

USASA NBOD Approved Meeting Minutes
8pm (cst) Wednesday June 7, 2023
Zoom/Virtual Meeting.

1. 9:01 pm Meeting called to order by President John Motta.
2. Welcome and acknowledgement of guests by President John Motta. The President asks that all guests hold their questions until the end of the meeting where there will be time for open discussion.
3. Roll Called by Secretary Karon Beyer, a quorum is present to conduct business. See full attendance below.
4. Approval of the Agenda as submitted to the board with no changes.
5. Approval of past Meeting Minutes:
 - A. March 29, 2023 minutes approved with one correction. Cezar Wasecki name added to the attendees.
 - B. April 12, 2023 Executive Session Minutes approved without correction.
6. Officer's Reports
 - A. President's Report: John Motta reported:
 - 1) In May there was a US Soccer Meeting and Hall of Fame induction in Dallas Texas
 - 2) 2023 Hank Steinbrecher Cup was held in Tucson, Arizona on June third and fourth. Hank Steinbrecher was in attendance along with USASA President John Motta and executive Director Bruce Bode. John Motta commented on how well run the tournament was by the Tucson Organization. It was a great game, tied at the end of regulation, two over time periods and West Chester out of Pennsylvania won in penalty kicks from the mark (4 to 2).
 - 3) Tier System Task Force. John Motta would like to get the Tier System Task Force working on the designations and requirements and have something put together before the September AGM.
 - B. Vice President's Report: Richard Groff on items for future discussions and possibly creating a Task Force (multiple).
 - 1) Tournaments designated as direct USASA Members. This membership category would be for independent organizations that run tournaments only and may be willing to pay USASA to sanction their events and use our insurance to grow the game.
 - 2) UPSL running a National Tournament and how it will impact our USASA elite state leagues.
 - 3) US Soccer Board Meeting. Richard Groff talked about
 - a) USL or MLS does not pay the youth /adult soccer fee to US Soccer.
 - b) Addressed that US Soccer needs to have consistency in their adult programs.
 - c) US Soccer board is going through reorganization and redefining all their committees and strategic plans
 - C. Executive Directors Report: Bruce Bode submitted a written report that was emailed to the board members.

- 1) Utah Youth and Adults State Soccer boards have approved a merger and are in final contract negotiations. The merged (joint) associations are hoping to retain and operate under the Utah State Soccer Association name and under new business the board should make a motion that we approve them provisionally to register adult players. Bruce Bode and John Motta will get on a call with the representative to ask for organizational documentation and bylaws.
- 2) After sending out the new Player remittance form and fee structure to the member, we have received about 25, 000 player registrations that came in in the months of April and May.
- 3) AGM topics for the breakout sessions in September's Annual General Meeting. Executive Director Bruce Bode says they have identified four topics, Insurance, Building membership in Social and unaffiliated groups, Marketing USASA, and Building programs and Membership through grants.
- 4) Financial: Bruce Bode reported that he has been working with treasurer Lori Stoneburner and Budget Committee Chair Bill George to look at the reserve and investment accounts and reallocate those monies that are beyond what we need into interest bearing accounts.
- 5) Maine State Soccer has submitted corporate documentation for USASA affiliation and Bruce Bode will send it to the USASA Rules Committee for recommendation.

D. Financial Report - Lori Stoneburner reported

- 1) 2022 Audit update. It has been very time consuming and have been working with the USASA bookkeeper, and Bruce Bode, reconciling regional accounts, collecting data, and pulling samples. Lori Stoneburner reported that the audit should be done soon and they will move onto taxes.
- 2) There is no income to report at this time as we have asked members to hold off sending player registrations until mid-April. Just monthly expenses, rent, salaries, standard operating expenses. May financials will be submitted to membership soon. USASA Bookkeeper to reconcile registrations that were submitted to the new fee structure.
- 3) It is time to start looking at the annual budget for the 2023 Annual General Meeting in September. The USASA Budget is due to the membership by August 20, 2023 Lori Stoneburner will have to get together with the Budget Committee to review the new registration numbers.. Lori Stoneburner, Bruce Bode and John Motta will get on a call this month and look at all the member categories and estimated player numbers. Richard Groff will provide data from the Player/Member Fee Structure Committee. Bruce Bode will provide insurance data.

7. Committee /Task Force Reports & Updates:

A. Committee Reports

1) Soccer Fest - Cezar Wasecki Reported on:

The event has received all permits and Bruce Bode and he have a daily operation list they go over.

We have eighty teams registered so far and doing a final push for registration

Sponsorship packets will go out next week.

