

USASA NBOD Approved Meeting Minutes
7pm (cst) Wednesday August 2, 2023 - Virtual

1. 7:02pm (CST), Meeting called to order by President John Motta
2. President John Motta welcomed all of the guests on the monthly board call. President John Motta asked that all guests hold their questions until the end of the meeting. John Motta announced that the board would be convening a special meeting next week (Wednesday night at 8pm) to cover two items, the proposed USASA budget and the Governance Committees recommendation for USASA Policy Manual changes.

Welcome to John Mitchell as the new Region 2 Deputy Director.

3. National Board of Directors roll was taken by Secretary Karon Beyer. All Board members were present.
4. Board approval of the proposed August 2, 2023 Agenda by acclamation with the Budget and USASA Policy Manual reviews being tabled to next week.
5. Board approval of July 5, 2023 proposed USASA Meeting Minutes submitted by Secretary Karon Beyer by acclamation.
6. Officer's Reports:

A. President's Report: John Motta reported on:

- 1) 2023 Soccer Fest. John Motta stated that he thought this year's Soccer Fest ranked in the top three events he has attended. He wanted to thank Executive Director Bruce Bode and the USASA National Office Staff, Cezar Wasecki, Soccer Fest Chair, the USASA Board Volunteers (Lori Stoneburner, Otey Smithson, Chaz Ballish Regueiro, Robin Runstein, as well as the North Carolina Adult Soccer Association & local volunteers. The 2024 Soccer Fest will again be in Greensboro, North Carolina.
- 2) 2023 Men's National Cup. John Motta updated the board on the status of the Men's Over 30 division. The Over 30 Men's teams from Region 1 and Region 4 have dropped out and that leaves the Competition with only a final between Region 2 and Region 3 on Sunday morning. August 6, 2023. Bill Taylor, US Soccer Vice President and Rahul Chandhok, Chief External Relations Officer will be attending as US Soccer representatives.
- 3) Safe Sport Update. The Athletes Council has sent a letter to members of Congress asking them to look at Safe Sport and how they operate. US Youth may send a letter and John Motta and Vice President Richard Groff are asking if USASA would be willing to also send a letter to Members of Congress. John Motta asks that Chaz Ballish – Regueiro look at the Athletes Letter, and create a draft, add examples of some of our adult concerns. John Motta will circulate the letter to the board.
- 4) The United States Women's National Team will play their last group match on August 7, versus Sweden. We wish them the best of luck.

B. Vice President's Report: Richard Groff reported on:

- 1) US Soccer Suspensions: Vice President Richard Groff would like USASA to have a written policy that supports all US Soccer Suspensions. *Richard Groff will send it to the Governance Committee to draft a stronger statement and then send it to the Rules Committee.*

*M1 Motion made by Chaz Ballish Regueiro (At Large Director) that: United States Adult Soccer Association honor all US Soccer suspensions for (all) players on the US Soccer suspension list. The motion was seconded by Karon Beyer, and passes unanimously.

2) Possible New Insurance Broker. Richard Groff is asking the USASA Board of Directors to release insurance information to the insurance company. USASA will release the total number of insurance claims and total amount of claims paid. USASA will not release individual claim information details or individual claim amounts.

C. Executive Directors Report: Bruce Bode apologized for not having a written report this month.

1) 2023 Soccer Fest was a success and he will allow Chair, Cezar Wasecki to cover in more detail under his Committee Report.

2) Bruce Bode attended the Region 2 Meeting and Tournament of Champions Competition that was held on over the July 29 & 30, 2023 weekend. He thought Region 2 did a very nice job with their event.

3) Bruce Bode has been working with Bill George, Budget Committee Chair and Lori Stoneburner USASA Treasurer, on a draft budget for 2024.

4) USASA Annual General Meetings September 22 – 23rd in Bonita Springs Florida. Reminder that if you have not registered for the event and hotel rooms to do so. The Board of Directors meeting will be at 6pm on Thursday September 21st.

4. Marketing & Social Media Employee. Bruce Bode explained that he has had ongoing interviews for the Marketing Manager Position. We hired a contract position, Ava Lynch for Social Media, who was at Soccer Fest and will be at the National Cup Finals this weekend in Quad City.

5. USASA will be live streaming the Men's Final match on Saturday and the Women's Cup Final on Sunday. Notification will be sent to the membership tomorrow and at least one sports bar will be live streaming the event.

D. Treasurers Report - Lori Stoneburner

1) 2024 USASA Proposed draft budget with June updates were sent by email to the board members.

2) The 2022 Annual Audit has not been completed at this time; she will follow up with them tomorrow.

7. USASA Committee /Task Force Reports & Updates:

A) Budget & Finance - Bill George sent a written report that was distributed by email to the board members.

