



United States Adult Soccer Association Region I

2022 Annual General Meeting
Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver
24 September 2022

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:37 a.m. MT.

Candidates for Secretary gave brief introductions, Scott Mapes (VT) and Daniel Rooney (CT).

Regional Director Tony Falcone welcomed everyone and thanked all for joining in person for the first time since COVID. Tony also welcomed new members Ron Burnett EPSA President; Ann Fichera, NH Administrator; Mike Schechter, CT Treasurer; Derek Varsallona, NJ Registrar; Elaine Freedman, MDCVA Secretary; and Jeff LaRue, Cosmopolitan Soccer League. Tony then asked for a moment of silence in recognition of R1 members lost this past year.

Guests: Cindy Cone, US Soccer Pres; Bill Taylor, US Soccer VP; John Motta, USASA Pres; Richard Groff, USASA VP; Karon Beyer, USASA Secretary; and Chaz Ballish-Regueiro; USASA At-Large NBOD.

1. Roll Call & Credentials - Credentials Chairman Peter Pinori (ENY) called the roll and Secretary Scott Mapes noted those present:

State Association	Votes	Comments
Connecticut	4	Present
Delaware	1	Present
Eastern New York	5	Present
Eastern Pennsylvania	4	Present
Maryland	3	Present
Massachusetts	5	Present
Metro DC/Virginia	5	Present
New Hampshire	1	Present
New Jersey	3*	Present
Pennsylvania - West	3	Present
Rhode Island	1	Present
Vermont	1	Present
West Virginia	(1)	Not Present
Western New York	(4)	Not Present
Subtotal	36	Votes present for elections & general business

*an oversight lead to NJ voting with only 3 votes when it actually should have been 4

Regional Officers		
Director Anthony Falcone	1	Present
Dep. Director Mary Beth Falk	1	Present
Secretary Scott Mapes	(1)	Present but voting as Vermont
Treasurer William George	(1)	Not Present
Subtotal	2	Votes Present
TOTAL VOTES	38	Votes Present for general business

Note that DE was declared suspended by the USASA NBOD the evening previously but were reinstated prior to the meeting.

Andy Weiss (MA) expressed issues with Scott Mapes representing VT and casting a vote in the election for Secretary a position he holds. Tony explained that Scott chose to represent Vermont and was entitled to vote on behalf of his state association. Andy also expressed concerns with the electronic voting system set up prior to the meeting as it allowed members to vote not present at the meeting. Discussion over pros and cons of the merits of electronic voting versus in person voting took place. Jim Sadowski (MDCVA) moved to dispense with the electronic voting and proposed paper ballots with votes cast only by those people present. Andy Weiss (MA) 2nd the motion. The vote on the motion: 18 in Favor and 15 Opposed with VT and EPA abstaining. Out of 38 votes, 33 votes cast. Motions passes. Election for Secretary will be conducted by paper with votes cast only by the members present at the meeting.

2. Approval of Region I 2022 Winter Meeting Minutes (26 February 2022) - Andy Weiss (MA) and Peter Pinori pointed out two names misspelled. With those corrected, the minutes approved as presented.

3. Treasurer’s Report - Region I Treasurer Bill George provided recap of the Treasurer’s Asset/Account Statement and Profits/Loss reports at the R1 zoom meeting on September 20, 2022. The treasurer’s report to be sent to USASA for audit.

4. Director’s Report - Tony Falcone

Awards - Tony presented the Liv D’Arpino Award to Fritz Marth. He also reminded members to send nominations for the Rocco Amoroso Award (fair play).

The USASA NBOD proposed a new league incentive program whereby registration fee may be as low as \$7/player. A task force will work on details of the program. Note: Mary Beth Falk (Dep Dir) was selected for the task force.

Registration of Players of Professional Status - Player out of contract, may register under normal procedure without going through amateur reinstatement. Local rules must allow such players to participate. USASA NBOD approved policy allowing such players to take part in Amateur Cup.

