



United States Adult Soccer Association Region I

2018 USASA Annual General Meeting

Buffalo, New York

21 September 2018

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:05.

1. Preliminary Matters

- Regional Director Fritz Marth started the meeting. There was a moment of silence in memory of our Region I family lost since our last meeting.
- The meeting agenda was accepted.

2. Roll Call & Credentials – Credentials Chairman Peter Pinori (ENY) – Secretary Scott Mapes called the roll:

State Association	Votes	Comments
Connecticut	4	Present
Delaware	1	Present
Eastern New York	4	Present
Eastern Pennsylvania	4	Present
Maryland	2	Present
Massachusetts	5	Present
Metro DC/Virginia	5	Present
New Hampshire	1	Present
New Jersey	4	Present
Pennsylvania - West	3	Present
Rhode Island	2	Present
Vermont	2	Present
West Virginia	0	Not present
Western New York	4	Present
Subtotal	41	Votes present for general business & elections

Regional Officers		
Director Fritz Marth	1	Present
Dep. Director Anthony Falcone	1	Present
Secretary Scott Mapes	0	Present but voting as Vermont delegate
Treasurer John Kahmke	1	Present
Subtotal	3	Votes Present
TOTAL VOTES	44	Votes Present for general business

3. Approval of Region I 2018 Winter Meeting Minutes (9 February) – The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Officer & Committee Reports

- Secretary - Scott Mapes. No report.
- Treasurer - John Kahmke, Regional Treasurer. Financial report was given. Region 1 is in financial good standing. With the expected expenses, we will finish the 2018 year with a loss at about \$12,000. Currently, we are about \$7,000 in the red. The loss was planned to reduce amount current in our account. A balanced budget will be presented for 2019. The account technically comes under USASA although the Region has control over spending. The account is not interest bearing.
- Regional Director - Fritz Marth. Fritz announced that this would be his last time to preside over the Region meeting as he is stepping down as Director after eight years. Members thanked him for his service.
- Regional Deputy Director - Anthony Falcone. Tony thanked Fritz for his leadership over the last eight years. He encouraged members to use social media, especially Twitter, as an effective means to communicate and promote our programs.
- Referee Committee - Regional Referee Administrator Andy Weiss gave a recap of the referees' efforts during the past Cup season and informed the members that David Breckner (ENY) was not only appointed to the National Amateur Cup Finals but performed very well there.
- Northeast Elite Soccer League – Peter Pinori (ENY) reported on the status of the new league. It was a year and one half in the making that involved a committee comprised of members from ENY, NJ, CT, EPA and MD. The league started this past summer with a target of eight teams. A team from CT was not able to commit, so it was played with seven teams. The goal for next summer is to add more teams and create North and South divisions. All of the participants were from leagues from our state associations. This is a summer league for our regular teams. Junior Lone Star FC (EPA) were the regular season champions while Motown Lions (NJ) defeated West Chester United (EPA) in the final.

5. Unfinished or Ongoing Business

- Regional Cups - Region 1 Commissioner Gus Xikis gave a review of the past cup season. The Region I titles went as follows: West Chester United (EPA) took the Amateur Cup for the Fritz Marth trophy and were the finalist in the national final. Christos FC were the Werner Fricker Cup champion (Amateur Open Championship) and lifted the national title as well. Christos also won the Gerhard Mengel Cup, the Over-30 Championship and West Chester were the first Region champion for the Over-40 Cup. We will conduct our draw for the 2019 cups at our next meeting. Entry fee will be \$300 for each state champion.
 - Dan Rooney of Connecticut brought up the rescheduled O-30 match between NY Pancyprian Freedoms (ENY) and Danbury United (CT). The match was originally scheduled at the field used by the Pancyprian but was double booked. The rescheduled match was moved to a location used by Danbury. Dan inquired whether the team would be reimbursed for travel. No action was taken by the Council on this issue.
- Region I Under-23 Cup – Tony gave a review of the tournament. There were 9 teams that played. Annandale United FC defeated West Chester United in the title match. There was some discussion about increasing participants. Region I is the only one that holds a U23 competition.
- Region I Indoor Tournament – Cesar Wasecki reported that the event took place in Massachusetts with 12 men’s teams and 4 women’s teams. Plan is to continue the tournament next winter, hopefully getting a north/south format. Tentative date for a north tournament is 2 February. It was suggested that perhaps taking winning teams from state tournaments could supplant a south contest.
- Soccer Fest – Cesar reported that the event in Bellingham, Washington was a success with 110 teams participating. The 2019 version will be in Region I at the Progin Park in Lancaster, Massachusetts the week of 14 July. Cezar hopes that there will be many teams from the Region playing next summer.

6. New Business

- 2019 Budget – John presented the budget that was organized along with Fritz and Tony. As stated previously, the goal was to have a balanced budget (zero budget). Any additions or subtractions to come from the Region Council. During discussion, Cezar made an amendment to add \$2,000 for an indoor final tournament. The amendment passed. Jim Sadowski (MDCVA) inquired about the percentage of the \$40,000 given from USASA for competitions is used towards competitions. John estimated between 50 to 60%. Jim suggested that perhaps some portion should be directed to those states who have yet to enter competitions to assist them. Andy Weiss (MA) inquired about the

referee line item concerning interstate rounds of the cups (no funds were allocated). Tony informed that there is a proposal to have referees assigned locally for those matches and the teams would be responsible for the referee fees. The 2019 budget as amended was approved.

- Speaker System at Meetings – John Zangrilli (NJ) requested that a microphone and speaker system be used at our next meeting as it was difficult to hear some of the participants. All agreed to that use.
- Regional Awards:
 - Region I Coach of the Year – Huntley Swaby, coach of the Real Caribe SC (Long Island Soccer Football League/ENY) was presented with the annual award. Gus Xikis commented on the work Huntley has accomplished with young players in the league.
 - Rocco Amoroso Fair Play Award – FC Motown and Jacksonville Lions FC were both awarded. The two sides joined forces to win the NESL inaugural season. Afterwards, the teams expressed how it was good for fierce rivals in the Garden State League (NJ) to be able to combine for one effort.
 - Livio D'Arpino Award – Sal Rapaglia presented the annual Region I award to David Borts (RI) for his years of committed service to the Rhode Island Soccer Association and to the Region and USASA.
- Elections
 - Region I Director – Two candidates were nominated: Anthony Falcone (MD) and Andy Weiss (MA). Tony was elected Director.
 - Region I Secretary – Scott Mapes (VT) was the sole candidate for the office and was elected by acclamation.
 - Region I Deputy Director – With Tony succeeding Fritz as Director, that left a vacancy in the Deputy Director position. After discussion, the Council decided to hold an election. Andy was the only nominee for the position after David Borts (RI) declined and was elected by acclamation.
- USASA Bylaw Proposals – Tony lead a question and review of the proposed bylaw amendments before the National Council for Saturday's meeting.

7. Guests

- Shonna Schroedl, Secretary of USASA, announced she was running again for the position.
- John Motta, USASA President, announced he was running again for the position. He also answered several questions from the Region Council.

8. Good of the Game

- Safe Sport Act – Bill George (MD) discussed the ramifications and implications of the new federal law.
- Welcome to Buffalo – Matt Krywonos gave a warm welcome to all of the attendees on behalf of the Western New York Soccer Association.
- Voting at National Council – Tony explained that for the elections, electronic voting will be used.

9. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Scott Mapes

Secretary

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