



# United States Adult Soccer Association Region I

**2019 Annual General Meeting  
Indian Wells, California  
28 September 2019**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:44.

Regional Director Tony Falcone started the meeting. There was a moment of silence in memory of our Region I family members lost since our last meeting including Sonja Marth and Anna Steffen.

Tony welcomed the following new members: James Watson (EDP), Debbie Forte (MA), Lou Chinchilla & Elaine Freedman (MDCVA), Luis Costa (NH)

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

<b>State Association</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Connecticut	4	Present
Delaware	1	Not 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	1	Present
Western New York	4	Present
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Votes present for general business &amp; elections</b>

<b>Regional Officers</b>		
Director Anthony Falcone	1	Present
Dep. Director Andy Weiss	1	Present
Secretary Scott Mapes	0	Present, voting as state delegate
Treasurer John Kahmke	0	Present, voting as state delegate
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Votes Present</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>Votes Present for general business</b>

Credentials report approved. Jim Sadowski (MDCVA) asked if all state associations submitted player database to USASA office by the deadline. All answered to the affirmative.

**2. Approval of Region I 2019 Winter Meeting Minutes (15 February 2019) –**

The minutes were approved as presented with the exception of correcting Marty Bevan’s last name.. Approved as amended.

**3. Treasurer’s Report**

Region I Treasurer John Kahmke provided the financial report. Currently \$8,000 in the black but based on the budget we are likely to run even. Marty Bevan had some questions about budget and numbers. John went through the budget entries and actual expenses. Tony noted the Region accounting is on the USASA QuickBooks system and part of the annual review.

**4. Director’s Report**

**Awards**

- a. Coach of the Year – Mike Svanda of Newtown Pride FC (CT). Mike’s son, Matt, manages the team.
- b. Rocco Amoroso Award for Fair Play – Fairfield GAC FC (CT) – This was the first time for this team playing in the cups and they were very gracious at both the finals and at the Championship of Regions
- c. Referee Lifetime Achievement Award
  - 2018 John Paine (EPA)
  - 2019 Bryan Roslund (MD)
- d. Livio D’Arpino award will be presented at the USSF AGM in February.

**NBOD**

- a. State Association in a Box
 

Tony provided overview of the effort to provide support and assistance to our states/members to make them more efficient. Need to work with Duncan put together documents in place and to request from members any relevant documents that would be helpful to others. The ultimate purpose is for USASA to host a library of archived documents for all to use into services that we can provide.
- b. Professional player status – We need to find solutions with USSF to make professional status/reinstatement easier.

- c. US-Europe Amateur Championship USSF/USASA working with UEFA to create a championship between amateur champions. Newtown Pride FC will host club from Poland, likely in May. Tony expressed desire to have Region support the event & possibly hold a meeting.
- d. The premiums for the liability insurance are to increase 2020. Funds will come from insurance reserves to cover costs.

#### **League Champions & Social Media**

Region web site has an article of league champs throughout the Region. Request to each state to send information of their top league champions. Tony has promoted our leagues via Twitter and encourages states do the same. Let's give our members credit due.

#### **State Referee Committee Issue**

Tony raised for discussion the issue of liability for referee training program, what liability coverage is available to states and referee committees. USSF does not provide certificates of insurance for use of facilities for referee training. Certificates can be acquired through USASA system.

### **5. Reports of other Officers & Committees**

- a. Cups – Gus Xikis have an update. The 2019 winners in the Region were:
  - Amateur Cup – Newtown Pride FC (CT)
  - Werner Fricker Cup – Lansdowne Yonkers FC (ENY)
  - Gerhard Mengel Cup – NY Pancyprians (ENY)
  - National Over-40 Cup – West Chester United (EPA)
- b. Adult Soccer Fest – Cesar Wasecki reported the Fest at Lancaster, MA this past summer was another great success. San Diego will be the next venue, 7-12 July.
- c. Amateur Cup & Championships of Regions:
  - Amateur Cup - Newtown Pride FC (CT)
  - Werner Fricker Cup - Lansdowne Yonkers FC (ENY)
  - Gerhard Mendel Cup - Maryland Bays (MD)
  - National Over-40 Cup - Jakes Stars Punishers (IL)
- d. Tony asked states to encourage women's teams to play in a cup/tournament next spring.
- e. Jim Bollinger (EPA) raised a concern relative to misbehavior/misconduct of a U-23 UPSL team during the U23 Tournament towards a referee after the conclusion of a match. No action was taken by the Region. Tony reported that the referee did not put an allegation in his report, which made it difficult for the Region to take up the matter.
- f. Jack Testani (CT) stated that Newtown Pride FC did not receive a trophy after winning the Amateur Cup. Tony will inquire with Duncan about the matter.
- g. Rules Committee – Bylaw Amendments  
Jim sadowski provided comment on his voting structure bylaw proposal to be voted on at the National Council meeting the afternoon. Dave Borts (CT) and Scott M. (VT) raised questions about its purpose and affect.

## **6. Unfinished Business**

Tony inquired if there was any interest to hold a Region meeting other than the two AGM's. The consensus was no.

## **7. New Business**

Budget – John presented the proposed budget. As explained during the Treasurer's report, the most significant impact from the past year was the hosting of the Championship of Regions. Region II will host in 2020, so that is not in the proposed budget. Motion approved.

## **8. Elections**

- a. Deputy Director – Andy Weiss (MA) was the lone nominee. He was elected by acclamation.
- b. Treasurer – John Kahmke (WNY) and Bill George (MD) were nominated. Bill was elected by ballot vote.

## **9. Guest Speakers**

- a. USASA President John Motta addressed the Region and answered questions:
  - Request made to offer recreational/small sided registration fee.
  - Issue raised with respect to USASA's web page functionality and relevance.
  - Concern made about cost associated with meetings due to the locations chosen.
  - Liability coverage for referees discussed earlier presented to John.
  - Registration issues with having no uniform single platform.
  - Workshops not productive - as they should not just be vendor sales pitches.
  - USASA social media is lacking.
  - John provided his phone number and encouraged members to call him.
- b. USASA Treasurer Lori Stoneburner greeted the Region
- c. USASA Vice President Richard Moeller greeted the Region
- d. Chaz Ballish Regueiro & Paul Scherer spoke about their candidacy for Director at Large.

## **10. Good of the Game**

Dave Borts (RI) introduced their new SRA, Juan Montalvan.

Prior to the adjournment, Tony announced that states need to pick up their AGM packets for the General Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:27.

Scott Mapes  
Secretary  
USASA Region I