

**United States Adult Soccer Association
Mid Year Meeting
Alexandria, VA
October 22, 2006**

Chairman Brooks McCormick opened the 12th Annual Midyear meeting of the United States Adult Soccer Association at 8:05 am on October 22, 2006.

Credentials Report

Chairman Ken Conselyea conducted the roll call by region. States and other representatives not in attendance were: Delaware, Maine, PA-West, W. Virginia, South Dakota, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Cal-South, Colorado, Wyoming, Charlsa Moore, and PASL.

Moment of Silence

Chairman McCormick asked the membership to join him in a moment of silence for the members of the soccer family that have left us in the past year.

Communications

The administrator informed the chair that there were no communications.

Reports of Officers and Committees

Chairman McCormick reported on the productive open session conducted on Saturday. Chairman McCormick thanked Jim Sadowski and the MDCVSA for being fantastic hosts of the Midyear meeting. He wished Marypat Bell a speedy recovery, thanked the short-handed Midyear Committee and Stephanie and Chimere for a job well done. He announced that USASA will have a new budget chair this year, Larry Hall. Please comply with his requests for information. Larry has been charged with putting together a realistic, zero-based budget. Program chairs will be held accountable to operate within their budgets to put this organization on firm financial ground. Out of the Open Forum meeting yesterday, Chairman McCormick proposed we have a professionally facilitated President's meeting with scheduled agenda items and breakout sessions. This meeting would occur in conjunction with one of our currently scheduled meetings to keep costs down. Chairman McCormick proposed the next Midyear meeting, and have Presidents come in one day early. This would allow us to report results back to the council at an open forum within the same weekend. ENY motioned to accept the proposal for a professionally facilitated summit with a representative from each member organization. There was discussion on the motion. A proposed format will be presented to the membership at the AGM. Motion passed. Idaho recorded as a no vote.

Chairman McCormick reported that he has given the Rules Committee several Bylaw changes that need to be re-worked based on results of the last AGM. Dan Trainor and Rules Committee are tasked with this. Chairman McCormick has asked Tony Falcone and Marypat Bell to act as advisors.

Chairman McCormick announced that he is appointing an Ad-hoc group, Competitions Committee, at the request of various committee chairs. This committee will have two purposes: meet with programs all at one time to review/share budgetary goals and to share best practices. He also announced that Gerhard Mengel is retiring as Chair of National Cups Committee and will act as an advisor/mentor to Werner Fricker, Jr. Gerhard will continue as the USASA representative on the US Open Cup Committee. Gerhard was thanked for his 24 years of his service and received a round of applause.

Vice Chairman, Marge Madriago requested and encouraged the membership to submit nominations for the Werner Fricker Builder Award.

Region I Director, Larry Frisoli announced that Alex Tsalgas is appointed the Region I National Cups Commissioner since Werner Fricker, Jr. moved to the role of Chair of the National Cups Committee.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

Chairman McCormick reported updated vote strength: 172 votes present, 87 majority, 115 votes represent 2/3 count and 155 votes represent 90% count.

Amendments to the Charter, Bylaws, and Policies

Dan Trainor, Chairman of the Rules Committee announced that there were two rule change proposals. Peter Pinori, ENY motioned and Ric Olivas, Cal-N seconded the motion to approve both proposals. Motion carried.

Chairman McCormick introduced and acknowledged Mike Edwards, Vice President of USSF.

Larry Frisoli, Region I Director announced that he is going to apply for a grant on behalf of USASA to help fund a permanent home in the amount of \$250,000. This amount would be used for a deposit to purchase a suitably located office.

Second item that Larry Frisoli proposed was for USASA to hold the next Midyear in San Juan, Puerto Rico end October/early November. Plane fares are similar. Chairman McCormick reminded everyone that a survey was completed by the membership and the next three years sites have been approved with Ft. Lauderdale the destination for 2007 meeting. Research needs to be done regarding airfare and hotel to be fiscally responsible as an organization and to confirm costs are comparable. Events need to be planned 2-3 years out for good hotel rates. There was a motion from Larry Frisoli, seconded by Janet Slauson to hold 2007 mid-year meeting in Puerto Rico. Motion defeated. Larry Frisoli will investigate costs. Executive Committee will make final decision. Chairman McCormick reported the top three choices from the membership survey: Ft. Lauderdale in '07, San Antonio in '08 and

Phoenix in '09. These locations were accepted by the Executive Committee. Hawaii was not considered due to AGM being there in '08.

For the Good of the Game

Larry Hall, Chair of the Budget Committee, reported that his committee needs to present a new budget in January at the Executive Committee meeting. Larry Hall indicated that if you are a committee chair, you will be contacted right after this meeting. We are on a short time frame to compile a new budget. Sal Rapaglia announced that Gerhard Mengel should be present at the Open Cup finals. VP of the USSF, Mike Edwards has invited Gerhard Mengel to the next Open Cup finals. Michigan would like to thank the Grants Committee for allowing grants on behalf of the Latino leagues. They are meeting with fantastic success. Larry Hall thanked USASA and Region III for their support of Roma SC during the Open Cup. It was wonderful to see them beat Chivas. Paul Scherer asked for financial information on a monthly or quarterly basis. Secondly he commented on the Hall of Fame being long overdue. It turned out to be a marvelous event. It was well worth it and congratulations to the inductees. James Carson, Indiana, wanted to revisit the "think tank" idea. He suggested USASA have 3-4 people to come to office that are not responsible for any programs to generate proposals. Indiana is offering to pick up their meals. Sal Rapaglia indicated Hall of Fame was a big success. USASA founded in 1913, like ENY. There is a lot of history here. Committee should continue to honor those that have served for the good of the game and not put on a cap on the number of honorees.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted for review and correction,

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