Disability Organization. Cezar Wasecki has been in touch and is giving them a two week deadline to decide if they will be participating.

2) Budget & Finance - Bill George had no report

3) Men's National Cup Committee: ChairPerson Fritz Marth reported that he had a copy of the tentative schedule sent out to the board members. He would like it approved so he could get the

information out to the teams Regional qualifiers will start soon. He is setting up a site visit in early July with Bruce Bode.

National Cup was established in 1923 and first completed games were played in 1924 so next year is the 100 year anniversary.

Richard Groff asked about the number of teams that have paid the \$200 per team fee. Region 1 and Region 3 will be sending a check.

3) Women's Cup Committee – Sam Cohen reported on:

The Women's Committee voted to keep the 2023 USASA Women's Cup in Iowa with the Men's National Cup.

Region 3 has four teams playing in the regionals June 9 – 11th and Region 1 has three confirmed and possibly a fourth team participating next weekend in their Cups. Region 2 Director Karissa Richardson, suspects they will have two from Michigan and one or two teams from Illinois.

Region 4 has at least one women's team from Cal South. Possibly a second, Robin Runstein and Sam Cohen will get together with Kendra Halterman to see if she can get one more from Region 4.

The proposed USASA Women's Cup Rules were distributed by email to the board for review.

4) Governance Committee - Chaz Ballish Regueiro reported that Janet Campbell, chairperson and the committee has been meeting weekly. The committee's next meeting will be this Tuesday June 13th. They are continuing the work of the last Governance Committee with the policy document will have to be reviewed by the board before it is presented to the general membership.

5) Registration System Task Force - Chaz Ballish Regueiro reported the committee has been hard at work. Bruce Bode has done an excellent job with the Task Force. What they have already accomplished is, they have come up with a list of needs and wants and Dave Altesleben has created a matrix of all the available registration systems that fits with our needs and wants. The committee will be reviewing demos and the board hopes for a recommendation by the August meeting.

6) USSF Membership Advisory Committee: Chaz Ballish Regueiro reported that there will be a MAC meeting tomorrow and US Soccer is already asking for things to get out to the membership and get feedback on the Innovate to Grow Fund, how the counsels can work in common. In the meeting they (?) had a presentation for the advisory committee on what the board was doing on insurance and then it was presented as a recommendation from the Membership Advisory Committee.

8. Unfinished Business:

A) Confirm the action of the NBOD for the Women's Premier Soccer League Tier 1 status.

President John Motta asked that the board confirm the action that was taken by the board at the strategic planning session. With no objections, The Women's Premier Soccer Leagues is granted Tier 1 status by the board.

9. New Business:

A) Richard Groff: Action taken by the board at the strategic planning session that in 2024 all USASA National Competitions will be managed and implemented by the National Office Staff and approved by NBOD. John Motta asks Executive Director Bruce Bode, draft a document of how this would work so the board can review it at the next meeting.

B) Richard Groff:

*M (1) Richard Groff makes a motion: that USASA NBOD make a recommendation to US Soccer that any change to the new proposed US Soccer standard mandatory insurance policy shall include participant liability insurance. Seconded by Chaz Ballish Regueiro and motion passes unanimously

C) Richard Groff: Amateur (USL) player registration fees paid to US Soccer.

*M (2) Made by Richard Groff, that the NBOD formally recommended to US Soccer, that all amateur players in US Soccer shall pay the \$1 player registration fee to US Soccer. Seconded by Karon Beyer, and motion passes unanimously.

D) Soccer Fest budget increase: Cezar Wasecki

*M(3) Motion made by Cezar Wasecki that: amend the budget for the 2023 Soccer Fest be increased by \$5,000.00. Second by Lori Stoneburner, and the motion carried unanimously.

E) 2023 Women's Cup Playing Rules: Sam Cohen, Chairperson of the Women's Cup Committee, has presented the board with a copy of the proposed Women's Cup Playing Rules.

*M(4) Motion made by Otey Smithson that: the board approves the proposed Women's Cup Playing Rules. Seconded by Karon Beyer and the motion passes.

President John Motta would like recommendations for the 2024 National Cup Committee members.

F) Time change for future National Board of Directors Meeting to 7pm Central Time.

Announcement: The next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 5, 2023

10. Adjourned at 9:42pm

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

Guests:

Region 3 Deputy Director –Jeanne Smith

Region 4 Deputy Director –Tom Moore

Fritz Marth, Men's National Cup Committee Chair

Sam Cohen, Women's Cup Committee Chair

Peggy Polley- Grizzle, Kentucky State President
Andrew Marion, South Carolina