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  - Darius Ejlali - Region III Director
  - 2 Dave Laraba - West Virginia
  - David Altesleben - Michigan
  - 3 David Borts - Rhode Island
  - David Campos - Colorado
  - 4 David Messersmith - North Texas
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  - 5 Debbie Yarbrough - Arizona
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  - 6 Donna Langdon - North Texas
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  - 7 Dyann Pugliese - Michigan
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  - Guy McNeely - South Dakota
  - 12 Hector Vega - Washington
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  - 17 Jim Keller - Wisconsin
  - Jim Sadowski - MDCVA
  - 18 Jinny Sutherland - Texas South
  - John Mitchell - Indiana
  - 19 John Zangrilli - New Jersey
  - Jon Hagan - Washington
  - 20 Jonas Hart - Vermont
  - Juan Zalana - Cal North
  - 21 Kali Blackshear - Region III Secretary
  - Kay Bouler - Mississippi
  - 22 Ken Baldeosingh - Ohio South
  - Kendra Halterman - Region IV Deputy  
Director
  - 23 Kevin Anderson - Maryland
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VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

- 1
  - 2 **HOST** - Duncan Riddle - USASA Executive  
Director
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  - 4 **PANELISTS:**
  - John Motta - USASA President
  - 5 Bill Davey - Adult Commissioner
  - Brett Hurwitz - USASA Independent  
Director
  - 6 Cezar Wasecki - Director-at-Large
  - 7 Chaz Ballish Regueiro - Director-  
at-Large
  - 8 Claudio Frigo - Director Region II
  - Darius Ejlali - Region III Director
  - 9 Fritz Marth - Adult Commissioner
  - Jen Sunderland - USASA Staff
  - 10 Karissa Richardson - Region II Deputy  
Director
  - 11 Karon Beyer - USASA Secretary
  - Lori Stoneburner - USASA Treasurer
  - 12 Nick Schmitt - USASA Staff
  - Pierre Ramirez - USASA Staff
  - 13 Richard Moeller USASA Vice President
  - Rob LaVielle - Adult Commissioner
  - 14 Robin Runstein - Region IV Director
  - Shonna Schroedl - Oregon
  - 15 Tim Busch - Adult Commissioner
  - Tom Chapman - Ohio North
  - 16 Tony Falcone - Region I Director
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  - 18 **ATTENDEES:**
  - Alan Blinzler - Kansas
  - Andy Marion - South Carolina
  - 19 Andy Weiss - Region 1 Deputy
  - Anne Braghero - Oregon
  - 20 Barb Trainor - Arizona
  - Bohdan Porytko - EDP
  - 21 Bryan Flanagan - Tennessee
  - Casey Frankiewicz - Missouri
  - 22 Chad Landis - South Dakota
  - Cindy Cone - US Soccer
  - 23 Claudella Wright - South Texas
  - Dan Cataldi - Iowa
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- 1 Kevin Payne - US Club Soccer
  - Lance Calloway - Washington
  - 2 Larry Hall - North Texas
  - Len Rogers - West Virginia
  - 3 Lu Aprigliano - New Jersey
  - Mack Bigby - South Carolina
  - 4 Mario DePaola - New Jersey
  - Marti Bevan - MDCVA
  - 5 Matt Hawkins - Minnesota
  - Matt Krywonos - Western New York
  - 6 Matthew Winegar - AYSO
  - Michael Hill - Penn West
  - 7 Michael Schechter - Connecticut
  - Mike Cullina - US Club
  - 8 Mike Edwards - Past President
  - Mike Sweeney - US Club Soccer
  - 9 Nate Shotts - Colorado
  - Nick Calabro - Region III Treasurer
  - 10 Nick Radu - Michigan
  - Nick Webster - Cal South
  - 11 Nicole McMaster - Florida
  - Otey Smithson - Region II Deputy  
Director
  - 12 Paige Sullivan - Alaska
  - Pat Varsallona - New Jersey
  - Pat Votolato - Rhode Island
  - 14 Paul Scherer - Idaho
  - Peggy Polley Grizzle - Kentucky
  - 15 Peter Pinori - Eastern NY
  - Raymond Daniel - Oklahoma
  - 16 Rich Dixon - South Carolina
  - Richard Groff - Past President
  - 17 Robert Tsaganos - Delaware
  - Roger Hamilton - Oregon
  - 18 Roy Carlson - Region IV Secretary
  - Sam Cohen - North Carolina
  - 19 Scott Hendren - Arkansas
  - Scott Mapes - Vermont
  - 20 Scott Snyder - AYSO
  - Sean Esker - Louisiana
  - 21 Sean Jones - WPSL
  - Sergio Bolioli - Hawaii
  - 22 Shonna Schroedl - Oregon
  - Sid Goodrich - Oklahoma
  - 23 Sofia Hernandez - South Carolina
  - Steven Hepburn - New Hampshire
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- 1 Tim Barron - Alabama
- Tom Chapman - Ohio North
- 2 Tom Moore - Cal North
- Tony Falcone- Region I Director
- 3 Wayne Wilson - Region II Treasurer
- William George - Maryland
- 4 Yvonne Garcia - New Mexico

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1 PRESIDENT MOTTA: It is now 4:00 so I  
2 will call this meeting to order. This is the  
3 meeting of the 2021 U.S. Soccer Adult Council  
4 Meeting. So first on the agenda is the  
5 Credentials Report and we need to redo it a  
6 little bit, right, Duncan?  
7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: Yeah. We  
8 have the total, Nick. Can you share it, Nick?  
9 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Can you share it,  
10 Nick, please.  
11 (Credentials report shown on screen.)  
12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: There you  
13 go. Yeah, that's fine.  
14 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. Everybody got  
15 that? Okay. I didn't print the agenda so  
16 next on the agenda is --  
17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: Your opening  
18 statement, John.  
19 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. All right, so  
20 I'll go get that and I'll keep it short and  
21 sweet since I had one last time.  
22 So good afternoon once again and welcome  
23 to the 2021 U.S. Soccer Adult Council Meeting.

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1 Unlike the USASA Annual General Meeting that  
2 was rescheduled from 2020, this meeting is on  
3 schedule and was scheduled for today.  
4 There are a few items to take care of, but  
5 before we do that I would like to make a few  
6 comments. First, I am happy to report that  
7 Cindy Cone has reached out to myself and  
8 Richard Moeller to have an adult task force on  
9 and to work with U.S. Soccer. When I brought  
10 this idea up to our commissioners like a few  
11 weeks ago, they all agreed that after the U.S.  
12 Soccer AGM next week Cindy has agreed to have  
13 a meeting with the eight commissioners to talk  
14 about the strategy and the goals of this adult  
15 task force. Stay tuned for more information,  
16 but this is a step in the right direction.  
17 Today Richard Groff will be making a  
18 presentation to you asking that the Adult  
19 Council support the U.S. Soccer Foundation for  
20 a yearly grant of \$100,000 dedicated to adult  
21 soccer programs. I will not get into the  
22 details. I will let Richard Groff talk more  
23 about this in a little bit, but this is

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1 something that we should agree to get behind.  
2 As you're all aware of, I have been  
3 working with a few different teams of people  
4 to discuss the U.S. Soccer Bylaw proposals.  
5 Most of you attended the Zoom calls we had  
6 earlier on to let you know what was happening  
7 and the reasons why we are taking these  
8 positions.

