



United States Adult Soccer Association Region I

2022 Mid-Winter Meeting
Zoom Meeting
26 February 2022

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

Regional Director Tony Falcone welcomed 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: Aldo Pinori, the father of Peter Pinori and Kyle Beck, the son of Region IV Referee Administrator Eric Beck.

Guests: John Motta, Duncan Riddle, Jen Sunderland, Chaz Ballish and Karon Beyor.

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

State Association	Votes	Comments
Connecticut	4	Present
Delaware	(1)	Not 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	Present
Western New York	4	Present
Subtotal	40	Votes present for elections & general business

Regional Officers		
Director Anthony Falcone	1	Present
Dep. Director Mary Beth Falk	1	Present
Secretary Scott Mapes	1	Present
Treasurer William George	1	Present
Subtotal	4	Votes Present
TOTAL VOTES	44	Votes Present for general business

2. Approval of Region I 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes (18 September 2021) -
 The minutes are approved as presented. Approved unanimously. Posted on the Region web site.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Region I Treasurer Bill George provided recap of the Treasurer’s Asset/Account Statement and Profits/Loss reports dated 15 February 2022.

4. Director’s Report

Tony congratulated all in the Region for recovery efforts in bouncing back to return to play. The Region led USASA in player registrations in 2021 - 55,791 player registered. Tony addressed his view on the proposed Affiliate Director Position by the NBOD as a bylaw amendment. Discussion ensued for and against the proposed amendment.

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

5. Reports of other Officers & Committees

Deputy Director, Mary Beth Falk - Please take a look at the proposed Region travel policy, however it is noted that a new travel policy is being looked at by the USASA Governance Committee.

Secretary, Scott Mapes - no report.

Cup Committee - Jack Testani (CT) gave an update on all Region Cup competitions.

6. Unfinished Business

Proposed Region Cup Policies - Tony reported on the proposal to amend the Region Cup Policies, sections 402 and 403, to provide an appeal process for Cup Protests. The Executive Committee draft proposal was reviewed and discussed at our Regional Discussion forum a few nights earlier. Written comments were received and will be complied by the Executive Committee. Goal to have a final proposal available for a Region call and action on March 9th

7. New Business - None.

8. Guest Speakers

SafeSport Presentation - Duncan Riddle and Jen Sunderland gave a recap of the SafeSport requirements in effect as January 1, 2022. Information to be sent to all State Associations.

- Q1: Marti B. - How certificates are issued?
A1: Issued online associated with each log in via your separate email.
Q2: Peter P. - Why not post on USASA web page for states to share the link?
A2: USASA will give the appropriate links/templates of required information to post.
Q3: David B. - Are the documents available in Spanish?
A3: USASA will look into a Spanish version.
Q4: Richard G. - Please explain what MAAPP is.
A4: US Soccer SafeSport document Minor Athlete Advisory Prevention Policy.
Q5: Michael H. - Why does this apply to leagues where no U18's participate?
A5: SafeSport applies to all athletes not just U18's.

New Policies Review - Duncan R. explained the NBOD's strategic planning efforts to help state associations to meet Member Organization Requirements. USASA state associations are to send all requirements to Jen S. by March 31, 2022.

9. Good of the Game

John M. - Angelo Bratsis Foundation scholarship for supporting up and coming referees. Please consider making a donation. Made a pitch to support Carlos Cordeiro in the US Soccer presidential election as a better choice for USASA.

Jim B. (EPA) - EPA Referee Committee setting up a similar effort through the Frank Giancroce Fund. He also announced he will not running for a 11th term as President of EPA.

Richard G. - Noted that the US Referee program has a 1.7M surplus and how they ought to invest in promoting/developing new referees.

Peter P. (ENY) - Wished prospective USSF Life Member to Mario DePaula (NJ). Recognize Bill Marth for his efforts in regional leagues through the EPSL format idea.

Mary Beth F. - Announce US Soccer Finance Committee Task Force member - Jim S. (MDCVA).

Dan R. (CT) - Would like to see more opportunities for the recreational player like a Region level edition of the Adult Soccer Fest.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13.

Scott Mapes
Secretary
USASA Region I