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

**Date:** Thursday February 27, 2025
**Time:** 4:00 PM EST
**Location:** Atlanta, GA

**Call to Order**

**Chair:** Jim Sadowski, USASA President

**Time:**  4:00pm

1. **Welcome and Acknowledgement of Guests**
	1. **Welcome remarks** by President Jim Sadowski
2. **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:**

Jim Sadowski

Fritz Marth

Lori Stoneburner

Karon Beyer

MaryBeth Falk

Kendra Halterman

Brett Hurwitz

Karissa Richardson

Robin Runstein

Otey Smithson

Cezar Wasecki

Executive Director-Bruce Bode

**Board Members Absent:** none

Jim announced that we have a quorum.

1. **Guests**
2. **Approval of the Proposed Meeting Agenda for February 27, 2025**

The Agenda was APPROVED without objection.

1. **Approval of the February 5, 2025 Draft NBOD Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the minutes was moved to the next meeting.

1. **Officers’ Reports**
	1. President’s Report – Jim Sadowski
		1. Over the five months one-on-one member meetings have been held with about a third of the members. More availability will be posted and members are encouraged to schedule a time.
		2. After receiving evaluations completed by the board members, a formal evaluation with the Executive Director will be done. An evaluation with Bruce will be done by Jim and Fritz. This is part of making USASA a more modern and professional business organization.
		3. There will be a video that Jim has put together for the National Council meeting tomorrow.
	2. Vice President’s Report – Fritz Marth
		1. Fritz has been working with the Adult Council and US Soccer on the concept of a true National Amateur Cup that would be run by the Federation through the Adult Council. The Adult Commission has established a task force to establish consider this concept. Fritz will be the chair of that group.
	3. Executive Director’s Report
		1. The members which had their voting rights suspended because of missing data at the last meeting have all cured their missing data requirement. The latest Registration Report has been revised to reflect those changes.
		2. The town hall meeting to discuss the policies approved by the NBOD was held on Feb. 18th. About 25 members attended the Zoom meeting. The members’ questions were answered. The most significant issue raised was the size of the policy package being voted on at one time and the need for a redline version of the changes.
		3. The WIGs Working Groups will present their status report at the National Council meeting tomorrow. Overall, we are on schedule with expectations set out at the AGM in September.
	4. Treasurer’s Report
		1. We are working on closing the 2024 books and get ready for our annual audit. A draft report will be coming out shortly.
2. **Committee / Task Force Reports**
	1. Veteran Cup Committee
		1. Planning is moving ahead for this summer in Traverse City, MI. We will be going to each regional meeting with information tomorrow.
	2. National Cup Committee
		1. The dates for the finals are the last weekend in July and the plan was to go to Milwaukee but the proposal that came back was for games on Thursday and Friday which received pushback. We are trying to move the dates to Friday and Sunday. We don’t have a proposal yet for those dates in Milwaukee. The venue is good and has the facilities that we are looking for. Because of the day of the week issue we also got information on availability in Murfreesboro, TN. The facility there is available.
		2. MOTION - The NBOD was asked to conditionally approved Milwaukee as the site, if the days are changed to Friday and Sunday. If that was not available then Murfreesboro will be the location. All conditioned on an acceptable contract.

The MOTION was APPROVED with the noted conditions.

1. **Unfinished Business**
	1. Committee Appointments
		1. The two committees that are not filled are the Referee and Appeals committees. There has been little need so far for the Appeals Committee and we will put information for that in the newsletter seeking interest.
		2. For the Referee Committee Jim has three members to recommend: George Vergara as chair, Paula Hildman and Jasen Anno. The other two spots will need to be filled yet.

The Referee Committee members named were appointed without objection.

1. **New Business**
	1. Policy Section 102.4.1 has been universally understood to have been removed by the NBOD at some time in the past, perhaps in 2022.

Without objection Section 102.4.1 is stricken from the policies earlier approved by the NBOD.

**Guest Question Session**

Jim opened the floor for questions from the guests since the meeting ended with time remaining in the schedule.

The question previously raised by Andy Marion regarding Premier players was addressed by Jim. A report showing the player registrations by category will be published for membership.

Janet Campbell noted that the Governance Committee will be taking up the policies again to tweak the policies and address new issues. Jim noted that one of those policies or bylaws related to voting by directors in officers’ elections. Also a policy related to cross-state registrations.

The issue was raised about policy proposals from the adult to US Soccer and not being placed in the Book of Reports and thus, not being presented to the USSF National Council. It was suggested that those submitting policy proposals check with the Federation 10 days prior to publication of the Book of Reports to make certain the proposals are included because two prior proposals were not.

Sam Cohen noted that it was good to know the Amateur Cup finals location so that the North Carolina teams and others could make their plans.

Sam Cohen asked about whether the Over 30s, 40s for men and women were also being held with the Amateur Cup finals. The answer from Dan Trainor was yes; that is the plan and efforts are being made to fill those divisions.

Jerry Deaton asked about why the Amateur Cup finals days for Friday and Saturday versus Saturday and Sunday. The reply from the Committee Chair was that it made travel easier.

Chaz Ballish-Regueiro asked about the cross-border policy issue and stated he thought a policy had been drafted and approved by the NBOD. He will send a copy of the policy to Jim.

Dan Roonedy asked how many appeals had been submitted in 2024. The answer was three.

Richard Groff asked if the board made or discussed a recommendation on the policy proposal to USSF by Paul Scherer. The board did not have a recommendation.

1. **Executive Session**
	1. The board approved the removal of voting sanctions for Oklahoma, Maine, Hawaii, and SAY Soccer which were imposed at the Feb. 5th board meeting because they have cured their non-compliance and provided player data.
2. **Adjournment**

Meeting called to end 5:15pm EST

**Next Meeting is March 12, 2025 at 7:00 pm CST**

Notes prepared by: with AI Summary

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