 16 PRESIDENT GROFF: Okay | 16 (Motion passed.) |
| 17 In the past, we have had -- | 17 PRESIDENT GROFF: The last one, the |
| 18 organizations have notified the Open Cup | 18 National Amateur Championship -- and you will |
| 19 Committee that they were going to enter teams | 19 hear a great deal about this later. We just |
| 20 very late in the process, so, what -- obviously, | 20 recently had U.S. Soccer Men's Amateur |
| 21 we're just going to notify them next week. But | 21 Championship last weekend. Fantastic event. |
| 22 we're asking all, any other teams or any other | 22 Four teams, all members of this Adult Council and |
| 23 organization that wants to enter teams, they | 23 USASA, played, and we had a national champion. |
| 24 should notify the Open Cup Committee long in | 24 The event's funded by U.S. Soccer. It was a |
| 25 advance. It doesn't help in planning when you | 25 great event, ideal for a high-level, competitive |

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teams on the men's side.
    This is proposing that U.S. Soccer do
the same thing for high-level women's teams.
    Motion to approve?
    UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move.
    UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
    PRESIDENT GROFF: Any comments or
questions?
    Hearing none, all in favor, say aye.
Opposed?
    (Motion passed.)
    PRESIDENT GROFF: We're finished with
the resolutions. Do we have a result of the
election? Can someone check outside and see how
close we are.
    Do we have the votes?
    Are there any other speakers who
would like to speak, committees who would like to
talk, guests who would like to speak? Yes, Adult
Council.
    Mr. Edwards, someone with a long
history with our organization. We want to hear
from you.
MR. EDWARDS: I thought with a certain degree of irony that the youngest guy in
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the room went up to get the plaque for having the oldest league. These guys have got something figured out that apparently my league doesn't. They figured out how to get a young guy involved in the league. So I would strongly encourage all of you to take Hoboken's lead and do the same thing.

Other than that, it's good to be here. It was nice of you to call Sunil up to kill time while people were wandering around instead of me. I thought that was a nice touch of respect.

Other than that, you know, 100 years seems like a long time, unless you think about the fact that this is my 25th AGM and I'm still kind of a novice at it. When Sunil asked the people to stand up who have been here \(X\) years and \(X\) years and \(X\) years, and \(I\) thought I was doing pretty good because I have been to 12 straight AYSO meetings, until the guy went up and got his 45 -year pin. And I thought, man, for me to get there, I'm going to have to do a reincarnation thing.

But it's a great weekend. I mean, if you think about -- and there's a lot of you in
the room with me in -- oh, back in the '80s when we didn't have enough money for a set of uniforms, when the Federation had to make its payroll from the Cal North referee fund. And you look at where we are now. 100 years probably looks a lot better than 75 years did. But, man, it's a great, great weekend for celebration.

If you can't find something to do in Washington, D.C., you should really seek counseling. Man, this is the one pedestrian-friendly, large metropolitan area that you can't get enough space on your camera for pictures.

Thanks to everybody for coming in. Thanks for bringing the extra people. Thanks to all of you -- and I will include myself in the group -- that kind of kept this thing going when there wasn't pro soccer, when we were playing national team games in front of 3,000 people with a misaligned field at the soccer park in St. Louis. We have seen some bad times, and you know what? The people in the room are really the ones entitled to the thanks for keeping it going while we got here for the good times.

And with that, I will defer the
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microphone to Gerhard Mengel, who was at that organizational meeting in 1913, and he can tell you what they had for lunch. Thanks.

PRESIDENT GROFF: Thanks, Mike.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: Okay.
The next item -- we were going to wait until after the count, but it doesn't seem like it's going quickly. So this refers to an amendment to the U.S. Soccer bylaws. It's an amendment that I proposed and it relates to the Adult Council. And when I made this presentation -- and I did as a member of the Board of Directors -- I intended to have this organization make the decision of whether or not we move forward. It was always the intent.

When I went through the process of recognizing we had to do the election and then recognizing that we had to vote for the member who sits -- two members who sit on the U.S. Soccer board -- and keep in mind, in 1999, we had eight Adult Commissioners, and they all sat on the U.S. Soccer Board, and we had a U.S. Soccer Board of 45 people. When Sunil was elected, we changed that and went back to 15 . We stood our
ground, and we were able to maintain two positions on that board.