Proposed Registration Fees

	Accid	Liab	USSF	Cost	Revenue	Profit
Standard Players	\$3.87	\$2.01	\$2.00	\$7.88	\$14.00	\$6.12
Premier Players	\$3.87	\$2.01	\$2.00	\$7.88	\$15.00	\$7.12
Liability Only	\$0.00	\$2.01	\$2.00	\$4.01	\$10.00	\$5.99
Tournament	\$3.87	\$2.01	\$2.00	\$7.88	\$9.00	\$1.12
U23's	\$3.87	\$2.01	\$2.00	\$7.88	\$14.00	\$6.12
Indoor/Futsal	\$3.87	\$2.01	\$2.00	\$7.88	\$14.00	\$6.12
USASA Affiliate	\$3.87	\$2.01	\$2.00	\$7.88	\$14.00	\$6.12
USASA League	\$3.87	\$2.01	\$2.00	\$7.88	\$15.00	\$7.12

Affiliation fee for USASA Affiliates & USASA Leagues proposed from \$1,000 to \$100

Bylaws - Tony gave a brief summary of the USASA Bylaws proposals being entertained at the USASA Council Meeting:

- a. Term limits - 3 terms proposed - there is substantial turnover on the NBOD
- b. Affiliate Member Director - my opinion, there is not a need for a special interest position on the NBOD - positions are open to all & currently, we have several members on NBOD with no direct ties to a state association
- c. Voting for USASA Leagues - maximum of 3 votes - proposed budget no longer will provide \$3 registration fee to respective state & not sure if states will receive credits any longer for those players
- d. Change to Rosenberg's Rules - my belief is that we would be less familiar with these set of rules than Robert's Rules
- e. State Association Director - interesting concept
- f. Proposed increase in voting structure - 7 votes at 20,000
- g. Per capita population voting - just no

Regarding, Affiliate Member Director (AMD) and representation at the NBOD, Richard Groff discussed and was in favor of providing national organizations (non-state associations) voting consistent with US Soccer practice and representation. Discussion from the floor about providing national organizations an AMD seat.

5. Reports of other Officers & Committees

- **Deputy Director, Mary Beth Falk** - no report.
- **Secretary, Scott Mapes** - no report.
- **Cups** - Supplement to presentation on the 20 September R1 zoom call by Jack Testani's (CT)
 - The entry shall begin when the team enters a State Competition to select a regional representative or direct entry to a regional competition. Each Team that enters a National Competition shall provide the required information to the USASA National Office. Data shall be provided by teams entered into a qualifying State Competition. Failure to provide data shall result in the disqualification of the regional representative.
 - USASA Assessment - \$200 (incorporated in Region entry fee)

- Werner Fricker Cup - Region I event only
- Women's Championship - 8-team tournament among state champions
- Region to plan an Over-50 Cup
- Region I Champions
 - Amateur Cup: NOVA FC (MDCVA)
 - Werner Fricker Cup: Westchester United (EPA)
 - Gerhard Mengel Cup: NY Pancyprian Freedom (ENY)
 - Region I Over-40 Cup - Safira FC (MA)
 - Region I Women's Championship - Sidekick FC (MA)
 - Region I Under-23 Championship - Vereinigung Erzgebirge (EPA)
- National Finals
 - Werner Fricker Cup: Westchester United (EPA) - Champion
 - Amateur Cup: NOVA FC (MDCVA) - Finalist

6. Unfinished Business

Proposed Region Cup Policies - Tony noted that R1 had finalized and adopted its R1 Cup appeal process and thanked all who contributed in finalizing sections 402 and 403.

7. New Business -

- The R1 Budget was approved unanimously.
- International Games Fees (IGF) - Jim Sadowski (MDCVA) discussed his proposal to US Soccer on revising its IGF process.

8. Elections:

- Director - Tony Falcone re-elected by acclamation (no other candidate)
- Secretary - Two candidates - Scott Mapes (VT) & Daniel Rooney (CT)
After three ballots ending tied 18-18, the two candidates agreed to postpone the election to the next meeting, US Soccer AGM scheduled for San Diego. Scott will continue as secretary until the next election.

9. Good of the Game

Tony congratulated David Borts (RI) for his induction into the USASA Hall of Fame.

The meeting adjourned at 11:47.

Scott Mapes
Secretary
USASA Region I