9 I want to make something perfectly clear  
10 here today. In no way are we taking these  
11 positions because we are challenging the  
12 Athlete's Council or their right for a  
13 33 percent presence. We are not taking these  
14 actions or these positions because we are  
15 trying to take voting power away from the  
16 professional council.

17 These are rumors that have been  
18 circulating out there and I want to put an end  
19 to them today. This is not us versus them.  
20 All we want is to ensure that U.S. Soccer  
21 Bylaws follow the Ted Stevens Act which is a  
22 federal law.

23 We also believe that trying to have this

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1 U.S. Soccer. These seven commissioners and  
2 myself work tirelessly on your behalf and they  
3 have been kept in the loop about what has been  
4 happening with the U.S. Soccer Bylaws Task  
5 Force. I do enjoy working with this group of  
6 dedicated and passionate people.

7 I want to thank you for your time. It's  
8 been a pleasure serving you. So with that,  
9 we'll continue with the meeting and I think  
10 next on the agenda is recommendations to the  
11 Board of Directors, I think, of U.S. Soccer?

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: Correct.  
13 Correct.

14 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. Now, I know the  
15 commissioners, we talk amongst ourselves about  
16 things that we'd like to bring up to U.S.  
17 Soccer. I think this new task force that  
18 Cindy has proposed will get us more  
19 opportunities to bring our ideas to U.S.  
20 Soccer and, again, the eight commissioners  
21 will be heavily involved with that and we may  
22 even expand it to other subgroups, so stay  
23 tuned and if we need extra people or we want

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1 debate on a Zoom call next week is not the  
2 proper way to make these substantial changes  
3 in the governance of U.S. Soccer. All we are  
4 asking for is for the members to have input,  
5 get outside legal advice and let's all work  
6 together and get to a place we can all agree  
7 on to move our sport forward.

8 We are willing to work with all the other  
9 councils and we are looking forward for U.S.  
10 Soccer to make this happen. Next Tuesday  
11 evening at 8:30 p.m. Eastern time we will be  
12 presenting a Zoom meeting for all adult, youth  
13 and at-large members.

14 This Zoom meeting will detail where  
15 everyone should stand on the bylaws, have they  
16 been withdrawn and what steps should we all  
17 take during the U.S. Soccer AGM next week.  
18 This is a critical Zoom call and I urge  
19 everyone to take the time to get on that Zoom  
20 on Tuesday evening.

21 I now would like to take this time to  
22 thank the other seven adult commissioners. We  
23 do meet quarterly and have sent some ideas to

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1 to put some smaller task force together we  
2 will get in touch with you.

3 I don't know if anyone has anything they  
4 would like to recommend we take to the Board  
5 of Directors? Do you see anything, Karissa?  
6 No?

7 MS. RICHARDSON: No. I see no  
8 questions, comments or hands raised.

9 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. So then we'll  
10 move on. Next on the agenda -- again, I  
11 didn't print it.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: It's the  
13 Election of the Commissioners.

14 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: Again, that  
16 was done via Election Runner over the last  
17 24 hours so, Nick, have you've got the results  
18 ready to go? Yes. Nick is going to throw  
19 those up on the screen now.

20 (Election results posted on screen.)

21 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Go back. That's too  
22 fast.

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: Too fast,

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1 Nick. So Shonna, John, Richard and Tim, you  
2 remain on the -- as five or four of the eight  
3 commissioners. So you've all been reelected.

4 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Again, I would like to  
5 thank everyone for your vote. Like I said,  
6 thank you, Chaz, for putting your name out  
7 there to try to join us. I'm sure there will  
8 be other opportunities but, you know, like I  
9 stated, that, you know, the commissioners that  
10 we have had have been working very well on  
11 your behalf and I'm looking forward to working  
12 with them in the next couple of years, so  
13 congratulations everyone. Next? New  
14 Business?

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: No. We have  
16 to -- Richard is running for --

17 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Oh, yeah.

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: Reelection  
19 to the Board of Directors of U.S. Soccer.

20 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. So we do have  
21 the position open for the second Board member.  
22 I mean, the second Board member of U.S. Soccer  
23 which is currently being held by Richard

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1 the floor. Is Richard on? There he is.

2 MR. GROFF: Good evening.

3 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Hi, Richard.

4 MR. GROFF: So it was three years ago  
5 that this organization elected me to serve on  
6 the U.S. Soccer Foundation Board of Directors.  
7 I was very excited about that and I went  
8 forward with -- I had three objectives.

9 I wanted the Foundation to actually form a  
10 partnership with U.S. Adult Soccer and help it  
11 to identify the grassroots needs and to fund  
12 that. The second was I wanted to have one  
13 grant, one grant, go to an adult soccer  
14 association, a member of U.S. Adult Soccer,  
15 some grant that was specifically helping adult  
16 amateur soccer, and third was for the  
17 Foundation to develop a donor base that was  
18 more involved with amateur adult soccer.

19 And it appears that I failed in all  
20 three. There is no partnership. We had  
21 numerous votes to try to fund a grant to an  
22 adult soccer association, a state association  
23 or organization and each time the vote failed

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1 Moeller. Is there any other nominations from  
2 the floor? None? Karissa? Seeing none,  
3 we'll close the nominations and declare  
4 Richard Moeller our representative on the  
5 Board of Directors of U.S. Soccer by  
6 acclamation. Congratulations, Richard.

7 Okay. New business?

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: And now New  
9 Business.

10 MS. RICHARDSON: Hold on. I do see  
11 Peggy Polley has her hand raised. I'm not  
12 sure what her -- I'll let her in. Peggy?

13 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Do you have a  
14 question, Peggy?

15 MS. RICHARDSON: Never mind. She looks  
16 like she unraised her hand.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: Okay. New  
18 Business. We have two things on New Business,  
19 John. We have Richard and Tony's and then  
20 Tony's resolution. So, do you want to take  
21 Richard's first?

22 PRESIDENT MOTTA: We'll go with Richard  
23 first, okay, Richard? Richard Groff, you have

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1 and, finally, the chair of the Foundation said  
2 to me we don't have donors who want to fund  
3 adult soccer.

4 They changed their mission statement and  
5 initially they stated we only want to work  
6 with children and kids. Fortunately, Cindy  
7 Parlow was on -- Parlow Cone was on the call  
8 and she said no, that's not what U.S. Soccer  
9 is about and they did add adults back into  
10 their mission statement.

11 But the three years impressed upon me  
12 that we have to take a very proactive role in  
13 this to develop our amateur sport. So what I  
14 wanted to do was present a resolution or a  
15 motion. Duncan, were you able to get that up  
16 to show everyone or --

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: No,  
18 actually.