So when I was going through the process of having the election that we just had today and then the next election to choose who would be representing us, I went to the bylaws. And there's one sentence in there that says, "which related to the other eight." It was automatic: Those eight served on the U.S. Soccer Board. They changed to two and didn't say anything about this clause, and what the clause says that the two members from the Adult Council who shall sit on the U.S. Soccer Board shall be two of the eight Adult Commissioners. That's what it says.

So the first thing I said, well, maybe by tradition, maybe because Mike was so powerful, the chair just of USASA sat on the U.S. Adult Soccer Board. That's tradition. That's not what the bylaws say, but that was the tradition.

So it dawned on me having served in this position and talking to Mike, you really need the chairman of the Adult Council or the president of the USASA -- it could be one and the

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same -- should be serving on the U.S. Soccer
Board. That, to me, was obvious.
And then the second thing, the second position, would come from the other seven under the current bylaw. And then I looked at that, and I said, Well, I have 15 members on my board -- we changed it and expanded it to 15 . I probably have 20 presidents who are qualified to serve on the U.S. Soccer Board. And so what I thought to myself, why make it so limited? Why not open it up? Greater opportunity, some diversity. And so I made that suggestion.

So what I am proposing that you will elect the same two people, same two positions, you will elect your chairman, and you will elect someone else that sits in this room to be nominated from the floor. Certainly, every member on the Board of Directors could be nominated. There are state presidents who would be nominated. It was not -- in my mind, it was better to be open than to be closed.

Now, I hear this great rumor that --
I almost laugh when I hear this one -- that I'm doing this because I need to protect my empire. That I am doing this so I can get some back door
to remain in office.
That's not the case. You will decide if I remain in office, so I'll run for the position and you would elect me.

This is only being done to open up the process. I have two board members, both of them women, were not permitted to run for this position, and I found -- I was not happy with that. That is why the bylaw is there.

Now, as you know, I'm a pretty good politician. So I have already talked to the pros, and I have talked to the youth, and I have talked to the athletes, and what the agreement is, you are going to make a decision. If you want this, it will stay on the floor, and they will vote for it. If you don't want it, you want to continue just those seven people being available -- or just those eight people being available, if that's your decision, I will just withdraw it. And you will continue.

That is the background on this bylaw change.

Do you have any questions whatsoever? Go right ahead.

MR. EDWARDS: I'm back with real business this time.

In 2006, in one weekend, we reduced the Board of Directors at the annual meeting in Vegas. We reduced the Board of Directors. If you were there, you will recall, we went to separate corners of the room.

PRESIDENT GROFF: And at one point, we only had one, right? You and I had to fight to get the second one.

MR. EDWARDS: That is true. The pros only wanted one youth, one adult, and one pro person to be on what would have been a nine-person board with three outside directors. So, yeah, we had to tell them that "one" was dead on arrival.

PRESIDENT GROFF: So they said, well, we'll give the youth two, but the adults still have to have one.

MR. EDWARDS: Yeah, yeah. And even -- and the youth supported us on that not being right; because let's face it, the reality is the pros were the pros and the athletes.

PRESIDENT GROFF: Right.
MR. EDWARDS: And so what happened was we had to resequence the meetings to do the

Federation business, which is in the bylaws, that constitute the Adult and Youth Councils, we had to do that business first.

That ended up ultimately, because of the election, having me vacate the Adult Council chair because I became the vice-president by action of the bylaws. So after the USASA meeting on Sunday of the 2006 AGM, we finished the USASA meeting and elected Brooks McCormick as the chairman. Then I had to convene an Adult Council meeting to deal with the fact, right there on the spot -- you know, we didn't have time to rewrite bylaws while we were standing there. We had to, then, pick the two people to go on to this newly constituted 12-member board plus three independent directors.

What we did, then, I will remind you, and the problem was we didn't have anybody memorialize this because we didn't have a secretary for the Adult Council. I didn't think about it. Actually, the membership, then, when we convened the Adult Council meeting that we're in now, Tony Falcone made a motion that the two people would be the chairman and an at-large delegate elected from the floor; exactly what you 42
are saying. Everybody. Not eight of us.
Everybody. And the nominees were Bruno, and I can't -- and Bill. And so Brooks took one spot. Bill and Bruno ran off for the other spot. But the membership actually adopted a verbal resolution that that was the will of the membership to populate those two spots that way.

