**USASA National Board of Directors (NBOD) Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday May 7, 2025
Time: 7:00 PM CST
Location: Zoom**

1. **Call to Order**
Chair: Jim Sadowski, USASA President
Time: 7:01pm
2. **Welcome and Acknowledgement of Guest**
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
Brett Hurwitz
MaryBeth Falk
Kendra Halterman
Vincent Treglia
Executive Director – Bruce Bode

Guests:
Tom Moore

Jeanne Smith
Michael Hill
Andy Marion
John Motta
Peggy Polly- Grizzle
Neil McNab

Ron Burnett

Elaine Freedman

Jeff Berman

Brian Remedi

John Fleishman

Dyann Pugliese

Ava Lynch

1. **Approval of the Proposed Meeting Agenda for May 7, 2025**
The Agenda was approved as modified without objection
2. **Approval of the April 2, 2025, Draft NBOD Meeting Minutes**
Approved without objection
3. **Officers Reports:**
4. **President’s Report – Jim Sadowski**
Jim noted that there were only a small number of 1:1 Member Meetings in the past month including Beer City Cup and Oregon.

Jim stated that the Executive Committee will be meeting quarterly going forward with their next meeting in late May.

Jim and Bruce also met with the lawyer representing USASA in the Seiberlich lawsuit which is pending and also includes UPSL as a defendant.

Jim gave a review of activity at US Soccer Board of Directors level. The next meeting is upcoming. He has also attended several committee meetings. He informed the board that he is on the Investment Committee. He noted that the National Training Center is progressing well.

1. **Vice President’s Report – Fritz Marth**
It was announced that a trophy for the amateur team advancing furthest in the US Open Cup has been created and will be named for John Motta for all the work he has done over the decades for amateur soccer in the U.S.

Fritz provided an update from the most recent Adult Council Commissioners’ Meeting. He highlighted the task force to reconceptualize the Amateur Cup will be meeting to discuss this idea further. Fritz also gave a brief update on the Brandi Chastain Cup and the Steinbrecher Cup being held this summer.

1. **Executive Directors Report – Bruce Bode**
Player Registration numbers for the most recent period was nearly the same as 2024 at just over 20,000. Player registration data has been received from nearly every member reporting player registrations which is an improvement from last year.

The WIG Working Groups are scheduled for their next meetings during May. The focus of most of the groups will now shift as we have moved into the implementation phase of our WIG goals.

Our AGM in September is coming together and communications will be going out ahead of the opening of registration on June 2d. A preliminary schedule was shared with the board. A change of note is an earlier start on Thursday afternoon with a welcome session and keynote speaker. The Hall of Fame dinner will be on Friday, as it was last year and the member social event will be Saturday evening.

The In-Person NBOD meeting is set for June 27-29 in Washington, D.C. Planning is moving ahead and requests for NBOD members’ arrival information has been circulated so that we can confirm the hotel rooming list.

1. **Treasurer’s Report – Lori Stoneburner**
Draft financials were distributed to NBOD members ahead of the meeting. Preparations for the upcoming annual audit are underway. That will begin in late May or June.
2. **Committee /Task Force Reports & Updates.
A. Appeals Committee**

Jeanne Smith, chair, provided a brief summary of an appeal from a decision by California Soccer Association North. It was timely decided in favor of the league and reversed the decision of CSAN. It was related to a game played in a local league.

**B. Veterans Cup 2025**

Cezar completed a site visit to review options for the players’ party. He reported that the venue is in excellent condition. Referee recruitment is ongoing but additional referees are still needed. NBOD members were asked to contact their SRAs to get additional referees. An Emergency Action Plan is being prepared by Bruce for review at the next meeting, including how to handle the issue of an on-site ambulance.

**C. National Cups Committee**Dan Trainor, chair, was not in attendance. Bruce provided a brief summary that planning was continuing on track based on the most recent committee meeting. Play is underway in Region I and Region II.

1. **Unfinished Business** – None
2. **New Business**
3. **US College Club Soccer**

Bruce introduced a proposal for membership from US College Club Soccer (USCCS) to register its players with USASA under a two-year agreement. Brian Remedi, USCCS President, introduced the organization and discussed the proposal. Jon Fleishman, the Executive Director was also in attendance. The proposal is to register their college club players for a flat rate for two years; cross promotion of and between USCCS and USASA; connect USCCS players to USASA leagues, member organizations and events; and, get USASA support for an ITG grant for USCCS from US Soccer in the next grant cycle. The matter was up for introduction and discussion at this meeting and to be on the June 4th meeting for action. There was no discussion from NBOD members.

1. **Soccer is Life 8 v 8 Tournament**

Fritz wanted this tournament, its origins and approval discussed. Bruce started with a summary of how the event came to be a USASA branded event and that he approved it in keeping with the WIGs. Fritz stated that because this was a USASA branded event the NBOD should have been involved in the approval process and that he and other board members were not aware of this USASA event was unacceptable and embarrassing. Lori agreed. Otey also discussed the origin and rebranding of the event. Bruce stated that communication was inadequate and that board members should not be surprised about events.

1. **Referee Abuse Program (RAP)**

Tom Moore spoke about the recent change of the chair of the Referee Abuse Task Force. He also described how a RAP issue had been handled recently in CSAN. It was noted by Jim and others that the reporting process needs improvement. Jim will raise this issue with Kari Seitz from the US Soccer Referee Department.

1. **Questions from Members and Attendees**
There were no questions from guests.
2. **Adjourned at 8:26 PM**