

**Minutes of  
USASA Annual General Meeting  
March 12, 2006  
Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, NV**

Chairman Mike Edwards opened the twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the United States Adult Soccer Association at 8:00am Pacific Time on March 12, 2006.

**Roll Call**

Credentials Committee Chairman Ken Conselyea conducted a roll call of delegates by region and officers. See Attachment 1 for those in attendance and the vote strength.

Total votes: 198

Majority: 99

2/3: 132

90%: 179

Credential Committee report was accepted.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

The Council approved the minutes of 2005 AGM as submitted.

**Election of Officers**

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for the position of USASA Chairman.

Dan Trainor, NPSL, nominated Brooks McCormick. A seconding nomination was made by John Sutter, President of North Texas. Steve Flamhaft, Eastern NY, nominated Bruno Trapikas. Deputy Director, George Chazaro seconded the nomination. Motion was made to close nominations. Following balloting, Mike Edwards announced that Brooks McCormick was elected Chairman of USASA

Bruno Trapikas then moved that the ballots be destroyed and that Brooks McCormick be elected new Chairman of USASA by acclamation. Motion passed. He accepted.

Mike Edwards opened the floor for nominations for the position of USASA Secretary. Mrs. June Stroup is the incumbent.

Steve Beckman, PA-West rose to nominate June Stroup. A second for the nomination was placed by Marilyn Biles.

Peter Pinori, Eastern NY rose to nominate Valerie Blanchenay, Region I Secretary. A seconding nomination was placed by Anthony Falcone, President of Maryland/Region I Treasurer. The nominations were closed. The Chairman announced that Valerie Blanchenay was elected USASA Secretary. She accepted.

A motion was made to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

Chairman Edwards opened the floor for nominations for Adult Council Member-at-large. Mike Maloney rose to place the name of Werner Fricker Jr. Jim Sadowski, Metro DC/VA placed a seconding nomination. A motion was made to close nominations. Chairman Edwards announced that Werner Fricker Jr was elected by acclamation. He accepted.

### **Communications**

The Administrator advised the chair that there were no communications related to the Annual General Meeting.

### **Reports of Officers and Committees**

Reports of Committees and Officers were provided to the membership in writing in advance of the meeting. The following additional reports were made from the floor:

- Gerhard Mengel, Chairman National Cup Committee thanked the Executive Committee and Regional Cup Commissioners, Werner Fricker Jr., Debra Trapikas, Kim Bowen, and Mike Maloney for their support. National Cup finals will be in Frisco, TX, August 4-6, 2006.
- Tim Busch, Chair of Veteran's Cup. 9<sup>th</sup> Event will take place in North Carolina this summer. He also thanked Mike Edwards for his support and his committee members: Larry Frisoli (replaced by Dave Carmody), Don Keller, Gordon Redshaw, Paul Scherer. Thanks to EC for awarding Veterans Cup 2007-08 to WSSA.
- Carlos Rodriguez, Chairman of Select Team Program thanked the Regional Commissioners, Tony Dubrowski, Allen Egilmez, Joe Landry, Geir Olson, and past Select Team Program Chair, Bill Bosgraaf. Donnelly Cup will be in FL, N-TX Men and Cal-S Women won 2006 Cup. Program continues to make progress.
- John Motta, Chair of the Referee Committee asked for submission of Referee of the Year nominations. He announced that there will be an all female Referee symposium during Veterans Cup.
- Region II Director/Hall of Fame Committee Chair, Bruno Trapikas reminded everyone that April 15 is the **firm** deadline for submitting Hall of Fame candidates. Committee members include: Sal Rapaglia, Richard Williams, Charlie Robinson, Rick Olivas. A program form to solicit ads is available. Induction ceremony will take place on Friday, October 20, 2006.
- Janet Slauson, Women's Committee Chair reported that there will be a symposium during Veteran's Cup 2006.
- Peggy Polley, Chair Membership Committee wanted to personally thank Mike Edwards for his 8 years of service.
- Dyann Pugliese, Chair of Grants Committee, reported that they awarded \$9,825 in grants. The Committee's budget of \$10,000 reduced to \$5,000. Awards show as fees waived not as money hitting against our reduced budget amount. She is looking to change policy to help affiliate Hispanic referees as well.

- Lu Aprigliano, Chair of Coaching Committee requested Coach of the Year nominations. He announced that USASA Coaching License courses are held throughout the year.
- Marypat Bell, Chair Mid-Year Meeting Committee reported the meeting will take place October 19-22 at the Hilton in Alexandria, VA. Forms to provide suggestions for workshop topics were distributed at the regional meetings. Please be sure to return your input for future meeting destinations to your regional committee representative. Hall of Fame induction dinner was added on Friday evening. Registration will be \$75 for 2006 this includes Hall of Fame dinner. Registration information will be coming soon from the office.

