

Minutes of USASA Annual General Meeting

Hyatt Regency Century Plaza

Los Angeles, CA

February 24, 2007

Meeting called to Order 2:03 PST

Roll Call

Conducted by Ken Conselyea, Credential Committee Chair by region

Region I

Connecticut: 4 votes (responded)

Delaware: 2 votes

Eastern New York: 5 votes (responded)

Eastern Pennsylvania: 4 votes (responded)

Maryland: 2 votes

Massachusetts: 5 votes (responded)

Maine: 0 votes

D.C./ Virginia: 5 votes (responded)

New Hampshire: 2 votes (responded)

New Jersey: 4 votes (responded)

Pennsylvania West: 2 votes (responded)

Rhode Island: 2 votes (responded)

Vermont: 1 vote

West Virginia: 2 votes

Western New York: 3 votes

Region II

Illinois: 4 votes (responded)

Indiana: 2 votes (responded)

Iowa: 3 votes (responded)

Kansas: 3 votes (responded)

Kentucky: 3 votes (responded)

Michigan: 4 votes (responded)

Minnesota: 4 votes (responded)

Missouri: 2 votes (responded)

Nebraska: 2 votes (responded)

Ohio North: 3 votes (responded)

South Dakota: 1 vote

Southern Ohio: 3 votes (responded)

Wisconsin: 2 votes (responded)

Region III

Alabama: 1 vote

Arkansas: 4 votes (responded)

Florida: 5 votes (responded)

Georgia: 4 votes (responded)

Louisiana: 3 votes (responded)

Mississippi: 1 vote (responded)
North Carolina: 5 votes (responded)
North Texas: 5 votes (responded)
Oklahoma: 3 votes (responded)
South Carolina: 3 votes (responded)
Tennessee: 4 votes (responded)
Texas South: 5 votes (responded)

Region IV

Alaska: 3 votes (responded)
Arizona: 4 votes (responded)
Cal North: 5 votes (responded)
Cal South: 5 votes (responded)
Colorado: 4 votes (responded)
Hawaii: 3 votes (responded)
Idaho: 3 votes (responded)
Montana: 2 votes (responded)
New Mexico: 4 votes (responded)
Nevada: 3 votes (responded)
Oregon: 4 votes (responded)
Utah: 2 votes
Washington: 5 votes (responded)
Wyoming: 1 vote

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

Officers:

Brooks McCormick
Marge Madriago
Toni Briggs-McGee
Valerie Blanchenay

Region I

Larry Frisoli
Fritz Marth
Tony Falcone
Matt Krywonos

Region II

Bruno Trapikas
George Chazaro
Bill Davey

Ken Conselyea

Region III

Carlos Rodriguez

Marypat Bell

Russell Rankenberg

Charlsa Moore

Region IV

Bill Bosgraaf

Mike Maloney

Graham Biles

Barbara Trainer

States not present: Delaware, Vermont, South Dakota, Alabama, Utah, Wyoming

Leagues not present:

AYSO

Premier Arena Soccer League

Election of Officers

Chairman Brooks McCormick conducted elections.

USASA Election of Officers was moved to the beginning of the meeting with no objections due to a scheduling conflict with a candidate.

Member At Large

Nominations:

Tim Busch, Washington State Soccer Association, nominated Jim Hamilton of Washington State Soccer Association. Albino Bejines seconded. Jim Hamilton accepted the nomination. A motion to close nominations was made by Mr. Bosgraaf; seconded and passed. Jim Hamilton was elected by acclimation.

Treasurer

Nominations:

John Sutter, President North Texas placed name of Toni Briggs-McGee for position of Treasurer; Larry Frisoli, Region I Director, seconded. A motion to close nominations was made, seconded, and passed. Toni indicated her acceptance of the nomination. Toni Briggs was re-elected by acclimation.

Vice-Chair

Nominations:

Ric Olivas, Cal North, nominated Marge Madriago and Albino Bejines seconded. A motion to close nominations was made, seconded, and passed. Marge indicated her acceptance of the nomination. Marge Madriago was re-elected to position of Vice Chairman by acclimation.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Council approved the minutes of 2006 AGM and 2006 mid-year meeting as submitted.

Communications

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

Reports of Officers and Committees

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

Ric Olivas asks that reports sent electronically are emailed a minimum of 7 days before meeting.

Mr. Busch thanked the board for discussion on the Veteran's Cup. Tournament will be held in Bellingham, WA from July 17-22, 2007. Hotel arrangement for teams attending should be made early.

Bruno Trapikas, Hall of Fame committee, thanked everyone for contributions and nominations. The second induction ceremony will take place in Fort Lauderdale, FL in October during the mid-year meeting. Deadline for applications is April 15th.

Werner Fricker, National Cup Committee Chair, thanked Washington State Association for holding finals outside of Seattle.

Carlos Rodriguez, Select Team Program, congratulated Region II's Illinois Men and Women whom won both competitions at the 2007 Donnelly Cup held in Tampa, FL. Regional tournaments are being finalized. Refer to his report in Book of Reports for more details.

Dyann Pugliese, Grants Committee, reported the committee considered five applications. They will review and submit written considerations to the board.