19 MR. GROFF: Okay. Then I'll just read  
20 it. The U.S. Soccer Adult Council, that's all  
21 of you, request that the U.S. Soccer  
22 Foundation develop a five-year grant program  
23 that invests \$100,000 a year in the

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1 development and support of adult amateur  
2 soccer leagues in the United States.  
3 We as an organization, our member  
4 leagues, our state associations have been  
5 impacted by COVID-19 and the Foundation has  
6 \$50 million in the bank and I understand their  
7 mission is to build small rinks for kids to  
8 play in, also to have educational programs for  
9 children built around soccer, but at the least  
10 they should have a \$100,000 a year program  
11 that is going to support amateur adult soccer  
12 and the U.S. Adult Soccer Association.

13 And I'd like John, if possible, to have  
14 the Council approve that.

15 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. So thank you,  
16 Richard, for that and many of you have been  
17 around since the Foundation was created after  
18 the 1994 World Cup. It was actually created  
19 to give funds to all U.S. Soccer members and  
20 as the years have gone by and new leadership  
21 has taken place, their philosophies have  
22 changed to the point where we are today where  
23 they basically are just funding small fields

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1 have been more appropriate to invite somebody  
2 officially from the Foundation, but I don't  
3 think the picture that's been painted is  
4 accurate. The decision to change the focus of  
5 the Foundation was made 12 or 13 years ago in  
6 a meeting that included a substantial number  
7 of the leadership of U.S. Soccer and the  
8 decision then was that the Foundation instead  
9 of dissipating its efforts in a lot of  
10 different directions, reacting to grant  
11 requests would instead become more focused and  
12 totally focused on trying to introduce the  
13 game to audiences which had generally been  
14 left out of the game.

15 In particular, audiences in underserved  
16 communities. So, much of that is urban, but  
17 it's not exclusively urban. And over time  
18 what has evolved is that that focus has been  
19 on two broad areas; one related to  
20 programming, one related to facilities. The  
21 facilities -- the mission of the Foundation at  
22 this point is to build 1000 small-sided fields  
23 in urban and other underserved areas by 2026.

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1 in inner cities.

2 As Richard has stated, I mean, adult  
3 soccer is not even on their radar and they  
4 really, you know, seem not to care as Richard  
5 has made three proposals and they were all  
6 denied. I support what Richard is saying and,  
7 you know, I would like to put it in a motion  
8 that we support what Richard's resolution is  
9 and we present it to the U.S. Soccer  
10 Foundation in a formal letter.

11 Is there a second?

12 MR. LAVIELLE: I'll second. This is  
13 Rob.

14 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. Rob seconds.  
15 Any other discussion?

16 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes. Let's start with  
17 Kevin Payne from U.S. Club.

18 MR. PAYNE: Yeah. John, I just want to  
19 speak to this. And Richard's my friend of  
20 many, many years. Some of you know that I'm  
21 the vice-chairman of the Foundation.

22 I didn't intend to be speaking about  
23 this on this call. I think it probably would

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1 Those of you who pay attention to what  
2 happens in other countries might know that  
3 that was one of the missions of the DFB in the  
4 reboot that they undertook. Their goal was to  
5 try to make sure that the game was being  
6 introduced to those in those underserved  
7 communities since that's often where the best  
8 and most successful professional athletes come  
9 from.

10 In support of that, it was very apparent  
11 that there was money available from a variety  
12 of sources to support programs that  
13 facilitated the spread of soccer, but also in  
14 effect used soccer as a hook to get kids  
15 involved in ways that kept them off the  
16 street, taught them proper values and assisted  
17 in their development over time.

18 That's what the Foundation has been  
19 focused on. There is still a grant program  
20 for certain field type activities. It's not  
21 the scale that it was previously, but this was  
22 not something that was done recently. There  
23 was no blatant attempt to ignore adults.

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1 Our programming grants are focused on the  
2 main program that we're involved with which is  
3 called Soccer For Success. The Foundation  
4 can't be all things to all people. It's that  
5 simple. We don't have an endless amount of  
6 money and at the rate we were going we were  
7 going to have no money and we weren't going to  
8 have a lot to show for it.

9 Now we have -- we're approaching 200,000  
10 players who are playing the game for the first  
11 time in communities that never have had  
12 soccer. We are -- we have over 300  
13 small-sided fields built and we have  
14 commitments for more than 500. It's been a  
15 very successful program and it's one that has  
16 garnered the support of a number of very large  
17 funders, the U.S. Government, various elements  
18 of the U.S. Government in Republican and  
19 Democratic administrations, the Target  
20 Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson  
21 Foundation, etcetera.

22 So this is a very complex question. I  
23 think that if the Adult Council wants to have

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1 these fields?

2 Kevin? You're on mute, Kevin.

3 MR. PAYNE: I unmuted, but it didn't  
4 unmute. No. The fields are available for  
5 anyone. We don't own the fields. We build  
6 the fields in conjunction with neighborhood  
7 groups.

8 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay.

9 MR. PAYNE: So those might be Boys and  
10 Girls Clubs. In New York City we built 50  
11 fields in conjunction with the New York City  
12 Parks and Rec Department, so there's multiple  
13 different partners everywhere.

14 The idea -- we want the field to be used  
15 as much as possible. Any of you who have ever  
16 been to places like Brazil or Argentina have  
17 seen these small sided courts that are much  
18 the same as basketball courts have been  
19 traditionally in urban communities in the  
20 United States and there's games on them all  
21 the time and they're kids, they're adults,  
22 they're -- you know, it makes the game  
23 ubiquitous.

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1 a real conversation about how to -- how to  
2 influence and get more adults involved in the  
3 game, particularly from underserved  
4 communities, it should have that.

5 This is going to be perceived as just a  
6 handout asking for money and so I think you  
7 should -- instead of just knee jerking this, I  
8 think you should try to have a conversation  
9 with the Foundation and see what common ground  
10 there might be.

11 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay, Kevin. Thanks  
12 very much for your insight and, actually, as a  
13 Board member of the Foundation, that is very  
14 helpful, so thanks for that.

15 Now, I got a question, though, for you,  
16 Kevin. So I do figure that -- and I  
17 understand what you guys are doing, you know,  
18 you're doing the small fields in underserved  
19 communities, which I applaud. I mean, I think  
20 it's a great, great gesture in what you guys  
21 are doing, but while you're doing that are  
22 these fields specifically and exclusively for  
23 youth usage or are adults allowed to also use

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1 It acts as an evangelizing force and it  
2 will grow the game and it will help us attract  
3 talent from a pool of talent that has not ever  
4 been a part of U.S. Soccer, so there's a big  
5 development element of this and there is also,  
6 you know, a social cause which frankly has the  
7 benefit of not only is it the right thing to  
8 do, but it's also appealing to funders.

9 So John, there's no -- it's completely  
10 inappropriate to suggest that we build these  
11 fields and then tell adult groups that they  
12 can't use them.

13 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. Okay. That's  
14 fair. Anybody have any other questions for  
15 Kevin or for Richard?

16 MS. RICHARDSON: There are some other  
17 questions. Paul Scherer was next.

18 MR. SCHERER: I was just going to second  
19 or make the motion for Richard.

20 MS. RICHARDSON: Okay. All right.  
21 We've got Bill George next.

22 MR. GEORGE: Hey, hello everyone. Yeah.  
23 I just got the comment I appreciate -- I think

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1 very highly of Richard, of course, and all  
2 he's contributed to the game and what he's  
3 advocated at the Foundation and I think Kevin  
4 very eloquently put the Foundation's  
5 perspective and I just would encourage us to  
6 be thoughtful about it because I think there  
7 probably is common ground, right?