B) Governance Committee - Janet Campbell was in attendance to answer questions about the USASA Policy Manual proposals that were sent to the board. She explained that her committee has been meeting every other week to work on the manual.

The Board feels like the proposals need a longer session to review the proposed first twenty page document. A special meeting will be set for next week August 9, 2023 for the board members and Janet Campbell. Chairperson Janet Campbell asked that Jim Sadowski be in attendance as well as he has been documenting proposed changes to the Policy Manual. The Meeting will have two agenda items, 7pm – 8:30pm for the proposed Policy review and 8:30pm – 10pm for Budget review.

C) 2023 Men's National Cup – Chair Fritz Marth reported that they are a go.

1. Two Over 30 Men's teams (Region 1 & Region 4) have dropped from the National Competition. There will only be a single Men's Over 30 match, the Final on Sunday.

2. Chair Fritz Marth and Executive Director met in Quad City two weeks ago for an on-site visit and to finalize details of the venue.

3. There will be live Streaming of the matches with links posted on the USASA Website. The games will be broadcast at Mulligans Bar, Michigan and Liberty Pub in Manhattan NY.

D) Registration System Task Force – Chair Chaz Ballish Regueiro reported.

1. The Committee started with about twenty four systems and they have narrowed it down to two.

There were three dates sent to the committee members to review a Sandbox demonstration for seven days. Chaz Ballish Regueiro is confident that they will be ready for an August 15 presentation to the board and at the USASA Annual General Meeting in September.

Involved in the testing are individuals from Alaska, Connecticut, Maryland, Michigan, Oregon, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Western Pennsylvania.

E) Rules Committee – Chair Karissa Richardson has received documents from Maine and will send it to the committee for their review and recommendation to the board.

F) Soccer Fest – Chair Cezar Wasecki reported:

1. Executive Director Bruce Bode is sending out a post event survey to the participants.
2. There was great social media coverage (Fox & CBS) and there may be additional national coverage by a possible morning show. Cezar Wasecki & Bruce Bode will follow up with details.
3. The venue for both the games and the player party was great. The player party sold 800 tickets and everyone had a great time. Participation from everyone was positive and the event was night and day from last year's event.

G) USSF Membership Advisory Committee (MAC) - Chaz Ballish Regueiro reported everything is on pause for the Women's World Cup.

H) 2023 Women's Cup Committee – Sam Cohen is in Europe so he was unable to attend. Karon Beyer updated the board that we have all four regions participating in the Women's Cup. Change in fields for the third place game has been moved to a grass field. President John Motta would like it recorded that all four regions complied and did meet the requirements set forth by the National Council.

I) 2024 National Cup Committee – Chair John Motta updated the Board that the committee has held two meetings and will be working on changes and recommendations to be presented at the September Board meeting.

8. Unfinished Business: None

9. New Business: None

Dave Turner, Beer City Cup Representative asked the Registration System Committee Chair if any tournaments are included in the committee. Not at this time but USASA will be using the system for their next tournament as a beta test.

Janet Campbell meet with Rahul Chandhok ,who has joined the US Soccer Federation Staff at the US Youth Soccer Meeting, He has an interesting background, he was a lawyer with the San Francisco and is very interested in hearing about US Adult Soccer.Rahul Chandhok will be at the National Cups and he is looking forward to meeting the members of the board.

David Turner – John Motta recommends that he get together with Chaz Ballish Regueiro individually to discuss the registration systems.

With no other questions from the guest, President John Motta thanks everyone for attending.

10. Adjourn by acclamation at 8.59pm

Those in Attendance:

President - John Motta

Vice President - Richard Groff

Secretary - Karon Beyer

Treasurer – Lori Stoneburner

Executive Director – Bruce Bode

Region 1 Director – Tony Falcone

Region 2 Director – Karissa Richardson

Region 3 Director – Otey Smithson
Region 4 Director – Robin Runstein
At Large – Chaz Ballish Regueiro
At Large – Cezar Wasecki
Independent Director – Brett Hurwitz
Affiliate Member Director – Kendra Halterman
Executive Director – Bruce Bode

Guests:

Region 1 Deputy Director –Mary Beth Falk
Region 2 Deputy Director – John Mitchell
Region 3 Deputy Director – Jeanne Smith
Region 4 Deputy Director – Tom Moore
Fritz Marth, Men’s National Cup Committee Chair
Peggy Polley- Grizzle, Kentucky State President
Andrew Marion, South Carolina
Janet Campbell – Governance Committee Chair
Jim Sadowski – DC/Virginia State President
Dave Turner – Beer City Cup
Eric Usher – Beer City Cup