

USASA NBOD Approved Meeting Minutes
7pm (cst) Wednesday September 06, 2023

1. Called to Order by President John Motta at 7:02pm (cst).
2. Welcome and acknowledgement of guests by President John Motta. President John Motta announced that we have a full agenda for tonight and asks that all guests hold their questions until the end of the meeting.
3. Roll Called by Secretary Karon Beyer. All National Board of Directors members are in attendance. See attendance roll at bottom of the minutes.
4. Approval of the proposed September 06, 2023 Agenda with no changes.
5. Approval of August 02, 2023 proposed Meeting Minutes with a correction to delete the verbiage under New Business, "he was a lawyer for the San Francisco 49's".
6. Officer's Reports
 - A. President's Report: John Motta
 - 1) USASA 2023 National Cup Competition was held in Quad City, Iowa on August 4 – August 6th, 2023. President John Motta thanks the Iowa State Soccer Association, Region 2 and Region 2 Director Karissa Richardson. The Men's Final was streamed live on Saturday night and the women's Final was live streamed on Sunday morning with Diego Runstein as broadcaster for both events. Champions for 2023 include Men's Amateur Mesoamerica, Women's Champions North Texas Image, Men's Over 30 ASC New Stars from Texas South Soccer Association and Men's Over 40 Atletico Torino. John also thanked the Men's National Cup Chair Fritz Marth and the Women's Cup Chair Sam Cohen for their hard work.
 - 2) USASA Annual General Meeting will be held September 21st – 23rd, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort in Bonita Springs Florida. The National Board of Directors will hold their meeting on Thursday September 21 at 6pm. If there is time we will hold a Question and Answer for the membership. National Council Meeting will be 12 Noon – 4pm Saturday 23rd and the Hall of Fame Dinner will follow at 7:00pm
 - 3) US Adult Council Commissioners Meeting. The Adult Council Commissioners did not give the USASA Membership a ninety day notice for their elections. We will have an Adult Council meeting right after the Annual General Meeting. USASA will attempt to get ninety percent of the general membership to suspend the Rules from the floor so elections can be held. The position will be for the ninth Commissioner and would serve for eighteen months at the next election. The Adult Council Members elected to keep the second annual general meeting in line with the US Soccer Annual General Meetings.
 - 4) The US Soccer Board Meeting will be held next week and both President John Motta and Vice President Richard Groff will be in attendance. John Motta has requested a meeting with John Motta, Richard Groff, Bruce Bode, JT Batson, US Soccer Executive

Officer, and Rahul Chandhok, US Soccer Chief External Relations Officer and David Wright, US Soccer Chief Marketing Officer.

US Soccer President Cindy Cone, Vice President Bill Taylor, JT Batson, Chief Executive Officer, and Rahul Chandhok, Chief External Relations Officer will be in attendance for our Annual General Meeting.

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

1) Vice President Richard Groff had sent an email to the board with four items but he will only address two items tonight. He asks the board to look at the other two items and send email suggestions and comments to him.

2) There have been two meetings and still no decision (progress) on the merger of Utah Youth and Utah Adults. The Youth association wants more financial information from the adults and the Adults want control over who will serve on the Adult Board and the right to walk if they are not happy with the arrangement.

3) Recommendation to appoint a Committee on Premier State Leagues. Vice President Richard Groff recommends that USASA form a five member Committee and to create policy that clearly supports and encourages formation of Premier State Leagues.

C. Executive Directors Report: Bruce Bode submitted a written report and verbally reported on:

1) United States Adult Soccer Association Player Registrations. Executive Director Bruce Bode reported that there are still sixteen state associations that have not submitted player registrations for 2023.

*M1 Motion made by Richard Groff: That USASA National Office send official written notification to the states, along with the regional director, that have not provided required player registrations, that voting privileges for the 2023 United States Adult Soccer Association Annual General Meeting (USASA AGM) are suspended until the state has submitted player registrations. The motion was seconded by Cezar Wasecki, At Large Director and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

2) Employee Hires: Bruce Bode reported that there have been no new hires to the national office staff. Pending other urgent matters, two new hires will move up to the top of his priority list.