8 I mean, think of all the underserved  
9 communities in the adult game, whether it's  
10 refugees, groups that have not been affiliated  
11 from Hispanic leagues to Caribbean and African  
12 leagues, so I think if we're thoughtful about  
13 this we can probably approach them with  
14 something that they would be receptive to as  
15 opposed to just, you know, using Kevin's  
16 words, the knee jerk type of handout.

17 So I would just encourage us to put  
18 together a thoughtful package and thoughtful  
19 ask that really would get their attention as  
20 funders and would really help serve us in  
21 terms of broadening and growing the game  
22 within USASA.

23 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Thank you.

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1 additional \$100,000 that can be used in such a  
2 program. This is a partnership. I was  
3 disappointed that the partnership was never  
4 developed in the three years. I was  
5 disappointed when the chair, and I think it  
6 may be different when Kevin becomes the chair,  
7 was not sympathetic to adult soccer, but  
8 Kevin, now is the time publically.

9 Let's make this commitment and put  
10 \$200,000 a year to helping grow adult amateur  
11 soccer even in urban communities or on tribal  
12 ground, wherever it is.

13 MS. RICHARDSON: Turning back to Kevin,  
14 he did ask to respond to that.

15 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Yeah. Go ahead. Go  
16 ahead, Kevin.

17 MR. PAYNE: Yes. So like I said, I'm on  
18 here representing a group that is the second  
19 largest registrant of adult players. Not on  
20 here representing the U.S. Soccer Foundation.

21 And so I certainly cannot speak to  
22 Richard's proposal on behalf of the  
23 Foundation. I'm trying to provide context

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1 MS. RICHARDSON: Just in the question  
2 and answer Michael Hill from Penn West just  
3 asked: Kevin suggested the conversation with  
4 the Foundation. How is that different from  
5 what Richard Groff has been doing? And then  
6 finally, Richard did have his hand raised.

7 MR. GROFF: I need to unmute.

8 MS. RICHARDSON: You are unmuted.

9 MR. GROFF: Okay, great. First of all,  
10 it's great to have Kevin give the perspective  
11 that he did. They do admirable work, okay,  
12 and there's no question.

13 We are both very close friends and have  
14 been for 30 years and, in fact, Kevin will  
15 admit that we had this exact same discussion  
16 less than 30 days ago and quite honestly now  
17 that we have both of us here in the public  
18 forum, what I'm really saying is I believe  
19 there are donors who will give on behalf of  
20 adult soccer and I would make the same promise  
21 that I made to Kevin.

22 If the Foundation commits this \$100,000,  
23 then I am committing to help raise an

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1 because I think it would be very  
2 counterproductive for the Adult Council to  
3 pass some sort of resolution and dump it on  
4 the Foundation's desk. I think there is  
5 possibly a good opportunity to open a  
6 conversation.

7 Ed Foster-Simeon and the Foundation  
8 board including its chairman, Culley Stimson,  
9 are really open-minded people. It's an  
10 outstanding board with people of, you know,  
11 tremendous achievement levels in multiple  
12 areas of business, but they all have a love of  
13 soccer, so I think it should be a  
14 conversation.

15 I do think that -- let me say this: I'm  
16 not sure that it would necessarily be looked  
17 at as something that would be done,  
18 specifically with the Adult Council of the  
19 United States Soccer Federation. Perhaps it  
20 would. Perhaps the Foundation would be open  
21 to that kind of bargain, if you will.

22 I think it's more likely that the  
23 Foundation would say, yeah, let's find a way

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1 to work together to develop funding sources  
2 that are tied or aimed specifically at adult  
3 soccer.

4 And I'm willing to be part of that  
5 conversation. I was a registered player  
6 myself in the Adult Soccer Association. I'm a  
7 member of your Hall of Fame. It's not like I  
8 am not sympathetic to adult soccer so, you  
9 know, I would be more than happy to help  
10 broker that conversation and I think that  
11 there is a chance it could have the result  
12 that you want.

13 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. So thank you,  
14 Kevin and Richard.

15 So Richard, hearing what I'm hearing, I  
16 mean, I would like to withdraw my motion and  
17 have a couple of us, you know, myself, maybe  
18 you, Richard, and a couple of other people  
19 from the commissioners sit down with you and  
20 Ed and maybe the chairman and start that  
21 dialogue.

22 I mean, I know Ed very well. I have a  
23 very good relationship with Ed. I don't know

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1 that's binding so --

2 MR. GROFF: No. It's a basic request.  
3 I mean, we have accomplished more on this  
4 discussion publicly than we have in quite some  
5 time.

6 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. So I'll make a  
7 motion that we get a small group of  
8 commissioners and Richard Groff to meet with  
9 the U.S. Soccer Foundation and to have a  
10 discussion around funding for U.S. -- for  
11 adult soccer in the United States. So that  
12 would be my motion.

13 MS. RICHARDSON: Before we do that, I  
14 think Chaz Ballish has indicated he has a  
15 point of order.

16 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay.

17 MR. BALLISH-REGUEIRO: There's already a  
18 motion that's been seconded on the floor. You  
19 can't make another motion to completely usurp  
20 that primary motion.

21 PRESIDENT MOTTA: I withdrew the motion.

22 MR. BALLISH-REGUEIRO: You can't  
23 withdraw someone else's motion.

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1 who your chairman is on the Board right now,  
2 but I'd be definitely glad to meet him and  
3 have a discussion with him.

4 So Richard, if you are okay I would like  
5 to withdraw the motion and start a dialogue  
6 with them because in all fairness we have not  
7 had the dialogue. You did as our  
8 representative which, you know, you stated it  
9 didn't go very far but, you know, maybe if we  
10 have another approach and we bring the Adult  
11 Council Commissioners in, maybe they will be  
12 more amicable to listen to us. So are you  
13 okay with that, Richard?

14 MR. GROFF: But John, don't you want to  
15 get a sense of where the Council is rather  
16 than just you and I making a decision?

17 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. I mean, we  
18 don't have to make it a resolution. How else  
19 would we -- I mean, I don't want to make it  
20 something that's binding. I mean, I would  
21 like just to see the direction of the Council  
22 which I agree with so would it be -- how would  
23 we put it? It wouldn't be in a motion because

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1 PRESIDENT MOTTA: It was my motion.

2 MR. BALLISH-REGUEIRO: Oh, it was?  
3 Okay. Then I think you can.

4 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Yes. I withdrew the  
5 original one.

6 MR. BALLISH-REGUEIRO: If you withdraw  
7 the motion you can do so by unanimous consent.

8 PRESIDENT MOTTA: What's that? Withdraw  
9 it?

10 MR. BALLISH-REGUEIRO: Ask everyone else  
11 if it's okay.

12 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Is it okay if I  
13 withdraw the motion? Okay. Seeing that  
14 it's --

15 MS. RICHARDSON: Hold on. Looks like  
16 Kevin has raised his hand again as well.

17 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. Kevin, you're  
18 muted. Kevin Payne. Okay.

