

USASA NBOD Approved Meeting Agenda  
8pm (cst) Wednesday January 4, 2023

1. 8:01pm (CST) Meeting called to order by President John Motta.
2. Welcome and acknowledgement of guests by President John Motta.
3. Roll Call - Karon Beyer took roll call virtually. We have a Board of Directors quorum and full attendance below.
4. Agenda for January 4, 2023 approved as emailed to the Board of Directors

5. Approval of Minutes:

December 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 Meeting Minutes approved with the following correction submitted by Richard Groff, under the Vice President's Report:

1) 2023 Insurance Program: The board reviewed a presentation by Ryan Douglas and Shalom Suniula, USI Insurance Consultants from Seattle Washington. The insurance proposal is through Everest Insurance. The proposed USASA policy is expecting 175,000 players to purchase liability insurance at \$1.57 per player for general liability and Umbrella liability Policy adds 39 cents a player. The accidental medical policy will cost at \$3.62 a player, and the policy is audited. The projected goal is to have 150,000 players purchase accidental medical.

The Board had a discussion on the options of the proposed policy that were presented on an 80/20 percentage for player accident insurance and higher deductible.

Deadline is December 31, 2022

John Motta sets a special executive meeting on Wednesday December 14, 2022 for the review and vote for the 2023 USASA Insurance Policy.

December 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 Meeting Minutes approved with the following correction in red.

M\*1 Motion by President John Motta: that the USASA Board approves the proposed insurance plan for up to 75,000 potential players for liability only. It is projected that 150,000 players will purchase liability and player accident medical. The deadline to approve the policy is December 31, 2022

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M\*2 Motion by President John Motta, seconded by Claudio: that the USASA Board approves a \$6.00 Tournament Player Pass for liability and accident medical. Discussion and the board approves the motion with one opposed (Cezar Wasceki)

Friendly Amendment by Robin Runstein, second by Karon Beyer: that the approved \$6.00 Tournament Player Pass for liability and player accident be defined as "a six continuous day" pass. Discussion and motion passes with one opposed (Claudio Frigo)

M\*3 Motion by Anthony Falcone, seconded by Cezar Wasecki: that the USASA Board approves a \$6.00 tournament player pass for liability only and a \$9.00 tournament player pass with both player accident and liability. Motion Fails

6. Officer's Reports

A. President's Report: John Motta

1) John Motta thanked Richard Groff and all the Regional Directors on all their hard work getting USASA to over 200,000 registered players before the 2022 December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

2) Congratulations to Claudio Frigo and the state of Illinois for reaching 16,114 registered players for USASA.

3) John Motta announced that our Nike contract ended as of December 31, 2022 and he will have a call tomorrow with Capelli's Sports to finalize our agreement. John Motta will email out the agreement to the board members for review.

4) The Executive Director Committee is in the process of narrowing down the prospective candidates to

the top three. John Motta will reach out by phone to the top candidates and see if they are still interested. Richard Groff and John Motta will start the interviews next week.

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

1) USASA Insurance update. Richard Groff executed the Insurance agreements on behalf of USASA for both the liability insurance and \$150,000 compensation for the agents. The commission agreement will stay the same as last year. Insurance Certificates are now available.

Player Accident Insurance claims went down in 2022 with only 210 claims, compared to 380 claims filed in 2021. There may be late claims in the next couple of months, but it looks like the numbers of claims will still be lower.

2) Richard Groff sent out the updated 2022 USASA player registration numbers to the board. That number will be finalized next week and then USASA will pay US Soccer the additional player registration.

3) USASA Women's Tier System - see Richard Groff's written report (attached) with a proposal for the two Women's National Leagues, WPSL and UWS. WPSL has over 200 members and meets the current USASA criteria for a tier one system.

John Motta and Richard Groff will set up a meeting with two of the women's associations next week during the National Coaches convention in Philadelphia.

C. Financial Report - Lori Stoneburner had no report.

7. Committee /Task Force Reports & Updates:

A) Men's National Cup Committee: see Fritz Marth's written report below.

Fritz Marth reported that they have received an additional bid offer from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Fritz has heard that West Virginia may be submitting a proposal. Bids are due by January 23<sup>rd</sup>. and that the Committee will meet to have a host site selected by the February Board Meeting. The Committee is also working on how the prize money should be allocated, as well as the remaining budget for hosting. Finally they will be working on a schedule for the event to include a third place game.

Claudio Frigo added that Illinois is also looking at submitting a bid for hosting.

B) Women's National Cup: Karon Beyer reported that the Chair Sam Cohen has been reaching out to all the Committee members by phone during December. Sam Cohen has also spoken to three of the four Regionals Directors and to Fritz Marth, the Men's National Cup Chair. The Committee has a meeting set for January.