Chairman reported final credentials:

Present: 193 votes

Majority: 98 votes

2/3: 129 votes

90%: 174 votes

Bruno Trapikas requested to adjourn the USASA meeting. The meeting is instead *recessed* and the Adult Council meeting is called to order. Roll call being the same as the USASA meeting.

-- Adult Council Meeting--

--The USASA meeting brought back to order.

New Business

Demosphere is now hosting and developing our website while creating the online registration system. The online registration for the organization using Demosphere is free unless a credit card is used which carries a transaction fee. If additional programs (i.e. league scheduler) not contracted by the organization, are developed for other states with a fee from Demosphere, they can market to our members.

At the last mid-year meeting, the Chairman announced an agreement with US Soccer Foundation was reached that \$30,000 would be granted towards offsetting programming costs in exchange for a check-off button on the online registration program screen. If the program is not approved for a second year, it may be imprudent to accept funds from the Foundation, when the link could not be maintained for a full year.

Barb Trainor, Region IV secretary, read a resolution that stated: Region II and Region IV requests that USASA tell Demosphere, with 60-day notice, that USASA will not be continuing with the program into year two. Reasons stated: (1) the problems trying to be solved have not been communicated adequately to know if product meets requirements (2) the product does not meet needs of individual state associations. These 2 regions do not believe that Demosphere is the correct program for online registration.

Ric Olivas, Cal North agrees with comments made by Barb Trainor of Region IV. In addition, he commented that questions asked about the program made in January have not been answered. Questions asked: When do they receive money? How much more for pictures? Who's going to make the player's pass? Requested to confer on what the state association needs and address the privacy issues for Cal North.

Chairman McCormick responded that a survey of members was conducted by Larry Frisoli and Marge Madriago, as registration committee chair, and a report was made and sent to Demosphere with concerns. Note that money should be received within a 72-hour period if a credit card was used and the funds are directly deposited into the state association's account.

There was much discussion on this topic before Jay Baker, President of Demosphere had a chance to present update. He explained that his company had worked with US Soccer for 15 years to maintain/update a 3 million record database which was compiled from 300 different sources. He stated that Demosphere has been able to load the 2005-2006 data for 6 states and will result eventually in a national directory of all leagues. Open to questions. There was much discussion on this topic. It was noted that data collected is owned by USASA, and not Demosphere and a privacy policy is in effect. The six states that are participating as part of the pilot program were asked to comment on their respective experiences. Demosphere is willing to add USASA as an additional insured on the policy of privacy issues.

A request was made to issue a report answering the questions that were asked at the meeting. Also, reports should be routinely made to avoid confrontation at future meetings. Chairman McCormick promised a report to State Association Presidents within 14 days of the meeting including a synopsis, timeline and description of program functionality and a month progress report thereafter.

Bill Davey makes a motion that USASA on behalf of Region II and IV, tell Demosphere with 60-day prior notice of anniversary, the regions will not be continuing with year-two of program. Motion was seconded.

Discussion: The termination of the contract will terminate having Demosphere host the website. Erin Langenwalter, New Mexico urges the state's to wait on terminating with Demosphere until more information is provided. Fritz Marth responds that the USASA needs to start marketing to keep a balanced budget and without a central database with information from all states, there will be program cuts. A vote count was requested resulting:

Yes- 67

No-86

No Vote Cast - 40

The motion failed.

Budget

Larry Hall thanked his committee for help with presenting a balanced budget. Motion to bring budget to floor was made. Seconded. No discussion. Budget accepted as presented.

(Asked to be placed in minutes) Region IV Ric Olivas states Cal North's referee program registers 11,000 referees for last three years but have trouble reaching, specifically the Hispanic referees, because this demographic is not sent renewal forms and must register online. This results in a great loss in the number of referees. It was requested that the executive board bring the issue to the USSF. Secondly, USSF is in good financial standing, why does USSF no longer pass along funds from international matches to the state associations. Can the USASA board investigate this situation.

For the Good of the Game

Awards presented:

- Metro D.C./Virginia Soccer Association for hosting 2006 Mid-Year meeting
- North Carolina for hosting 2006 USASA Veteran's Cup
- North Texas State Soccer Association for hosting 2006 USASA National Cup Finals

Larry Frisoli, Region I Director, reported he will submit a by-law proposal defining a time period for contested elections, wherein state associations will be given proper information about candidates and their qualifications.

Paul Scherer, Idaho asks that at the mid-year meeting there be a discussion about the programs for adjustments. We should have a vision for self-funded programs.

Jim Bollinger, Eastern Pennsylvania, asks USASA represent their state associations to U.S. Soccer. U.S. Soccer has been behind in paperwork and in compensating state associations.

Diego Munoz encourages all state associations to research membership with National Recreation and Parks Association to establish a relationship that may make more adult soccer fields available.

Rob La Vielle, Florida State Association welcomes everyone to Fort Lauderdale in October. There is a friendly soccer game planned.

Ric Olivas requested that the minutes of the meeting be sent out to state associates earlier. They will be approved by the April meeting and send out to states.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:03pm

Respectfully submitted for review and correction,
Valerie F. Blanchenay
USASA Secretary