19 MR. PAYNE: Sorry. I lowered my hand or  
20 I tried to.

21 MS. RICHARDSON: All right. I'll send  
22 you back, Kevin.

23 PRESIDENT MOTTA: My motion is that the

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1 Adult Council authorizes a small group of  
2 commissioners and Richard Groff to go back and  
3 speak to the U.S. Soccer Foundation about  
4 funding for adult soccer.

5 MR. BUSCH: I'll second the motion.

6 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. Any other  
7 discussion? Seeing none, anybody opposed?  
8 Anybody opposed? Okay. So it passes  
9 unanimously.

10 (Motion passed.)

11 PRESIDENT MOTTA: So Kevin, be on the  
12 lookout for some communication from us in the  
13 very near future, probably the next month or  
14 so. And thank you, everyone, and thank you,  
15 Richard, for your passion around this. We  
16 know how passionate you are and we definitely  
17 appreciate it that and thank you, Kevin, for  
18 your giving us your perspective on the U.S.

19 Soccer Foundation. I think it was very

20 helpful, so great discussion. Thank you.

21 Okay. Next we have our New Business?

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: Yes. Sorry.  
23 We have Tony.

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1 delegates to the Adult Council on behalf of  
2 USASA which would include officers, directors,  
3 past presidents, national affiliates,  
4 associations and leagues to be among voting  
5 delegates just within the Adult Council.

6 Is there a request for me to read the  
7 resolution or can people see it?

8 PRESIDENT MOTTA: I think people can see  
9 it. Now, the one thing I do want to emphasize  
10 with this resolution is that nowhere in this  
11 resolution does it state that USASA will fund  
12 them to go to the AGM of U.S. Soccer.

13 This is just to allow them to vote, so  
14 if there is funding that would be needed it  
15 would have to go through the budget process,  
16 but this resolution in no way gives any of the  
17 people designated here, you know, a budget to  
18 go to the AGM.

19 MR. FALCONE: That's correct.

20 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Yes.

21 MS. RICHARDSON: Bill has his hand  
22 raised. Bill, did you have a comment or a  
23 question? If you don't I can lower your hand.

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1 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Tony Falcone, I'll  
2 give you the floor.

3 MR. FALCONE: Sure.

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: Tony, Nick  
5 is going to put the resolution up on the  
6 screen for everyone, too, so they can see it.

7 MR. FALCONE: Okay, good.

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: There you  
9 go.

10 (Resolution shown on screen.)

11 MR. FALCONE: May need to enlarge it a  
12 little bit. So I'm here on behalf of the  
13 Credentials Committee for U.S. Soccer. There  
14 were a couple requests from individuals who  
15 wanted to vote as members of -- as USASA  
16 delegates.

17 We have had in the past allowed our member  
18 associations and leagues also have delegate  
19 votes among the U.S. Adult Council. You know  
20 -- I don't believe the U.S. Federation Bylaws  
21 actually provide for that.

22 What this resolution will do is follows  
23 our USASA Bylaws which allows us to provide

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1 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay.

2 MR. FALCONE: If this resolution passes  
3 I believe the Federation office will be  
4 available Monday for any delegates that may  
5 want to change to be a USASA delegate or are  
6 not already; like I believe Karon Beyer may  
7 not be a voting delegate. This will allow her  
8 to vote as a member of USASA.

9 MS. RICHARDSON: Kevin Payne has his  
10 hand raised. I'll let him in.

11 MR. PAYNE: John or Tony, I'm not sure I  
12 understand the point of this and I suspect I'm  
13 not alone. Can you explain how this would  
14 change what currently happens and does this  
15 effect voting at the National Council Meeting?

16 MR. FALCONE: Yes. I'll explain.

17 Technically the Adult Council only has one  
18 national association and that is USASA, but  
19 within USASA we have other members which  
20 includes state associations, which includes  
21 national affiliates such as AYSL, U.S. Club  
22 Soccer and also includes our national and  
23 multistate leagues and this will provide all

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1 those members that are not already designated  
2 under the Federation Bylaws of the state  
3 associations to have a vote within the Adult  
4 Council.

5 It would also allow us to include our  
6 officers as voting delegates, including our  
7 past presidents as is stated in the USASA  
8 Bylaws. The change will be just within the  
9 Adult Council, so there won't be any extra  
10 votes outside of the Adult Council.

11 The Adult Council still will have the  
12 27, 28 percent votes at the National Council.  
13 What it will do is it will just slightly  
14 change the weight of each individual's vote.

15 MR. PAYNE: How will that -- I'm not  
16 sure if I'm still unmuted, but exactly how  
17 will it change the weight? If something got  
18 strung at one of these meetings it was  
19 basically taking our vote away, so pardon me  
20 if I'm a little suspicious of the outcome.

21 MR. FALCONE: Right. So right now each  
22 delegate for the Adult Council, the weight I  
23 believe is around 1.6, some number. This may

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1 asked to be recognized. Go ahead, Richard.

2 MR. GROFF: Thank you. Maybe I can give  
3 some more clarity to this for Kevin. Kevin,  
4 currently under a resolution passed years ago  
5 past presidents of U.S. Adult Soccer do not  
6 have a vote in what I call the Adult Council  
7 Division of the National Council Meeting.

8 Currently there's about 202 votes in  
9 there, including the number of votes that U.S.  
10 Club has and I don't know the exact percentage  
11 of votes that U.S. Club has of the 202, but  
12 there was a group of us who went to the  
13 Credentials Committee and made a request of  
14 why the past presidents, and there's three of  
15 us, could not vote in the Adult Division of  
16 the National Council.

17 It was also pointed out that some Board  
18 members of U.S. Adult Soccer could not vote.  
19 Credentials Committee responded by saying you  
20 certainly can vote. You just need to tell us  
21 that these delegates have the right to vote.

22 And that's what this resolution does.  
23 The impact on your personal votes for U.S.

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1 add an additional 2, 3, 10 people as delegates  
2 and it will probably slightly change that 1.6.  
3 Instead of 1.64, maybe 1.61 or 1.59, but it's  
4 still within the Adult Council.

5 Right now as we're setup, the state  
6 associations and the national affiliates are  
7 given votes dependent upon the number of  
8 players registered and then each national and  
9 multistate league gets one vote, one delegate  
10 vote.

11 MR. PAYNE: Well, I have to say, Tony  
12 and John, I'm really uncomfortable with this.  
13 A, with it being treated as a resolution but,  
14 B, without any numerical illustrations,  
15 without any real explanation of what the  
16 intent of this is, but particularly without an  
17 explanation of what the effect of it will be,  
18 you know, we would ask people to not pass this  
19 at this time.

20 There is plenty of time before next year's  
21 AGM and if this has merits we can discuss it  
22 before then.

23 MS. RICHARDSON: Richard Groff has also

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1 Club is almost de minimis because it will  
2 probably go from 202 to 212. Now, I would  
3 need a calculator to figure out how many votes  
4 that would impact.

5 How many votes does U.S. Club have in  
6 the Adult Division of the National Council?  
7 Is it six?

8 PRESIDENT MOTTA: I think it might be  
9 five.

10 MR. GROFF: Five. So you are now five  
11 of 202. You'll probably be five of 212.

12 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Yeah. It's not going  
13 to change much.

