



# United States Adult Soccer Association Region I

## 2021 Annual General Meeting Zoom Meeting 18 September 2021

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00.

Regional Director Tony Falcone started the meeting welcoming everyone via Zoom and thanked all for joining. Tony then asked for a moment of silence in recognition of Region members lost this past year: Greg Watson (Region Referee Administrator & MD SRA), Angelo Bratsis (USASA Referee Committee Chair), and the mother of Pat Varsallona (NJ). Matt Krywonos (WNY) recognized the passing of Reinhold Spath former SRA and longtime Referee and Jim Sadowski (MDCVA) recognized the passing of Jeff Lord.

New member introductions: George Vergara (MDCVA) Region Referee Administrator, Erin Footland Social Media & Marketing Director (MDCVA). Welcome to Bob Tsangos (DE).

Guest Karon Beyer, USASA Secretary and Chaz Ballish, USASA Director At-Large.

The session was recorded for the sole purpose of assisting the Secretary in composing the minutes. The recorded file will not be archived or distributed.

**1. 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	3	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	1	Present

West Virginia	(2)	Not Present
Western New York	4	Present
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Votes present for elections and general business</b>

<b>Regional Officers</b>		
Director Anthony Falcone	1	Present
Dep. Director - Vacant		
Secretary Scott Mapes	1	Present
Treasurer William George	1	Present
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Votes Present</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>Votes Present for general business</b>

Credentials report approved.

**2. Approval of Region I 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes (13 February 2021) –**

The minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

**3. Treasurer’s Report**

Region Treasurer Bill George provided recap of the financial report. Review of 2021 Actuals v 2021 Budget; Profit/Loss statement and account balance. The 2022 Budget will be discussed under new business. No questions. Region Finances are part of USASA audit.

**4. Director’s Report**

Tony congratulated all in the Region for efforts in bouncing back to return from play from Covid and participating in all our cup programs. We had teams from 13 State Associations take part in some Region competition. USASA NBOD reviewed proposed Policies submitted by the Governance Committee, which along with the proposed Bylaws are subject for vote at USASA AGM. No questions regarding the proposed USASA Bylaw Amendments.

Insurance: State Associations need to submit a copy of their paid invoice for the D&O policy to Duncan Riddle for reimbursement from USASA

Awards: Rocco Amoroso Award for Fair Play given to Cory Osterbind and his team the Renegades (MDCVA) for demonstrating extraordinary team sportsmanship in their match against Christos (MD).

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

**Deputy Director, Vacant** – no report.

**Secretary, Scott Mapes** – no report.

**Cup Committee**

- a. Cups – Jack Testani (CT) gave an update on all Region Cup competitions and thanked his Committee members. Tony thanked Jack and Cup Committee members Mary Beth Falk (MDCVA), JP Lukengu (MA) & Peter Pinori (ENY). Peter recognized Lansdowne Yonkers FC for their Regional and National Cup success and LISFL United (ENY) for winning the first Gus Xikus Cup (U23).
- b. Summary of the Region I Champions:
  - Amateur Cup – Lansdowne Yonkers FC (ENY) – USASA Champion
  - Werner Fricker Cup – Lansdowne Yonkers FC (ENY) – USASA Champion
  - Gerhard Mengel Cup – Christos FC (MD)
  - Region I Over-40 Cup – Fairfield GAC (CT)
  - Region I Women’s Championship – Sidekicks (MA) – USASA Finalist
  - U23 Championship for the Gus Xikus Trophy – LISFL United (ENY)

**6. Unfinished Business**

Tony reported no unfinished business to discuss from last meeting.

**7. New Business**

**2022 Proposed Budget** – Motion made and seconded. Tony and Bill George gave a review. In 2021, the projected loss to be \$39K and if that hold true then the Region will have roughly \$100K in assets. In 2022, the budget projects a loss of \$27K, leaving roughly \$80K in assets at the end of 2022. By unanimous consent proposed budget approved.

**Proposed Region I Cup Policies.** Motion made and seconded to approve the amendment to policy by the Cup Committee. Discussion ensued.

Jim Sadowski (MDCVA) advocated an appeals provision as he did not agree that decisions of the Cup Committee should be final. Jim suggested a regional appeals committee. Andy Weiss (MA), David Borts (RI) and Michael Hill (PAW) also endorsed an appeals process. Jim made a motion to bifurcate 402 Protests. After much discussion, Jim withdrew his motion and will submit a new one at our next meeting.

Mike Hill (PAW) discussed section 204, age determinations for O-30 & O-40 competitions. The proposed policy had eligibility determined on being of age on the date of the match. Current policy is based on being born during calendar year. Mike made motion to keep current requirement and not that proposed by the Committee. Marti Bevan (MDCVA) and Jim Bollinger (EPA) in support of the motion that the policy align with National Rules. Peter Pinori advocated that eligibility be determined on date of the match but conceded to align with National Cup rules. Vote on Motion to not accept 204.3.b. as proposed passed:

	NO	YES
CT – N x 4	4	
DE – Y x 1		1
ENY – N x 4	4	
EPA – Y x 4		4

MD – Y x 3		3
MA – Y x 5		5
MDCVA – Y x 5		5
NH – Y x 1		1
NJ – N x 4	4	
PAW – Y x 3		3
RI – Y x 2		2
VT – Y x 1		1
WNY – Y x 4		4
	<b>12</b>	<b>29</b>

Vote on the Cup Policy as amended approved with MDCVA opposing.

### 8. Elections

**Deputy Director** – Mary Beth Falk elected among ballot including John Zangrilli and Keith Renner.

**Treasurer** – Bill George reelected by acclamation.

**Richard Groff/Chaz B.** – gave an update on USSF NBOD make-up. All of this is contained in an email from John Motta that was distributed earlier in the morning. *See attached.*

### 9. Guests

No announcements from any guests.

### 10. Good of the Game

Bill George – Noted that FIFA and USSF Delegations would be visiting five Region I cities (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and DC) in September for site visits in their effort to determine host cities for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Bill would go on to plug the Baltimore bid as he is a member of Baltimore's Host Organizing Committee.

USASA AGM is scheduled via zoom on 25 September 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44.

Scott Mapes  
Secretary  
USASA Region I