So I think what you are saying is no different than what actually we did adopt and not memorialize in 2006, and therefore that bylaw section was not appropriately modified to do what that group did, and that was probably my fault or Brooks' fault that we didn't follow up and get that done. That's what we did.

PRESIDENT GROFF: So what we're doing today is deciding that what you did in 2006, you want to do in 2013. That's all we're doing.

MR. EDWARDS: Correct.
PRESIDENT GROFF: Steve.
MR. FLAMHAFT: I think it might be helpful, Richard, if you identify the bylaw, which is Bylaw 412.

PRESIDENT GROFF: Go right ahead.
MR. FLAMHAFT: No, I'm suggesting that this might be helpful for your position if
you identify that we are talking about Bylaw 412.
PRESIDENT GROFF: Yes, it's not -it's the bylaw that will be on the table tomorrow.

MR. FLAMHAFT: And it also might be helpful if you would read the Rules Committee's recommendation with regard to this proposal. I think it might strengthen your position.

PRESIDENT GROFF: What was that? I don't have it front of me, Steve.

MR. FLAMHAFT: This proposal presents policy questions to National Council about how the adult representatives on the Federation board shall be chosen.

The proposed amendment does not conflict with any other bylaw or policy of the Federation, and the position, if any, of the Adult Council on this proposal presently is not known to the Rules Committee. So what you are doing now would be helpful, if it passes, if you then advised the Rules Committee, and it might be helpful for your position now and tomorrow.

PRESIDENT GROFF: So, any other discussion? Any other questions?

Is there a motion to support, as a
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group, tomorrow, this bylaw change?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move.
PRESIDENT GROFF: Is there a second?
MR. FLAMHAFT: Second.
PRESIDENT GROFF: Is there any other discussion? All those in favor, say aye. Opposed?
(Motion passed.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: Thank you very much.

Do we have a count vote.
MR. EJLALI: Yes, sir.
PRESIDENT GROFF: Come up here and read it.

MR. EJLALI: Okay. The four top vote-getters: John Motta, Arthur Mattson, Dan Trainor, and Bill Bosgraaf.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: Congratulations.
So now we move to the second part of this election. We need to fill the second seat on the U.S. Soccer Board of Directors. I have one -- I have a term left until the AGM of next year, which I believe is March in New York City. So you need -- under the current code, you need
to select one person from the remaining seven.
So let's go over who those seven are.
Can we put those seven up on the screen. Go ahead. You have seven up there?

Then the next step is after you see the seven, you will have to nominate people for the election.

All right. So it's Arthur, Bill, John, Dan, Rob La Vielle, Fritz Marth, Werner Fricker. Those are the seven.

Does everyone know who the seven are? This year we can have no other nominations. We must go by the current bylaws of U.S. Soccer. If it's passed tomorrow, you will be able to nominate from the floor. Werner? No.

Okay. I need nominations.
MR. FRICKER: Ladies and gentlemen, John Motta has made a commitment his entire adult life towards supporting and moving our game in the United States forward. He's made a commitment to adult amateur soccer. He's served as a national referee. He's served as president of the state association. He's worked at the regional level, at the national level, and he's also served as vice-president of the U.S. Soccer 46
Federation. I believe he's made a commitment that he's going to serve and direct and take us also into that future.

And along with that, I would like to place his name in nomination to represent us on the Board of Directors of U.S. Soccer.

PRESIDENT GROFF: Thank you.
Bruno.
MR. TRAPIKAS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to nominate Bill Bosgraaf for this position. Bill Bosgraaf has been vice chairman of the USASA for a lengthy period. He's also represented us on the USSF NBOD effectively. And he has also been the regional director, a state president, Select team commissioner, a lot of other things.

And I feel strongly that Bill would, over the next nine months, be a very strong representative for us.

PRESIDENT GROFF: Thank you.
Are there any nominations, others?
Okay. You should have a ballot that
you write one person on. Rick.
MR. SKIRVIN: This is for
representative or Board of Directors?
PRESIDENT GROFF: This is on the

Board of Directors of U.S. Soccer.
Board of Directors, they call it "at-large." It's the board -- here, I will read you what it says.

It says: USSF board representative.
MR. PINORI: Richard, can I have a motion to destroy the ballots that we already voted on?

PRESIDENT GROFF: Yes. There's a motion to destroy the ballots? I assume everyone agrees. No one objects? The ballots shall be destroyed.

So please cast your votes.
Hopefully, this will go a little quicker.
Is there anyone who has anything they would like to say of what we should do as the Adult Council? Things that you would like to see U.S. Soccer do?