3) 2023 Beer City Cup. Bruce Bode attended the 2023 Beer City Cup in Asheville North Carolina and those guys did a great job. Bruce Bode had conversations with them while he was there and he is hopeful that they will be on track to vote on them at the next Board of Directors meeting for membership and approval at the Annual General Meeting.

D. Financial Report - Lori Stoneburner reported:

Treasurer Lori Stoneburner updated the board that she, and Bruce Bode have been finalizing the audits this week and the budget has been sent to the board members.

7. Committee /Task Force Reports & Updates:

A. USASA Committee/Task Force Reports

1) National Referee Committee – Chair Carlos Folino sent a written report by email to the Board.

2) Soccer Fest – Chair Cezar Wasecki reported that he and Executive Director Bruce Bode are working on a report for the USASA General Meeting.

3) Registration System Task Force - Chaz Ballish Regueiro, At Large Director Reported: There was a unanimous decision by the Registration Committee to recommend to the USASA NBOD to accept SportLomo as the USASA online player registration system. The SportLomo system will come in about thirty three percent less expense, with more benefit then the runner up in the first year and fifty six percent in the second year. President John Motta, wants to thank the committee members for their time and recommendation.

Chair, Chaz Ballish Regueiro, At Large Director is hopeful that a SportLomo representative will be able to attend our Annual General Meeting in September.

4) USSF Membership Advisory Committee (MAC): Chair Chaz Ballish Regueiro, At Large Director that he met with US Soccer Rahul Chandhok, Chief External Relations, and Anastasia Danias from MLS and he is having discussions on MLS Go. This is their concept of registering youth & adult players in lower socioeconomic areas. Chaz Ballish Regueiro will keep the board updated.

8. Unfinished Business:

A) Approved 2024 National Cup Rules (Policy) Chair John Motta reported on:

The National Cup Task Force recommendation to the National Board of Directors for final approval. They added some new items, the teams will have to register directly with the USASA National Office, there will be a one hundred dollar team registration fee and removed some items like reinstatement of amateur status. The board agreed to use the FIFA definition rather than the US Soccer definition. The Committee has agreed to one modification for the Women's Amateur Cup, which is unlimited substitution. This also allows for states/Regions to identify who their participants and champions are.

*M2 Motion made by Cezar Wasecki: That for USASA to host a National Cup Competition, there must be two teams from each region and a minimum of sixteen registered teams. The motion was seconded by Vice President Richard Groff. Motion was approved by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors deferred the approval of the National Cup Rules until the board meeting in Bonita Springs, Florida on Thursday September 21, 2023

B) Update of Sponsorship and 100th Anniversary Book: John Motta reported that:

1) President John Motta appointed Bill Marth and Ante Loncar as co-chairs, for the Anniversary book. The Anniversary Book has already sold thirteen thousand in advertisement.

2) John Motta will be meeting with Dunkin Donuts in the next two weeks for possible sponsorship.

C) Policy proposal regarding USSF discipline, sanctions and suspensions.

*M2 Motion made by Chaz Ballish Regueiro, At Large Director that the USASA Board approve the proposed policy regarding supporting US Soccer discipline, sanctions and suspensions as submitted. Second by Karon Beyer and the motion was passed unanimously.

9. New Business: None

President John Motta thanked all the Board members and our guest for attending tonight's meeting.

The National Board of Directors will stay on for the Executive Session.

After the Executive session, the Board will send Jim Sadowski President of Metro DC/Virginia a copy of the response from Tony Falcone, President of Maryland State Soccer.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm

Those in Attendance:

President - John Motta
Vice President - Richard Groff
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 – Chaz Ballish Regueiro
At Large – Cezar Wasecki
Independent Director – Brett Hurwitz
Affiliate Member Director – Kendra Haltermen

Guests:

Region 1 Deputy Director –Mary Beth Falk
Region 3 Deputy Director – Jeanne Smith
Region 4 Deputy Director –Tom Moore

Bill George, Budget and Finance Chair
Fritz Marth, Men's National Cup Committee Chair
Carlos Folino, Referee Committee Chair

Peggy Polley- Grizzle, Kentucky State President
Andrew Marion, South Carolina Treasurer
Jim Sadowski – Metro DC/Virginia State President
Nick Webster – State President
Dave Turner – Beer City Cup