**USASA National Board of Directors (NBOD) Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, January 7, 2025
**Time:** 7:00 PM CST
**Location:** Zoom

**1. Call to Order**

* **Chair:** Jim Sadowski, USASA President
* **Time:**  7:00 pm

**2. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Guests**

* **Welcome remarks** by President Jim Sadowski

**3. Roll Call**

* **Conducted by Zoom Chat.**
* **Board Members Present:**

Jim Sadowski

Fritz Marth

Lori Stoneburner

Karon Beyer

Cezar Wasecki

Karissa Richardson

Otey Smithson

Robin Runstein

MaryBeth Falk

Brett Hurwitz

Executive Director-Bruce Bode

* **Board Members Absent:**

Kendra Halterman

* **Guests**

John Motta

Dan Trainor

Jeanne Smith

Chaz Ballish-Regueiro

Michael Hill

Richard Moeller

Peggy Polley-Grizzle

Dyann Pugliese

Andy Marion

David Altesleben

Tom Moore

Gerhard Mengel

Jim announced that we have a quorum.

**4. Moment of Silence**

 Jim noted that several tragic events have hit USASA members recently. Specifically, Rocky Halterman and Ryan Hoggan, Kendra’s husband and Jim and MaryBeth’s brother-in-law, respectively.

**5. Approval of the Proposed Meeting Agenda for December 3, 2024**

 Changes to the Agenda: Move a discussion of ongoing meeting dates to the President’s Report item.

 The Agenda, as modified, was APPROVED without objection.

**6. Approval of the December 3, 2024 Draft NBOD Meeting Minutes**

Approved without objection – there were no objections to approve the minutes.

**7. Officer’s Reports**

1. **President’s Report – Jim Sadowski**
2. Update on Member 1:1 meetings: including calls with Georgia and New Hampshire.
3. Enforcement of Member Payment and Data Reporting Requirements -
4. Meeting with a member of the English FA.
5. A job description for the Executive Director is needed. Jim is working on completing one.
6. Updates from the Adult Council: the Adult Council plans to hold the Steinbrecher Cup and an elite women’s competition in 2025.
7. **Vice President’s Report – Fritz Marth**
	* 1. There were no additional points to make beyond what was mentioned regarding the Adult Council.
8. **Executive Director’s Report – Bruce Bode**
	* 1. Player Registration Report was presented. Several members have now submitted data. The year end number of registrations will be in excess of 200,000 players and will be close to the 2023 total of 225,000 players but probably not meet that number. As has been typical, December has been a very large month for registrations.
		2. Our insurance renewal is complete with an overall increase of 6.7% in premiums for all coverages. Player Accident coverage increased only 8% for 2025 but comparison proposals were significantly more than that. Bruce warned that the insurance environment is not favorable and that we should plan for larger increases in the future.
9. **Financial Report – Lori Stoneburner**
	* 1. Nothing to report.

**8. Strategic Plan Update**

 **A.** The Working Groups held their initial meetings in mid-December and are now in the process of meeting in the individual Working Groups. Board Liaisons are named for each Working Group.

**9. Committee/Task Force Reports & Updates**

**A. Veterans Cup Update**

Registrations are open on the website and have begun coming in. A marketing plan is being discussed and contact with individual teams will be made by the Vets Cup Committee. The Committee is working to cut lodging costs by looking at the option of renting a house or two versus hotel rooms for committee and board members.

**B. National Cups Update**

Dan Trainor shared that they are working on developing a criteria for a national cup versus a national competition and finalizing the criteria for venues so that locations can be determined in two-year cycles. Dan noted that because of the holidays the committee had not met but had email discussions on these matters. Concerns were raised about the lack of a decision regarding the final’s venue for 2025.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**A.** **Committee Appointments**

Technology Committee: David Altesleben, chair, Jonas Hart, Kevin Anderson, Anne Braghero, Dan Rooney **APPROVED**

Hall of Fame Committee Chair: Richard Moeller. **APPROVED**

Credentials Committee: Dyann Publiese, chair, Raymond Daniel, Peter Pinori, Dan Trainor. **APPROVED**

Budget & Finance Committee: Andy Marion, chair, Anne Braghero, Donna Langdon, Vincent Treglia, D.J. Gallant. **APPROVED**

**B. NBOD Subcommittees Policy Review**

A master edited document is complete. There will be a meeting January 21st to review and create a final draft. The final draft will be on the next NBOD meeting agenda for approval. After that a copy will be available to membership and a town hall will be held on February 18th to answer questions from members prior to the Atlanta US Soccer AGM.

**9. New Business**

There was no New Business.

**Guest question session –**

 None

**11. Adjournment**

Meeting called to end 8:45pm CST

**Next Meeting is February 5, 2025 at 7pm CST**

Notes prepared by: with AI Summary

**Minutes by:** Bruce Bode