

USASA NBOD Approved Meeting Minutes
8pm (EST) Wednesday April 3, 2024

1. Call to Order – President John Motta
2. Welcome and acknowledgement of guest: John Motta
3. Roll Call - Karon Beyer
4. Approval of the proposed April 3, 2024 Agenda
5. Approval of March 6, 2024 NBOD & February 8, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes.
6. Officer's Reports
 - A. President's Report: John Motta reported:
 - 1) Three amateur teams (Vermont/Texas/California) have advanced to the third round of US Soccer Open Cup.
 - 2) John Motta will be attending the US Soccer She Believes Cup in Atlanta on Saturday April 6th and the groundbreaking for the US Soccer Training Center on Monday.

B. Vice President's Report: Fritz Marth reported:
Fritz Marth updated the board that the online Webinar is scripted and will be out shortly.

C. Executive Directors Report: Bruce Bode submitted a written to the board.
Bruce Bode had one item that was not on his written report. Bruce Bode talked with the USASA Executive Committee about a marketing opportunity with an independent MLS supporter's sports council group that wanted to partner with USASA to create a scarf promoting the USASA Open Cup. USASA would be a recipient of the sales and they sold \$3,000 in scarf sales that was donated to support teams in the Open Cup.

Feedback on the social media project from GroupLevinson

D. Financial Report - Lori Stoneburner sent us a revised budget based on insurance rates that have been finalized. Change in player accident rate, increased coverage on general liability and staffing changes.
Bruce Bode added that we adjusted our final rates, we have increased our excess liability coverage from one million to four million, our player accidents went down and overall there was an increase. Once we increased staff we had to increase the overall staffing expense as we added two additional staff from what we had on the budget.

*M1 Motion to approve the amended budget by Secretary Karon Beyer, seconded by At Large Director Cezar Wasecki and motion is approved by the board.

7. Committee /Task Force Reports & Updates:
John Motta would like any Committee that does need to have an approval from the board to

submit their report in writing to the board one week prior to the next board meeting so that they can be distributed to the board for review.

A. USASA Committee/Task Force Reports: John Motta asks if there are any committees that would like to give a report tonight.

1) Soccer Fest – Committee Chair Cezar Wasecki reported: The Committee has had several meetings and Bruce Bode has been involved. The Committee has reached out to all teams that attended last year and Cezar Wasecki advised the board that competition has been stiffer this year with one or two competing events. Bruce Bode has been doing targeted campaigns in terms of advertising for the Soccer Fest.

2) National Cup – Committee Chair Richard Groff reported:
Target for the men's amateur cup is 120 teams and we are at about 110.
Region 4 has done an excellent job recruiting teams; Region 2 has high numbers with 24 teams, Region 3 is waiting on the fee change.
Richard Groff believes we will be over the required sixteen teams for the women's side.

Cezar Wasecki asked where we stand on the 100th Anniversary Book. Bruce Bode updated the board that the book is a little behind in ads and he and the office staff have just had a meeting to discuss promoting the book.

Richard Groff says that Bruce Bode has sent out a report on the national cup and that another report will be forthcoming by the end of April.

John Motta reminded the board that the Over 40's/Over 50's are not to be considered as National Cup Competitions. The Over 30's will be supported by USASA for trophies and medals.

3) Governance Committee – Chair Janet Campbell reported that the Governance Committee is meeting every other week and still needs feedback from the board on the USASA Policy Manual.

The committee has completed the 200 sections and are about to complete the 300 sections. Janet Campbell is asking for the board to set up a separate meeting to review. John Motta suggests that the board find time during the upcoming strategic planning weekend in Chicago to look at them. He asks if Bruce Bode can send out the proposed document to the board. Janet Campbell reminded the Board that there was still an outstanding question by the committee for a change in the 100 section about player eligibility in multiple teams in a competition.

8. Unfinished Business: none

9. New Business:

At Large Director Jim Sadowski asked about the agenda for the upcoming Strategic Planning Session meetings. John Motta said that he and Bruce Bode will be going over the agenda before the meeting.

President John Motta thanked all our committee chairs and guests for attending tonight's meeting. John asks that all board members stay on the call for a short executive session meeting.

10. Adjourned at 8:37pm

Those in Attendance:

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President - John Motta

Vice President – Fritz Marth

Treasurer – Lori Stoneburner

Secretary - Karon Beyer

Executive Director – Bruce Bode

Region 1 Director – Tony Falcone

Region 2 Deputy Director – John Mitchell

Region 3 Director – Otey Smithson

Region 4 Director – Robin Runstein

At Large – Jim Sadowski

At Large – Cezar Wasecki

Independent Director – Brett Hurwitz

Guests:

Jeanne Smith, USASA Region 3 Deputy Director

Andy Marion, USASA Budget and Finance Chair

Richard Groff, USASA National Cup Chair

Janet Campbell, USASA Governance Chair