14 MR. PAYNE: Yeah. I mean, the  
15 difference between 202 and 212 is five  
16 percent. That's a fairly significant  
17 dilution.

18 MR. GROFF: I suggest you get another  
19 calculator.

20 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Probably about two  
21 percent, Kevin, two and a half.

22 MR. GROFF: It's ten votes over 200  
23 votes. That's five percent.

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1 PRESIDENT MOTTA: No. Ten percent of  
2 200 would be 20.

3 MR. PAYNE: Yes. You're right. You're  
4 right. I'm not sure what the point of this  
5 is. Why are these votes intended to be  
6 accretive? There is some dilutive effect if  
7 you do this and it's at the expense of -- it's  
8 not at the expense of USASA. It's at the  
9 expense of everybody else.

10 I think this is an odd way to handle  
11 this. You know, you're probably right that  
12 the impact is not profound, but I just think  
13 this is a strange way of -- I mean, I wasn't  
14 aware that this was coming up. Nobody shared  
15 with us in advance that this was going to be  
16 proposed and included, the mathematical  
17 formulas to show us what the effect would be.  
18 I just don't understand why this is being  
19 handled in this way.

20 MR. FALCONE: One thing, Kevin, to  
21 understand is technically the only parties  
22 that or only delegates that should have votes  
23 in the Adult Council are the state

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1 now and you change it to 212, it goes down to  
2 1.52, so that's the difference. It goes from  
3 1.6 votes to 1.52 votes internally to the  
4 Adult Council.

5 MS. RICHARDSON: Michael Hill, Penn West  
6 indicates: Do we end up with the same vote  
7 count out of a larger pool; therefore,  
8 diluting our vote value? I think Fritz just  
9 answered that a little bit.

10 MR. MARTH: Yeah. It's a smaller vote  
11 value internally, yes. Very small difference.

12 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. Any further  
13 discussion?

14 MS. RICHARDSON: I don't have any other  
15 questions at this point.

16 PRESIDENT MOTTA: A motion was made and  
17 seconded, right, or not yet?

18 MS. RICHARDSON: I believe so. I don't  
19 know. I wasn't --

20 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Did you make a motion?  
21 Tony Falcone, did you make a motion?

22 MR. FALCONE: I move to approve this  
23 resolution.

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1 associations and USASA which is one vote.

2 USASA is the sole member of the Adult  
3 Council, besides the state associations. We  
4 have historically allowed our other  
5 organizational members outside the state  
6 associations to also have voting delegates and  
7 this resolution would provide for that.

8 It also provides, in addition, our  
9 officers and past presidents and the other  
10 problem is there's no bylaws or any set of  
11 rules for the Adult Council, so that's why  
12 it's being handled as a resolution.

13 MS. RICHARDSON: All right. It looks  
14 like Fritz has indicated that he has done some  
15 of the math and can share some of the numbers  
16 in more detail with us. Fritz, if you want to  
17 go ahead.

18 MR. MARTH: Just if anybody is curious  
19 about the numbers and what I did, I worked  
20 them out roughly. If right now every voter  
21 has 1.6 votes internally at 200 -- I just used  
22 202 as the number because I think that's what  
23 we had at USASA. If you change -- if it's 1.6

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1 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Is there a second?

2 MR. LAVIELLE: Rob LaVielle, second.

3 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. Any further  
4 discussion?

5 MS. RICHARDSON: The only question I  
6 have at this point and that I see Kevin Payne  
7 has also asked again. Janet Campbell, North  
8 Texas, indicates how are we going to take --  
9 are we going to take an official counted vote?

10 PRESIDENT MOTTA: What was that again?

11 MS. RICHARDSON: Janet Campbell asks are  
12 we going to take an official counted vote? I  
13 think she's wondering if we're going to use  
14 the Election Runner process.

15 PRESIDENT MOTTA: If that's what the  
16 members request, we will do that.

17 MS. RICHARDSON: Kevin has been --

18 MR. PAYNE: I have the same question. I  
19 don't want to prolong this by forcing another  
20 Election Runner vote, but I do think this is  
21 being handled very strangely. I don't  
22 understand why there wasn't more forewarning  
23 of this and a clearer illustration of what the

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1 effect would be, but I just want the record to  
2 note that we're opposed to this, U.S. Club  
3 Soccer is opposed, and there's four of us on  
4 and if you want we can each register that.

5 MS. RICHARDSON: Andy Marion has  
6 something he'd like to share. Janet Campbell  
7 also notes she believes it would be important  
8 to do an Election Runner type thing if it's  
9 effecting the value of our voting.

10 MR. MARION: You ready for me?

11 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Go ahead.

12 MR. MARION: Hello.

13 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Go.

14 MR. MARION: I have a question just to  
15 be sure I understand this. If this resolution  
16 is approved now, is Kevin's point true that it  
17 really wouldn't effect anything until next  
18 February when the Adult Council has its annual  
19 meeting? Is that true?

20 PRESIDENT MOTTA: That's a question for  
21 Tony who is on the Credentials Committee.

22 MR. FALCONE: The reason this came up in  
23 this fashion at this moment, a request was

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1 on the youth and that's how that number is  
2 determined.

3 So there are a lot of factors to try to  
4 figure out exactly what the weight is going to  
5 be, but Frits did the math. I don't know if  
6 it's going to be exactly as he has because  
7 it's got to be weighted against the youth  
8 delegates, but I'm pretty sure it's going to  
9 be something close to that.

10 It's not going to be a big percentage of  
11 votes per delegate that would be lost.

12 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Tony, this is John. I  
13 have a procedural question because Kevin did  
14 make the point that this kind of sprung up  
15 and, you know, as you mentioned, you know, the  
16 Credentials Committee just did this on Friday,  
17 correct?

18 MR. FALCONE: Friday a week ago.

19 PRESIDENT MOTTA: A week ago Friday,  
20 yes. This was just presented to us this week,  
21 correct?

22 MR. FALCONE: Correct.

23 PRESIDENT MOTTA: So are we procedurally

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1 made to the Credentials Committee from  
2 somebody -- from a few individuals to be  
3 voting delegates.

4 The Credentials Committee met Friday of  
5 last week on this matter and decided that if  
6 the Adult Council approves the bylaws of U.S.  
7 Soccer -- of U.S. Adult Soccer that provides  
8 for additional delegates, then the Credentials  
9 Committee would not stand in its way.

10 Therefore, that's why this resolution  
11 was put together and the only time to be able  
12 to present this was at this meeting. This  
13 would allow a few individuals to contact U.S.  
14 Soccer on Monday and change their delegate  
15 status from one category to another.

16 I have no idea how many will do it. The  
17 weighted vote is based on the number of  
18 delegates that the youth have which count as  
19 one vote per delegate and then ours is a ratio  
20 of that so, for instance, if there were 500  
21 youth delegates and we had 250 adult  
22 delegates, then the adult delegate's votes  
23 would be counted as two for every one that's

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1 not abiding by -- and I don't know if we have  
2 bylaws in the U.S. Adult Council that state  
3 this -- of not giving the members at least a  
4 30-day or 60-day notice that this was coming?

