

USASA NBOD Approved Meeting Minutes  
7pm (cst) Wednesday March 29, 2023

1. Called to Order at 7:00pm by President John Motta.
2. Welcome and acknowledgement of our guests by President John Motta. President Motta asks that all guests hold their questions until the end of the meeting.

President John Motta welcomes our newest member to the Board, Kendra Halterman, Affiliate Director.

3. Roll Call was taken by Secretary Karon Beyer. There is a full board present so the meeting has a quorum to conduct business.
4. Approval of the proposed March 29, 2023 Agenda by the board with a change. Under New Business: Item A. New Fee Proposals and New Player Categories will be tabled for an April 12, 2023 Board Session Only Meeting. Item B. Tier 1 Designations for Women's Premier Soccer League will be discussed in executive session immediately following this meeting. John Motta would also like to add the National Board of Directors planning session under the executive session.
5. Approval of March 1, 2023 proposed Meeting Minutes by the board.

6. Officer's Reports

A. President's Report: John Motta reported on the 2023 US Soccer Annual General Council Meetings in San Diego:

- 1) USASA proposed Bylaw to reduce the membership number to 150,000 did not get passed.
- 2) The US Soccer proposal to reduce the membership player registration from \$2.00 to \$1.00 was passed. The Board will review the Fees & Budget committees recommendation in the Special Meeting (executive session) on April 12, 2023 and on April 13, 2023 the USASA National Office will send a new remittance form to the USASA membership so they can submit their first quarterly membership registration to USASA beginning on April 15, 2023.
- 3) USASA Elections were held where Kendra Halterman was elected as our new Affiliate Director.
- 4) No meetings on the US Soccer Board Meetings to report on.

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

- 1) First round of the Lamar Hunt Open Cup has started with 14 matches. The NPSL won six of those matches and in total we had nine total USASA winners in that round. Richard Groff would like to congratulate those nine teams.
- 2) The Fees & Budget Committee has noticed that we have dual registrations at a significant number and Richard Groff is suggesting that we set up a discussion group to look at how we can register those players and not pay for them multiple times with the

insurance company.

C. Executive Directors Report: Bruce Bode submitted a written report:

- 1) 2023 goal to make the Safe Sports certification process easier.
- 2) Working with Kendra Halterman on an onboarding process of acquainting new individuals to USASA roles and responsibilities, from elected positions down to appointed committee members.

D. Financial Report – Treasurer Lori Stoneburner reported on:

There have been no changes to the last budget draft that was sent out. There will be some housekeeping changes included in the next revision, changes in insurance rates and rent decrease but Lori Stoneburner is waiting for the Fees & Budget Committee recommendation before sending a revised budget out again.

7. Committee /Task Force Reports & Updates:

A. Committee Reports

1) Soccer Fest - Cezar Wasecki reported on:

- a) Tom Shea is working on a local sponsor for the party event.
- b) Budweiser sponsorship. John Motta will talk to Dave Wright about details for using the sponsorship money.
- c) Bill Davey has resigned as the Chair of USASA referee Committee. That leaves us without an assignor for Soccerfest. President John Motta has been taking over the responsibilities and already has twenty five referees signed up. US Soccer will provide two US national coaches to attend. It is a great opportunity for referees and John Motta is asking that any board members that are state presidents to contact your referee assignors.

2) Budget & Finance - Bill George submitted a written report of recommendations for the board. Vice President Richard Groff asks that the Budget & Finance will come back to the board in two weeks with recommendations for possible investing in (ninety day) CD's.

3) Women's Cup Committee – Sam Cohen submitted a written summary report Recommendation from Cezar Wasecki that "Prize Money" for the women should match the amount for the men's amateur division.

4) Men's National Cup – Fritz Marth reported on:

- a) The committee members along with Sam Cohen & Karon Beyer, had a (virtual) meeting today with representatives from TBK Bank Sports Complex, Visit Quad City, and Dan Cataldi from Iowa Soccer.
- b) Fritz Marth would like clarity on the allocated Budweiser sponsorship for the Men's National Cup Committee. John Motta stated that one hundred percent of the money was designated for the National Cup Celebration.
- c) Fritz Marth would also like to confirm who the referee assignor for the National Cup

is. John Motta says that he is presenting the board with a new Referee Committee Chair to vote on under new business later in the meeting.

## 8. Unfinished Business - None

## 9. New Business:

A) Approval of Committee Chairs – John Motta presented the board with two new appointments for USASA Committee Chairs.

\* Motion made by Karon Beyer to accept the appointment of:  
Carlos Folino as USASA Referee Committee Chair and Janet Campbell as the USASA Governance Committee Chair, Seconded by Tony Falcone and motion passes.

B) New Fee Proposals and New player categories Committee: Richard Groff stated that the Committee will meet and be ready to present to the board for the April 12, 2023 Special Meeting.

C) Women's National Cup Rules: John Motta sent out a draft by the Women's Cup Committee for Women's National Cup Rules based on a request to create a joint set of rules. Discussion by the board and John Motta asks the committee to review the rules and resubmit to the board for the next meeting.

## 10. Adjourned at 8:19pm by acclamation.

### 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 3 Director – Otey Smithson

Region 4 Director – Robin Runstein

At Large – Cezar Wasecki

At Large – Chaz Ballish Regueiro

Independent Director – Brett Hurwitz

### Guest:

Region 2 Deputy Director – Karissa Richards

Region 3 Deputy Director – Jeanne Smith

Region 4 Deputy Director – Tom Moore

Sam Cohen – Womens Cup Chair

Bill George – Budget & Finance Chair

Peggy Polley- Grizzle, Kentucky

Andy Marion, South Carolina  
Fritz Marth – USASA Men’s National Cup Chair  
Richard Moeller, Hall Of Fame Chair  
Jim Sadowski, Metro DC/Virginia  
USASA Staff – Jen Sunderland