Hearing none, we're going to take a short pause.

MR. SKIRVIN: Richard, could we get an update on the marketing efforts of USASA?

PRESIDENT GROFF: Rick, that's really hard for me to talk about in the U.S. Adult Council meeting.

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MR. SKIRVIN: Okay.
PRESIDENT GROFF: Yeah -- Dan has a good point. If you read what the Adult Council does, we only have advisory authority. So we have to have the initiative to go to the U.S. Soccer Board and say, We think you need to change this, or you need to improve this. We think this is important. We meet here once a year. The Adult Commissioners maybe talk once a year in addition. So it really -- this is a great place to talk about referee issues for adults. Anything that you could think of before you come to this meeting, if you could come up with your own resolution, it's an ideal time to do this, unless you are all totally happy and we'll just keep moving forward.

How many in the room were in Philadelphia for the 75th? Stand up. You've got to stand up.

That's pretty remarkable. That's incredible. Thank you.

Steve.
MR. FLAMHAFT: New York does not have the proper voting ballot for this position.

PRESIDENT GROFF: Okay. Can we get
proper voting ballots for this position to
Eastern New York?
But, Steve, you will have the number
of ballots that you would have -- votes. You're
casting four votes -- five votes, whatever it is, not just one.

We're getting it for you, very
quickly. I'm sorry, Sal. I don't have it personally.

Does anyone have any questions for the meeting tomorrow, the National Council meeting? There's some resolutions there. There's life members.

Now that I think of it, there's two other people I want to recognize. Steve Flamhaft, please stand up. Werner, stand up. Remarkable. They were both there in ' 75. They're both here today, and they both grew up with fathers who were president of this Federation.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: Does anyone want to tell jokes?

Go to the microphone. Clean jokes.
MR. OLIVAS: You didn't stipulate it
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had to be clean.
PRESIDENT GROFF: Yes, I did.
MR. OLIVAS: Oh. There is -- the NRA
and the Republican party announced the inauguration of a new weapon this morning. It's called the Congressman. It doesn't work, and you can't fire it.

PRESIDENT GROFF: Steve, is this a joke or is this serious?

MR. FLAMHAFT: Not intended as a joke.

Do we have on our agenda the review of the Federation bylaws for this body? I don't see it; maybe I missed it.

PRESIDENT GROFF: Is that the next meeting?

MR. FLAMHAFT: Do we have for this meeting today --

PRESIDENT GROFF: Yes, you can do that. Go right ahead.

MR. FLAMHAFT: I don't want to do it.
I'm just asking whether or not you as the
chairman are prepared to have that as an agenda item so that we can review the bylaws proposals that will are going to be presented by the

Federation for the Federation.
PRESIDENT GROFF: Okay. There was -I proposed two bylaws. We discussed one. The other one was in reference to mediation when we have state association disputes.

So I lived through Wisconsin; a wonderful result but took like two and a half years. I've experienced Tennessee, which used mediation and has also had a great result. And so in that recommendation was, before they start suing each other that they need to go through a mediation process. It will be amended on the floor tomorrow. It will be a mandatory mediation, and it will be by a mediator selected by the secretary general. Obviously, I didn't write it. The legal department wrote it and they stuck themselves in there, but we are going to accept the change from the Rules Committee.

Are there any -- I don't know them by heart. Are there any others? I know Dan is withdrawing one. The Athlete Council, we should certainly support the Athlete Council. They are setting up a new voting structure. It's their business. We should support what they recommend as an Athlete Council. I think it's a positive 52

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Were there any others, Steve? I know you served on that committee, right? Can you --

MR. FLAMHAFT: I will reserve until tomorrow.

PRESIDENT GROFF: Okay. You will reserve until tomorrow.

Do we have a vote?
MR. EJLALI: Okay. The next representative is John Motta.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GROFF: All right. He
wants to make his speech later.
All right. That ends the business part of the Adult Council.

Do I hear a motion to adjourn?
MR. PINORI: Can I ask --
PRESIDENT GROFF: Do you want to the destroy those ballots as well?

MR. PINORI: Yes.
PRESIDENT GROFF: Yes, we will do
that.
Do I hear a motion to adjourn?
MR. OLIVAS: So moved.
PRESIDENT GROFF: So moved. Thank
you very much.
(Adjourned at 2:07 p.m.)
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