



# United States Adult Soccer Association Region I

2018 Winter Meeting  
 USSF AGM - Orlando, Florida  
 9 February 2018

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:07 a.m.

## 1. Preliminary Matters

- Regional Director Fritz Marth started the meeting with agenda adjustments to allow USSF Presidential candidates to appear and address the Region
- 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)	Not present (serving as Secretary)
West Virginia	1	Present
Western New York	4	Present
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Votes present for general business</b>
<b>USASA Leagues</b>		
EDP	3	Present (motion approved to allow Member vote)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Votes Present</b>
<b>Regional Officers</b>		
Director	1	Present

Deputy Director	1	Present
Treasurer	1	Present
Secretary	1	Present
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Votes Present</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>Votes Present for general business</b>

**3. Approval of Region I 2017 MYM Meeting Minutes** – The minutes were approved as presented with one typographical error corrected.

#### **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. To date, 2017 Regional and National League payments to the Regions have not yet been made by USASA. Total loss for the fiscal year at this date is \$14,500.
- Regional Director - Fritz Marth. No report.
- Regional Deputy Director - Tony Falcone. No report.
- Referee Committee - Regional Referee Administrator Andy Weiss reported on the proposed USSF Referee program changes and updates. Region I training events did not happen because USSF would not issue a proof of general liability. Andy feels this is a lost opportunity to host training events, as state Referee Committees are not covered as a group by USSF insurance. Although officers of State Referee committees are covered by their state association's general liability, referee-attendees at training events would not be. Andy is working on resolving the general liability coverage issue with Greg Fike at USSF. Discussion ensued. Fritz Marth requested that Andy summarize the issue and disseminate an email to the region. Also, any independent state Referee Committee that is incorporated cannot get coverage under USASA policies.
- Soccer Fest - Cesar Wasecki (MA) reported that 78 teams are registered to date. The event will once again be hosted in Bellingham (Seattle), WA. 10-15 July 2018. This is the 21<sup>st</sup> Soccer Fest (formerly known as the Veterans Cup).

#### **5. Unfinished or Ongoing Business**

- National Amateur Cups - Region 1 Commissioner Gus Xikis stated the Region had the most entries and continues to be successful. Gus reviewed all Cups' entries for 2018. West Virginia has Cups entries for first time in several years. Draw and Schedule determination to follow the Region meeting.

- Cesar Wasecki (MA) - Region I Indoor Tournament update. Unregistered teams are being directed back to respective state associations for registration. The finals will be held on March 10th in East Brunswick, NJ. Fritz Marth suggested that the state association hosting the indoor events be kept informed so they can make the referee assignments. USASA has tournament pass/indoor pass player registration options. This is the first year the indoor tournament will be on a full Regional level.
- Peter Pinori (ENY) Gave an update on NESL (Northeast Soccer League). Recognized NESL Committee members for the work they have put into making the league happen: John Zangrilli, Pat Varsallona, Ludovico Aprigliano, Sal Rapaglia, Mike FitzGerald, Tony Falcone, Bill George, Jim Bollinger and Jack Testani.

## 6. New Business

- Regional Awards:
  - Andy Weiss announced that CJ Morgante (PAW) is Region I Referee of the Year. CJ will be recognized in front of his peers at the next USSF Referee Committee meeting.
  - Fritz Marth announced the Coach of the Year will be awarded to Austin Friel of Lansdowne Bhoys (ENY). Austin will be recognized at a local event in ENY.
  - Fritz Marth announced that the Rocco Amoroso Fair Play Award will be awarded to Michael Fricker (EPA), the Region I Social Media Specialist. Michael will be recognized at a local event in Eastern Pennsylvania.
  - Sal Rapaglia presented that the Region I Livio D'Arpino Award [for dedicated service to the soccer in region I] to Jim Sadowski (MDCVA).
- USASA Staff visited Region I to explain explained voting on ElectionRunner.com for US Adult Soccer elections.
- John Kahmke gave an update on 2018 USASA AGM that will take place at the Hyatt Regency in Buffalo, NY.
- Upcoming Elections
  - A USASA Independent Director will be elected this afternoon at the USASA National Council meeting. Discussion ensued about the process of the nomination and voting. 50% plus 1 required to be elected.
  - Jim Sadowski (MDCVA) addressed voting process and concerns.
  - Fritz Marth discussed the voting for the election of the Adult Commissioner positions. Top 4 vote recipients get elected, vote as you wish. Fritz Marth and Cesar Wasecki will be among those running. Cesar thanked Richard Groff for his years of service.
- Fritz Marth Motioned to Recess and Reconvene at 11:00.

After the recess:

## **7. Guests**

- Adult Commissioner candidate Robert LaVielle
- USSF President candidate Steve Gans

## **8. Good of the Game**

- Introductions of new attendees at the meeting:
  - Michael Hill (PAW)
  - Chris Kessell (WV)
  - Monica Kessell (WV)
  - Rusty Wightman (NH) - in attendance representing youth and adults.
  - Mike FitzGerald (ENY)
- Sal Rapaglia (ENY) Gave tribute to Sunil Gulati and recognized the contributions of Howard Rubenstein (ENY).
- Jim Bollinger (EPA) Announced Lifetime Achievement Golden Gavel to NESL's Peter Pinori.
- Howard Rubenstein (ENY) addressed concerns he had with a candidate for USSF president email.

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

**Scott Mapes**

Secretary

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