### **Amendments to the Charter, Bylaws, and Policies**

Dan Trainor, NPSL, as Rules Committee Chair thanked his committee, Pat Varsallona, Doug Pels, Larry Hall, Erin Langenwalter. He encouraged members to follow the bylaws. He added a summary page to facilitate review and discussion. Dan mentioned that submittal of electronic database, does not specify a format, with the intent of trying to make it easy for membership to comply.

### **Proposal 1 Bylaw 215: passed as amended**

Add 'pursuant to USASA Bylaw 702' after 'required player information'

Section 2. An Organization Member must pay its annual membership fee to, file the appropriate USASA membership form with, and submit an electronic database containing all the required player registration information *pursuant to Bylaw 702* for all of its affiliated players from the previous year to USASA by not later than September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. If the fee is not paid and the form not filed, nor the database submitted, the Organization Member is fined \$100 and subject to additional sanctions pursuant to Bylaw 241.

### **Proposal 2 Bylaw 241: defeated**

### **Proposal 3 Bylaw 411: passed as amended**

Bylaw 411, Rule Chair accepted an amendment to read:

New sentence "Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, The Regional Executive Committee shall have the authority to conduct all of the business affairs of their respective regions"

### **Proposal 4 Bylaw 702: referred to Rules Committee**

### **New Business**

#### **Budget**

Adoption of 2006-2007 Budget was brought to the floor. Jim Sadowski, proposed E-56 Select Team National Camp be reduced from \$60,000 to \$52,500 (-\$7,500) and allocate the funds as follows: E77 Co-ed Cup Ref \$2,000 to \$5,000, E59 Women's Development increase from \$2,500 to 4,000 and E74 Veteran's Cup allocate \$3,000. Motion carried.

Larry Frisoli reported that Region I donated \$1,000 for a party at end of Veteran's Cup. He moved that an additional \$1,000 be added to E74 to fund a party for players at the end of the event. Motion passed.

Peggy Polley, Membership Committee requested E64 be amended to be increased by \$2,500 so that her committee can attend NSCAA. She has had 3 tickets donated, booth space is free. Motion passed.

Dyann Pugliese, Grants Committee Chair expressed concern that budget expenditures were not being accurately reflected for her committee. She indicated that she would like to see line item E72 in the budget increased to \$10K from \$5K. Motion carried.

A budget as amended was approved.

Tony Falcone made a request of board to put together a task force to review rules in light of yesterday's decision.

Sunil Gulati, new USSF president was introduced by Mike Edwards. He addressed subject of future AGM locations and polled attendees in regard to generally going to warmer places in Feb/March timeframe.

Larry Frisoli announced that the Region I Executive Committee is appointing Matt Kywonos, Western NY as new Region I Acting Secretary.

USASA meeting was recessed in order to conduct the **Adult Council Meeting**.

### **Good of the Game**

Mike Maloney and Marge Madriago presented an award to Mike Edwards on behalf of the entire membership for his years of service to USASA. Dyann Pugliese asked Chairman Edwards what happens if Sunil can not complete his term, and who takes his place? Reply was Mike Edwards. Should Mike not complete his term, who is next in line? Reply was Brooks McCormick. Brooks McCormick reported that he has asked Werner Fricker, Jr. to chair a "Bridge the Gap" committee to continue valuable dialogue between the adults and the youth. Barb Trainor thanked Illinois State Soccer Association (ISSA), Judith, Allen, Stephanie, and Chimere for organizing the first annual golf tournament. Branko Ilic, ISSA announced that ISSA is celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the end of September and there will also be the dedication of a wall of fame at the new Chicago stadium and he invited all to join them. Jim Sadowski, MDCVSA, asked for a show of hands for interest in golf, attending an MLS game, or playing in a soccer game at the next meeting. Tony Falcone, Maryland/Region I Treasurer offered his thanks to Richard Groff for his years of service to Region I and USASA Executive Committee and for the good of the game. John Sutter expressed how special this weekend was and the momentous accomplishments in terms of the spirit of cooperation and compromise.

Chairman Edwards handed out the last of the annual 'Mikie Awards' to Ken Conselyea, Steve Clamp/Tim Holt of USL and Diego Munoz of North Carolina.

John Sutter announced that Dave Messersmith was elected Chair of the Youth.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Blachenay

Attachment 1: Credentials Report

Attachment 2: 2006-07 Budget