C) Appeals - No Report

D) 2023 Soccer Fest: Cezar Wasecki reported that we now have 53 registered teams for the 2023 Soccer Fest to be held July 12 -16<sup>th</sup> in Greensboro, North Carolina.

E) Hall of Fame: Richard Moeller submitted a written report (see below) to the board and read into the minutes by Secretary Karon Beyer.

8. Unfinished Business: none

9. New Business:

1) Welcome to Jen Sunderland, USASA Staff employee who is joining us tonight.

2) John Motta would like the Board of Directors to meet Friday (August 4) during the 2023 National Cup Finals on August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. He would also like the bids for the National Cup to close by January 23, 2023.

3) Updating Amended Bylaws and Policies documents for the US Soccer AGM. Richard Groff would like to have the approved Bylaw amendments updated to be distributed before the US Soccer AGM. He proposed that Tom Moore update both the Bylaws and Policies as amended during the AGM.

4) Richard Groff brought up the player fee structure. Richard Groff believes that Claudio Frigo raised an excellent point for the board to consider a player registration fee reduction for U23 summer league players. The discussion was that the board supports the budget that was voted in by the membership.

5) Jim Sadowski asked the board to consider creating a policy on leagues that are shopping for states to join to participate in their State Cups. President John Motta asked Jim Sadowski if he would consider writing a proposal and submitting it to the board.

John Motta asked the board to stay on for an executive session and thanked all our guests for attending.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm by acclamation.

Those in Attendance on January 4, 2023

President - John Motta

Vice President - Richard Groff

Secretary - Karon Beyer

Treasurer – Lori Stoneburner

Region 1 Director – Tony Falcone

Region 2 Director – Claudio Frigo

Region 3 Director – Otey Smithson

Region 4 Director – Robin Runstein

At Large – Chaz Ballish Regueiro

At Large – Cezar Wasecki

Independent – Brett Hurwitz

Guests

Region 1 Deputy Director Marybeth Falk

Region 2 Deputy Director Karissa Richardson

Region 3 Deputy Director Jeanne Smith

Region 4 Deputy Director Tom Moore

USASA Office Staff, Jen Sunderland

Fritz Marth, Mens Nation Cup Chair

Peggy Polley Grizzle, Kentucky State President

Andy Marion, South Carolina Treasurer

Jim Sadowski, President of Metro DC/Virginia

Correspondence submitted:

Vice President Richard Groff:

During the player registration process over the last six weeks, I have communicated with the two National Women's Leagues

They are both considering their options to affiliate directly with US Soccer.

They both want a tier system for National Women's Leagues Below is a starting point proposal.

Must be approved by NBOD, and you can easily modify it.

We should discuss with the two leagues as well

Proposed Tier system Must be a Women's National League

1 Tier 1 100 teams, safe sport certified for both league and teams, background checks for coaches, agreement to develop a National Women's Cup

with US Soccer and USASA , FIFA qualified registration of all players with US Soccer and

USASA

2 Tier 2 50 teams and meet all other requirements stated above

3 Tier 3 36 teams and meet all other requirements stated above

Comments: If they directly affiliate with US Soccer they will need to meet the additional requirements above, pay the \$10,000 , and purchase liability insurance  
In addition , they will not be members of the Adult Council , and they will not have advocates on the MAC, US Soccer NBOD , and Adult Commissioners  
I am not recommending a time period. When we approved that condition for Men's Tier, we had a negative reaction from other men's leagues.  
The unique factor is the number of teams, not time with USASA.  
I look forward to the discussions.

Richard

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Karon,

Here is a brief report on the National Cups Committee's actions this past month.

During the last month the National Cups Committee undertook two significant efforts. Most importantly the Committee, through the Regional Cups Chairs, solicited proposals for hosting the 2023 Cups Finals. A further solicitation is being sent through USASA's email contacts. Bids are due by January 23, 2023 after which the Committee will review and make a recommendation to the NBOD for the NBOD's consideration at its February meeting. Also, the Committee began the updating of the hosting bid form itself. The current solicitation is utilizing a form based on the "Host CheckList," but a new more detailed form is being developed for future use. The new form should facilitate the selection process for the 2024 host. Next items on the Committee's agenda will be finalizing a recommendation for the allocation/distribution of budgeted funds, including for hosting expenses and prize money; and setting a tentative schedule of games for the Finals.

Fritz Marth

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Karon:

Update by the Hall of Fame Committee Chair Richard Moeller.  
Richard Moeller has been working with Jen Sunderland, Peggy Polley Grizzle, and Mike Edwards in gathering all the names and contact information for all current Hall of Fame members as well as the voting system to be used. Richard Moeller will send an email out to all the HOF members to get a vote on the four (4) HOF Committee member positions up for election for 2023 (2 year term) to sit on the 2023 Hall of Fame Committee (8 HOF Committee members in total) and they should have that information back by Thursday, January 19th.

Richard Moeller