



United States Adult Soccer Association Region I

USASA Region 1 Annual General Meeting
San Antonio Marriott River Center
San Antonio, Texas – February 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:00.

Preliminary Matters/Agenda

Regional Director Fritz Marth started the Region 1 AGM meeting with a moment of silence in memory of fellow members who we lost during the previous year.

Roll Call & Credentials

Roll call was taken and credentials presented:

State Associations

CT	4
DE	1
ENY	4
EPA	3
MD	3
MA	6
MDCVA	5
NH	1
NJ	4
PAW	3
RI	-
VT	-
WNY	4
WV	<u>1</u>
Subtotal	39

Total General Votes	43
Total Election Votes	40

Regional Leagues

MSSL	1
NPSL (not present)	-
USL-PDL (not present)	<u>-</u>
Subtotal	1

Officers

Director (Fritz Marth)	1
Deputy Director (Tony Falcone)	1
Treasurer (John Kahmke)	1
Secretary (Scott Mapes)	<u>-</u>
Subtotal	3

Approval of Region I October 10, 2015 Mid-Year Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

Officers' & Committee Reports

Treasurer – John Kahmke presented the year-end report for 2015. Region report is now part of annual USASA audit.

Governance Committee Report

- A. USASA bylaw proposals concerning: Independent Directors; Term Limits; Nominating Committee; and removal Deputy Directors from the NBOD.
- B. After recent meetings, the Governance Committee is dropping term limits, and removal of Deputy Directors from the NBOD, from their proposals.

Referee Committee – Two State SRA Seminars scheduled for 19 March (NJ) and 9 April (NY)

National Cups

- A. USASA has revised competitions to only having the Amateur Cup as an official “USASA National Cup”
- B. The Cups Committee has been disbanded with each Region being responsible for operating its own competitions.
- C. The Amateur Cup Final will be held at the end of July or beginning of August (by August 6th). The four finalists will have a chance to bid on hosting the finals which is intended to increase excitement and allow for marketing locally at the winning bid’s city.
- D. This is a trial and shall be reviewed / modified by the National Cup Chair and the NBOD.

Regional Cups

- A. Region I will be holding the Werner Fricker Cup (Open competition), the Gerhard Mengel Cup (O-30 competition) and U-23 Cup. Participation with Region II is expected and discussions ongoing.
- B. Poll taken among members and to date region cup entries are 8 for Werner Fricker Cup, 11 for Amateur Cup and 8 for Gerhard Mengel Cup.
- C. Regional Finals will be held 19 June at the Ukrainian American Sports Center in Horsham, PA.
- D. U-23 Tournament to be held same weekend with regional finals, \$300 entry fee.
- E. Discussion lead to interest in conducting a women’s tournament on the same weekend as regional finals, \$300 entry fee.

Regional Indoor Tournament – Difficulty in getting locations. Massachusetts will host an event on 19 March. Entry fee \$275, 5v5 format. Look to hold next year between December and January. Interested hosts should contact Cesar.

USASA Soccer Festival – Takes place in Denver from 13 to 17 July. So far, 85 Veteran’s Cup teams registered. This is a record for this time of the year.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business

Referees Assault Provisions – Steve Flamhaft & Jim Bollinger still info gathering ahead of any proposal

New Business

Elections

Region Director: Nomination made for Fritz Marth (NJ). As there were no other nominations, approval by acclamation.

Region Secretary: Nomination made for Scott Mapes (VT). As there were no other nominations, approval by acclamation.

USASA Adult Commissioners – Both Fritz Marth & Richard Groff are incumbents and running for re-election.

Late Registrations for 2015 – Registrations for 7,000 players were received by USASA from various members after January 2016, which effected USASA numbers. Late registrations are in violation of USASA bylaws and create significant workloads for USASA.

EDP – Bohdan Porytko has transitioned MSSL into EDP and has applied for provisional National League status after being approached by teams within multiple regions.

Regional Cup Policy – Draft of policy was distributed to members prior to the meeting. Feedback was given and accepted in regards to amateur status. Simplified so that a player must hold amateur status at the time they enter the field of play. Motion to approve the policy passed.

Bylaw Proposal Concerning Hall of Fame – Steve Flamhaft offered to answer questions on his USSF Hall Of Fame bylaw proposal to USSF. Regional members were satisfied that Steve's proposal was clear and no questions asked.

Guests

The three candidates for USSF Vice Presidential (Mike Edwards – incumbent, Kevin Payne and Carlos Cordeiro) addressed the council and took questions.

NPSL Chairman Joe Barone addressed the group and took questions.

Good of the Game

Rocco Amoroso provided a sportsmanship & fair play statement for all of us to remember and take back to our organizations.

Special thanks given to Richard Groff and the Governance Committee for all their work leading up to bylaw proposals.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Recorded by Matthew Krywonos for Scott Mapes.