5 MR. FALCONE: We have no rules for the  
6 Adult Council, unfortunately.

7 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Well, Robert's Rules  
8 of Order, do they state anything?

9 MR. FALCONE: I do not know if Robert's  
10 Rules of Order require a 30-day notice or not.

11 PRESIDENT MOTTA: I don't either.

12 MS. RICHARDSON: Next person I have who  
13 raised their hands was Chaz and he might have  
14 an answer to that question as well to the  
15 original comment.

16 MR. BALLISH-REGUEIRO: Personally, I  
17 don't think Robert's Rules speaks to that, but  
18 I have not done any adequate research on it.  
19 It would be any resolution you can make in a  
20 board meeting.

21 To answer Mr. Payne's question, again,  
22 this is up to 12 people. It specifically says  
23 that an individual can't vote in two

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1 capacities, so John and Richard, for example,  
2 would very likely choose to vote as U.S.  
3 Soccer Board members, so that would not change  
4 things.

5 But if everyone did, if 100 percent of  
6 everyone did, it would change each one of the  
7 five U.S. Club Soccer votes by  
8 .0011684752 percent. So de minimus I think is  
9 -- once again, it gives our past presidents  
10 the ability to attend and vote, along with  
11 Board members who don't represent their  
12 particular state any longer.

13 MS. RICHARDSON: All right. Kevin is --  
14 Kevin Payne has raised his hand as well.

15 MR. PAYNE: Well, I said previously that  
16 I really -- we object to the procedure. John,  
17 we didn't need or weren't asking that we get  
18 30 days of notice but, you know, an hour of  
19 notice might have been nice.

20 This is just amateur hour to present  
21 something like this in the middle of a  
22 meeting. I don't know what Robert's Rules  
23 say, but if the Adult Council doesn't have any

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1 MR. LARABA: Okay. So you cut me off  
2 because you don't like -- you're throwing me  
3 out of USASA, too, right?

4 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes. Absolutely.  
5 Sorry about that, Dave.

6 MR. LARABA: No. I think that -- it's  
7 not just Kevin's group, U.S. Club, that we all  
8 lose some of our vote and I just think it's  
9 something that we should have been able to  
10 look at, see the exact numbers. You know,  
11 having Richard and the other past presidents  
12 have a vote is no problem. I think the  
13 process is not good and so in that point I  
14 agree with Kevin that it's not a good process.

15 MS. RICHARDSON: I just note that Dave  
16 Borts from Rhode Island has also put in the  
17 question and answer that he doesn't feel this  
18 is a good way to make changes. Next I have  
19 Tom Moore. Sorry, Tom. Go ahead.

20 MR. MOORE: Could someone point out how  
21 this change, if it were made today, would  
22 actually allow it to become in effect for the  
23 Federation National Council Meeting next

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1 bylaws then we probably haven't adopted  
2 Robert's Rules either, so I don't dispute that  
3 the effect would be de minimus. I trust your  
4 math.

5 I would have liked to have seen it  
6 earlier. It's pretty unprofessional to handle  
7 things this way.

8 MS. RICHARDSON: Just a response to  
9 Kevin's comments. Dan Trainor has put in the  
10 question and answer that there is bylaws for  
11 the Adult Council.

12 All right. We have Dave Laraba here.

13 MR. LARABA: Yeah. Good afternoon. I  
14 hate to say it. I'm going to agree with Kevin  
15 twice in one meeting because I'll probably get  
16 thrown out of USYS, but Kevin, don't report  
17 me.

18 I think that the point that this should  
19 have been told to us ahead of time because  
20 it's --

21 MS. RICHARDSON: I'm sorry. I clicked  
22 the wrong button for Dave. I'll let him back.  
23 Sorry.

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1 Saturday since the resolution pertained to  
2 USASA bylaws?

3 MR. FALCONE: Let me answer that. First  
4 of all, I apologize for the process, but this  
5 is the only way to present this. This wasn't  
6 something that was planned out months ago.  
7 This was a request made to the Credentials  
8 Committee. The Credentials Committee met on  
9 this topic and the Credentials Committee  
10 agreed that if this body, the Adult Council,  
11 were to approve this resolution or allow a  
12 resolution to admit these additional delegates  
13 that they would then honor the request of the  
14 Adult Council and they will allow it for the  
15 meeting coming up next week.

16 Again, this would only be for folks that  
17 are not -- you cannot be a delegate in more  
18 than one capacity.

19 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay.

20 MR. FALCONE: That's why the resolution  
21 was presented as it is.

22 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. I think we've  
23 had quite a bit of discussion on this. I tend

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1 to agree a little bit more on Kevin's point  
 2 where, you know, having this done on Friday,  
 3 presented to us on whenever we got it,  
 4 Thursday, Wednesday, Friday, whatever day it  
 5 was, and not giving our members enough notice,  
 6 you know, I do feel that we are a little bit  
 7 out of line and we -- you know, again, a  
 8 motion was made and seconded, but my  
 9 recommendation would be to -- again, it's not  
 10 going to -- I mean, we have a meeting next  
 11 week, an AGM.

12 It may affect a couple of people who may  
 13 not be able to vote next week, but in all  
 14 fairness to all members, I would recommend  
 15 that the motion be withdrawn and, you know,  
 16 and presented maybe at next year's Adult  
 17 Council for consideration and give people more  
 18 time to understand what this resolution is and  
 19 the effects on the voting strength; even  
 20 though it's minimal, but it still does have an  
 21 effect on the voting strength.

22 So that is my recommendation. I'm not  
 23 the maker of the motion, but I think in

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1 fairness to our members who did not see this  
 2 until now, would be the right way to go.

3 MS. RICHARDSON: Tom Moore notes in the  
 4 Q&A, it says USASA would have to authorize  
 5 this change, but USASA wouldn't have a meeting  
 6 between now and then to make this change.

7 MR. FALCONE: Point of order.

8 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Go ahead, Tony.

9 MR. FALCONE: These are current bylaws  
 10 of USASA which do provide for these additional  
 11 delegates, so there's really no action to be  
 12 taken by USASA. This is just an action that  
 13 needs to be taken by this Adult Council and if  
 14 the desire is not to do it at this meeting, I  
 15 would recommend that when the U.S. Adult  
 16 Soccer Association meets again that perhaps  
 17 they conduct a special council meeting of the  
 18 Adult Council to look at this resolution so  
 19 that come next year there's ample time for  
 20 these additional delegates to be able to  
 21 register properly, but I request that we just  
 22 call to the vote.

23 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. There was a

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1 call to the vote by the motion maker, so are  
 2 we voting online?

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: We can do a  
 4 poll.

5 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: With just  
 7 the members online, so we actually have that  
 8 lined up. The poll is very easy. It's a  
 9 yes/no vote and you just click on it. So,  
 10 Nick, can you launch that?

11 PRESIDENT MOTTA: So this is not a  
 12 weighted vote, right? This is just a  
 13 directional vote? Is that right, Duncan?  
 14 You're muted.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: Yes. We  
 16 have to wait until everyone has voted.  
 17 Everyone who is still online right now.

