

USASA NBOD Approved Meeting Minutes  
8pm (EST) Wednesday November 8, 2023

1. Meeting called to order by President John Motta at 9:00pm (est)
  2. President John Motta welcomed all our Board Members and guests for attending this evening. All guests are listed below under attendance. President John Motta, asks that all guests please refrain from speaking unless called upon by the President.
  3. The roll was called by Secretary, Karon Beyer. There was a quorum to conduct USASA business. (See attendance below).
  4. The proposed November 1, 2023 Agenda that was sent out by email was approved with a request for executive session after the general meeting tonight..
  5. Approval of past Meeting Minutes emailed out by Secretary Karon Beyer.
    - A. September 21,2023 proposed meeting minutes were approved with no changes or corrections.
    - B. October 04, 2023 proposed meeting minutes were approved with no changes or corrections.
  6. Officer's Reports
    - A. President's Report: John Motta reported that there was a very successful US Soccer Member Meeting last week in Chicago. The Board would like President John Motta to ask US Soccer to include the USASA Board of Directors and Adult Commissioners that are not current State Presidents.
    - B. Vice President's Report: Fritz Marth reported that he has a presentation for the Board to review that he will share with the board members. It is a presentation for a marketing plan for the United States Adult Soccer Association by a Philadelphia public relations company with which he is familiar.
    - C. Executive Directors Report: Bruce Bode submitted a written report.
      - 1) USASA 100 Anniversary Book. As information and advertisements are submitted, Executive Director Bruce Bode has been sending along to the Anniversary Book Committee.
      - 2) Player Registration.

Total registrations at this time are 141,241. Compares favorably to 2022 at the same time of 138,593 Members without any registrations – 7 state associations, UWS, 5 multi-state leagues. All have been contacted and all have stated that registrations will be coming within the next couple of weeks. Most of these have historically send registrations in November and December.

Today's update:

        - a) Second quarter player registration and fee payments were due in September. Arizona, Kentucky, and the Eastern Premier Soccer League have given us some information. States and Member Affiliates that are still outstanding are Regional Leagues, Cascadia Premier League, Mountain Premier, Southwest Premier, Gulf Coast Premier, and NASA. The Executive Director has reached out to each of these members.
- The Board requests that Executive Director Bruce Bode send a formal email and a certified letter to (provisionally approved) Cascadia Premier League that they will need to send both player registration and player fees into USASA by November 17, 2023.
- The Board also asks that all other outstanding members be formally notified that they are overdue on submitting USASA requirements including player registrations and payment. They will have the same deadline of November 17<sup>th</sup> to submit their information and fees to the USASA Office.

3) Online Registration Payments with SportLoMo: Executive Director Bruce Bode presented the Board members with a written report that will be reviewed in executive session.

D. Treasurer's Financial Report- Treasurer, Lori Stoneburner reported that: they have almost finalized the Audit report. The tax return will be due by November 15, 2023 and will require the 990 return to be reviewed by the Board.

## 7. Committee /Task Force Reports & Updates:

### A. USASA Committee/Task Force Reports

1) Budget & Finance – Chair, Andy Marion reported that he has just received the information for the Budget & Finance Committee Members and he will be contacting them to set up a meeting next week.

2) Governance Committee – Chair, Janet Campbell sent a written notification that the committee has no report for this meeting.

3) Hall of Fame – Chair, Richard Moeller reported that there have been some Committee Member changes. Elections for four positions will be up for reelections, Werner Fricker, Dick Burns, Peggy Polley –Grizzle and Larry Hall.

4) Referee Committee - Carlos Folino has no report

5) Rules Committee – Chair, Chaz Ballish Regueiro has no report

6) Soccer Fest – Chair, Cezar Wasecki reported that the early registration deadline (November 10) for 2024 is ending soon. The celebration party will need a new venue as the ballpark has a game that night. The Soccerfest already has fifteen to twenty teams registered. An invitation has been extended to the US disability groups to participate.

7) USSF Membership Advisory Committee (MAC) - Chaz Ballish Regueiro reported that there would be a US Soccer press release with perks to all state presidents in January 2024 and the general membership at the 2024 US Soccer AGM.

There is a disability Committee meeting tomorrow that Chaz Ballish Regueiro will be attending.

8) 2024 National Cup - Richard Groff reported that in the last 30 days they have talked to 14 state associations that are developing their qualifying competitions. On the Men's side he expects 100 teams. Richard Groff is asking the Board to approve additional members to the Committee. Roberto Aguas, WUS, Peter Wilt Chicago Soccer Executive, Ron Burnett Eastern Pennsylvania, Carlos Budyszewick, NISA , and Kendra Halterman,(temporarily)

\*M1: Motion by Kendra Halterman, that the Board approve the additional members (12 → 16) for the committee, seconded by Jim Sadowski. One opposed, and the motion passed.

