

United States Adult Soccer Association  
National Board of Directors Approved Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday July 02, 2024

1. Called to Order at 7:02pm (EST) by United States Adult Soccer Association President John Motta.
2. Welcome and acknowledgement of all board members and guests by John Motta. John Motta asks for all guests to hold all questions until the end of the meeting.
3. Virtual Roll Call of the board members by Karon Beyer, Secretary. See below for those present.
4. Board approved the proposed July 02, 2024, Meeting Agenda with no additions.
5. Board approved the June 05, 2024, proposed National Board of Directors Meeting Minutes and June 05, 2024, proposed Executive Meeting Minutes.
6. Officer's Reports:
  - A. President's Report: John Motta reported on:
    - 1) John Motta attended the Region 1 Cup Competitions.
    - 2) US Soccer Adult Working Group had a call last week, USASA members Fritz Marth, Vice President and Kendra Halterman, Affiliate Director, were on the call where the focus was centered on referee issues. Kari Seitz, new Vice President of Referees for US Soccer was also on the call.
    - 3) US Soccer Referee Prevention and Abuse Working Group. A copy of the amended Referee Policy 531-9 was sent out to the membership via email by Melissa Radke from US Soccer.
  - B. Vice President's Report: Fritz Marth reported on:
    - 1) Referee Prevention and Abuse Working Group now falls under the US Soccer Technical Development Committee. Mike Cullina, Chair of the Technical Development Committee, agreed that something needed to be sent out to the membership.
    - 2) USSF (Amateur Adult) Player Affiliation Initiatives Working Group, includes USASA members along with UPSL/USSSA and other interested parties. The focus is on how to improve the game, increase growth and register more adult players. This is a focus of US Soccer's Soccer Forward, a Legacy Program for the 2026 World Cup to help grow registration.
  - C. Executive Directors Report: Bruce Bode reported on:
    - 1) 2024 Soccer Fest is in ten days, June 10 – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Greensboro North Carolina.
    - 2) Bruce Bode attended Region 1, Region 2 and Region 3 Final Competitions and will be attending the Region 3 workshops in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 29 & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024
    - 3) The USASA National Staff are working with The Collective Global on surveys and they will be meeting with The Collective Global on the first of August.
    - 4) The USASA Annual General Meeting is September 26 – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Frisco - Dallas Texas. There has been one Bylaw Amendment submitted and Bruce Bode will circulate it to the Rules and Governance Committee for review.
    - 5) Soccer Fest. The US Soccer Adaptive Soccer Association will be hosting two clinics on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Joshua McKinney will be attending the 2024 Soccer Fest with that group. John Motta asked Bruce Bode to work with North Carolina State Soccer Executive Director, Darius Ejlali, to promote the clinics to the local communities.
  - D. Financial Report: Lori Stoneburner reported:
    - 1) Lori Stoneburner and Bruce Bode are finishing audits and starting on the 990's. Last meeting Lori Stoneburner reported that player registration was slightly under budget but in April, player registration was over budget.

7. Committee /Task Force Reports & Updates:

A. USASA Committee/Task Force Reports:

1) Soccer Fest - Cezar Wasecki, Soccer Fest Chair, reported that the staff and committee are focused on sponsorship and getting last minute things done. The final number of teams is seventy. There will be four focus groups at Soccer Fest.

2) 2024 National Cup - Richard Groff, USASA National Cup Chair submitted a written draft for three Policy Amendment changes to the 2025 National Cup Rules.

1. Player Roster submission seven days prior.
2. Required Bond guaranteed by the state or league.
3. Definition of Player Cup Tied

\*M1 Motion made by Fritz Marth that: USASA adopt the written Policy amendments proposed by Richard Groff, seconded by Cesar Wasecki and motion to adopt passes.

8. Unfinished Business:

A) August 24 & 25, 2024 will be the next in person board meeting in Atlanta.

B) Membership Registration: Fritz Marth asked that this item be kept on the agenda going forward. We have fifteen member states with no player registration submissions.

\*Action Item. Bruce Bode will send an official written notification to those members that they have fifteen days to comply with player registration requirements. The Board would like a full player registration report at the next meeting and going forward that the office supplies the board with a monthly report of state/affiliate member registration numbers.

9. New Business:

A) Budget Reports: Bruce Bode reported with actual & projected numbers for:

1) The projected budget was eighty thousand and we are at eighty-one thousand. Travel expenses have had to be adjusted. The National Cup has fifty thousand in actual sponsorship, twenty-five thousand from Budweiser and twenty-five thousand from Dunkin. The 100 Year Anniversary Book was projected to be twenty-five thousand, but it has not reached that number. We have a sponsorship package of ten thousand from US Soccer. Competition and marketing (broadcasting) budgets have been trimmed.

2) Soccer Fest has fewer teams this year, so revenue is down. The budget was based on ninety teams, but the actual is sixty-nine teams. Referee expenses have been a significant change (increase) to the budget, and referees are expressing that Soccer Fest needs to come in line with other tournament events. The referee budget has gone from thirty-one thousand to fifty-five thousand. Ticket sales for the party/beer tent event are limited by one hundred due to the decreased venue size. Sponsorship money is coming from Greensboro Visitors Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce and Greensboro Sports Foundation.

\*Action Item – John Motta has a conversation with Kari Seitz, Vice president of referees for US Soccer, to utilize Soccer Fest in the future to develop female referees. US Soccer has used the former Veterans Cup for female referee academies which were very successful.

B) Werner Fricker Appeal update. Bruce will send out a full brief to the board.

C) By Law Submission for Annual General Meeting. Chair Chaz Ballish Regueiro would like to know who is on the committee so the committee can review the submitted By Law Proposal.

D) The USASA proposed budget will be mailed to the membership thirty days prior to the September AGM Meeting in Dallas TX.

10. Adjourned at 8:01pm (EST)

Those in Attendance:

President - John Motta  
Vice President – Fritz Marth  
Treasurer – Lori Stoneburner  
Secretary - Karon Beyer  
Executive Director – Bruce Bode  
Region 1 Director – Tony Falcone  
Region 2 Director – Karissa Richardson  
Region 4 Director – Robin Runstein  
Affiliate Director – Kendra Halterman  
At Large – Jim Sadowski  
At Large – Cezar Wasecki  
Independent Director – Brett Hurwitz

Guests:

John Mitchell, Region 2 Deputy Director  
Tom Moore, Region 4 Deputy Director  
Chaz Ballish Reguerio, Adult Commissioner  
Andy Marion, USASA Budget & Finance Chair  
Richard Groff, USASA National Cup Chair