18 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Would this require a  
 19 simple majority to pass or two-thirds? Simple  
 20 majority I think.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: Majority,  
 22 yes. There's a few people that dropped off  
 23 the call, so there's --

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1 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Yes.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: That's it.  
 3 A couple more people have dropped off, so for  
 4 those that are on, 69, nearly 70 percent of  
 5 people agree that -- 69 percent of those that  
 6 voted say that we should -- that they don't  
 7 approve the motion to adopt the resolution.

8 PRESIDENT MOTTA: So 69 percent said no?

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: Yes.

10 PRESIDENT MOTTA: So then it does not  
 11 get approved for this meeting.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: Correct.

13 PRESIDENT MOTTA: All right.

14 MR. FALCONE: Thank you. I'll inform  
 15 the Credentials Committee.

16 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Yes. Thank you. Next  
 17 is what? Good of the Game?

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: Yes.

19 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. So we'll open  
 20 it up for Good of the Game if anyone has any  
 21 Good of the Game they would like to bring up.

22 MS. RICHARDSON: We'll start with Kevin  
 23 Payne.

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1 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Kevin, you're muted.

2 MR. PAYNE: I apologize. What was the  
3 question?

4 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Do you have anything  
5 for Good of the Game, Kevin?

6 MR. PAYNE: No. I just really echo  
7 John's opening thoughts about keeping those  
8 people who have been harmed by the coronavirus  
9 pandemic in our thoughts and particularly now  
10 -- right now the people in the Southwest who  
11 are suffering mightily. People in New  
12 Hampshire are accustomed to that kind of  
13 weather. Not so much in Houston, Texas.

14 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Kevin, but I'm down in  
15 Virginia Beach where it's a little bit better  
16 so --

17 MR. PAYNE: Okay.

18 MS. RICHARDSON: Thank you. Next up we  
19 have David Borts.

20 MR. BORTS: Good afternoon, everybody.  
21 Just some thoughts and prayers. In Rhode  
22 Island we've lost some big-timers of the game  
23 in the last actually month or two. Former

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1 MR. DAVEY: Can you hear me now?

2 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Yep.

3 MR. DAVEY: I'm a little technology  
4 challenged, so I had my hand up earlier when  
5 we were -- and this isn't for the Good of the  
6 Game, but it involves the bylaws proposals by  
7 U.S. Soccer and maybe I missed it during the  
8 conversation, but the portion of the bylaws or  
9 proposals from U.S. Soccer about the election  
10 of president and vice president of U.S. Soccer  
11 being in-house within the Board as opposed to  
12 membership as it's been done in the past, is  
13 that withdrawn or still valid or what is the  
14 status of that?

15 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Bill, that was not  
16 part of the bylaw changes for this year. That  
17 was --

18 MR. DAVEY: Okay.

19 PRESIDENT MOTTA: So I would imagine for  
20 next year's AGM we would still be voting for  
21 U.S. Soccer.

22 MR. DAVEY: I just wanted clarification.  
23 I must have missed out on that. Thank you.

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1 vice president of our state association and  
2 founder of the largest Hispanic league in  
3 Southern New England, Abelardo Hernandez,  
4 founder of the league Guatemalteca and we also  
5 lost somebody else in the Cape Verdean  
6 community, John Britto, who was a founder and  
7 the director of the boys club in Providence  
8 for many, many years and mentored thousands of  
9 young Portuguese and Cape Verdean kids who  
10 grew up playing soccer and basketball.

11 And last of all, my youth coach and  
12 college coach for a period of time, we lost  
13 one of the great college coaches from the  
14 1950s through 1980s, Cliff Stevenson, who  
15 passed away who was the coach of Brown  
16 University. He passed away two weeks ago.

17 And just great to be on the call with  
18 everybody today. It's a new way of doing  
19 things and we're all learning these things.  
20 Hopefully we'll get to see each other sometime  
21 later this year.

22 MS. RICHARDSON: I think up next is Bill  
23 Davey. Bill, you'll need to unmute.

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1 MS. RICHARDSON: Up next is Fritz Marth.

2 MR. MARTH: Two quick things for Good of  
3 the Game. Number one, it's not often that I  
4 as a forensic engineer get to meld sort of my  
5 professional life with my soccer life, but I  
6 have become involved with an organization  
7 through the American Bar Association, and I'm  
8 not a lawyer but because of my business I'm  
9 involved with them.

10 And it's called Building For Good. And  
11 what Building For Good, their motto is we  
12 provide construction legal services for those  
13 who -- for the people who -- for people who  
14 build for the people who need it the most and  
15 what it is, it's pro bono construction legal  
16 services for nonprofits who need help in say  
17 if you're building a field or you're building  
18 some sort of a facility and you can't afford  
19 legal advice to go in front of a zoning board  
20 or to negotiate with a -- to negotiate a  
21 contract, this is an organization that is out  
22 there.

23 They are -- you can check them out. The

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1 website is building4good.org. Again, it's  
2 construction legal services for not for  
3 profits who are building for the better good,  
4 so I think there's probably a lot of  
5 organizations in our family that could use it.

6 Second and very quick, I'm putting in a  
7 shameless plug for my brother's book that he  
8 put out here, "Building an Amateur Soccer  
9 Nation." I hope everybody reads it. It has  
10 some very good ideas and just a lot of food  
11 for thought in there and a lot of surprises.

12 You'll find out, for example, we talk  
13 about our small state associations, but when  
14 you really look at states, and he mentions it  
15 in there like Hawaii and Alaska, they probably  
16 have the largest number of registered players  
17 per their population so, again, it's a great  
18 book. Go on Amazon and buy it. Thank you.

19 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Any more? That is it?  
20 Well, seeing there is no more, again, I would  
21 like to thank everyone for your time today. I  
22 thought we had two excellent meetings. Duncan  
23 has something. You're on mute.

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3 I, REBECCA L. DIBELLO, RPR, CSR,  
4 appointed to take the minutes of the United  
5 States Adult Council Meeting, do certify  
6 that the within proceedings of the Adult  
7 Council Meeting were taken by me  
8 stenographically via Zoom Webinar on February  
9 20th, 2021, then reduced to typewritten form  
10 consisting of 62 pages herein; that the  
11 foregoing is a true transcript of the  
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13 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
14 subscribed my name and affixed my seal this  
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22 Rebecca Lynne DiBello, CSR, RPR  
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No. 01D14897420  
Qualified in Erie County  
My commission expires 5/11/2023

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIDDLE: Sorry. So  
2 one of the staff has to get somewhere.

3 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Thanks for the time.  
4 And again, great meeting and thanks, once  
5 again, for your trust in me to lead the  
6 organization for another 18 months. A lot of  
7 work ahead of us all.

8 Again, it's not about me. It's not  
9 about the Board. It's about all of us  
10 together and you guys have my number. Call me  
11 when you have ideas, when you have concerns,  
12 if there's something that's bugging you. Like  
13 I said, I'm pretty available. You know I'm  
14 not going to say 24/7 because I do sleep, but  
15 I'm pretty readily available early morning  
16 through, you know, the evening if you want to  
17 give me a call.

18 So thanks, everyone, and with that we'll  
19 have a motion to adjourn.

20 MR. BUSCH: So moved.

21 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. Thank you. So  
22 again, our meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

23 (Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m CST)

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