The 2024 National Cup will be held the last weekend in July (July 24- 28) 2024.

Written Proposal for national Cup Policy Amendments by Richard Groff that

### 201 TEAM ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible to participate in a National Cups competition, a team must be:

(a) registered as a team of a state association, a state association sanctioned league, a USASA League, or a USASA Affiliate; and playing as a team in a regular USASA sanctioned league competition of at least four teams unless there is no open "11 v. 11" league in its home state association with four teams within an 80 mile radius of that team; or

(b) Participate in a National Cups Qualifying Tournament or other such competition of an Organization Member that includes a minimum of 4 teams in a group format and each team plays a minimum of three matches or an elimination format that includes a minimum of eight teams.

\*M2: Motion made by Fritz Marth, seconded by Jim Sadowski, to approve the submitted proposed amendment for National Cups Policy Section 201. Vote, one abstention, two opposed and motion passes

Amended Section 202.1 to read:

#### 202 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Each player of a team competing in a National Cups competition must meet the eligibility criteria related to age or gender and be properly registered with that team at least ten days prior to any game in the competition in which the player may participate. Proper registration includes being registered with USASA either directly or through a State Association, USASA League, or USASA Affiliate.

\*M3: Motion made by Fritz Marth, seconded by Jim Sadowski, to approve the submitted proposed amendment for National Cups Policy Section 202 Player Eligibility. Vote, Two opposed, one abstention and motion passes

Proposed Housekeeping Policy amendments submitted by Fritz Marth:

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT – Section 103.4.2. and 103.4.5

##### Policy Section 103.4.5

The sanctions that could be imposed by the USASA Board include but are not limited to: fines of up to \$1.00 per player per year that the waiver was not in place or retained for the required ~~seven~~ five years.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT – Section 103.4.5

103.4.5 Organization members may be audited to ensure the requirements of this insurance liability waiver policy and the policies on player registration, information and fees are followed. Any failure to comply with this policy would be considered grounds for sanctions. The sanctions that could be imposed by the USASA Board include but are not limited to: fines of up to \$1.00 per player per year that the waiver was not in place or retained for the required ~~seven~~ five years; and the Member Organization may be placed in bad standing until every player has a waiver on file that is accessible to USASA.

\*M4: Motion made by Karon Beyer and seconded by Fritz Marth, to approve the submitted proposed Housekeeping amendments for National Cups Policy Section 103.4-5

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT – Section 106.7

2) Policy 106.7 reads:

Submit to USASA all required player registration data (~~player data?~~) by the required deadlines. (USASA required data points)

\*M5: Motion made by Karon Beyer and seconded by Fritz Marth, to approve the submitted proposed Housekeeping amendments for National Cups Policy Section 106.7 Call to approve and motion to accept housekeeping amendments carries.

USASA Board asks that Proposed Amendment 106.6 will be submitted to the Governance Committee for review.

Policy Section 106.6 provides that USASA State Associations must:

Submit to USASA its most current annual reports and financial statements within ninety (90) days after the start of its fiscal year and copy of its tax return at least annually.

8. Unfinished Business:

A) USASA Coaching Certification Submitted by Fritz Marth

The proposal is to redesign the existing USASA Coaching certification and offer a (possible webinar format) USASA certification to our members as an adult coaching certification. President John Motta ask that we table this and revisit this after he talks to US Soccer.

B) USASA Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Rebate Program, written proposal submitted by Cezar Wasecki, Independent Director.

This proposal suggests funding the pilot program in 2024 with an initial budget amendment of \$25,000. This budget will provide rebates to approximately 100 clubs, leagues, or state associations to purchase AED machines. After 12 months, the program will undergo a comprehensive evaluation to determine its effectiveness. Based on this assessment, the program may be renewed for another 12 months or modified to better serve its goals.

Proposal amended to: a pilot program starting in 2024 for twenty five AED machines per region and no more than five machines per state, for any USASA affiliated member.

\*M6: Motion made by Karon Beyer, and second by Karissa Richardson (Region 2 Director) to approve the USASA AED amended proposal and motion passes unanimously.

9. New Business: none

10. Meeting Adjourned by President John Motta at 10:37pm

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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 3 Director – Otey Smithson
- Region 4 Director – Robin Runstein
- At Large – Jim Sadowski
- At Large – Cezar Wasecki
- Affiliate Member Director – Kendra Haltermen

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

- Andrew Marion, Budget & Finance Chair
- Chaz Ballish Regueiro, Governance Chair

Richard Moeller, Hall of Fame Chair

Richard Groff, National Cup Chair

Peggy Polley- Grizzle, Kentucky State President