**USASA National Board of Directors (NBOD) Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday June 4, 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 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:

Dan Trainor
Tim Busch

Jeanne Smith
David Altesleban

Richard Moeller

Peggy Polly-Grizzle

Chaz Ballish-Regueiro

Neil McNab

Andy Marion
Ron Burnett

Elaine Freedman

Jeff Berman

Ava Lynch

Matt Zelek

1. **Approval of the Proposed Meeting Agenda for June 4, 2025**
The Agenda was approved as modified without objection
2. **Approval of the May 7, 2025, Draft NBOD Meeting Minutes**
Approved without objection
3. **Officers Reports:**
4. **President’s Report – Jim Sadowski**
Member meetings have slowed, so we are prioritizing some members to get 1:1 meetings scheduled by reaching out directly. On the US Soccer front, the Training Center is progressing and some meetings are now being held in Atlanta. Jim is going to schedule a 1:1 meeting with JT and Cindy to discuss sponsor collaboration. An Executive Committee meeting was held earlier in May which was mostly an update of items on the President’s radar.
5. **Vice President’s Report – Fritz Marth**
A report was made on items related to the Adult Council. The Steinbrecher Cup is being held this weekend. The Chastain Cup held its first semi-final as well. The Elite Soccer Fund is up and running and accepting donations. One of the items the Fund will support is the Hohn Motta Trophy with will go the amateur team that advances the farthest in the Lamar Hunt US Open Cup. That team will also get an automatic berth into the tournament the following year. There is a proposal being prepared to expand the Adult Council to additional organizations that have at least 200,000 players or at least 200 teams. Whether the organization has been involved in a national championship is also part of the considerations. The Amateur Cup Task Force is meeting to discuss a proposal to reimagine the National Amateur Cup as a national US Soccer event.
6. **Executive Directors Report – Bruce Bode**
Player Registration numbers for the most recent period ending in May 2025 were at 134% year over year from 2024.

A summary of communications activity by the office was given highlighting promotions for Veterans Cup and for our Affiliate members like Beer City Cup; also promoting the Soccer America discount for USASA members. Also noted were improvements to the website.

The office is continuing to gather critical member information about leagues and events as well as member contact information through a survey to members. The office is focused on our competitions at this time with Veterans Cup and National Amateur Cup finals in July. Generally, it is a busy time of year for events and activities from the middle of May through July.

An update of each WIG Working Group was made. Each WIG has begun the implementation and execution stage. Reporting is being worked on to get information updated on the website.

The Collective Global will be doing interviews and a survey of NBOD members. The results will be discussed at the In Person meeting at the end of June.

1. **Treasurer’s Report – Lori Stoneburner**
There was a brief update regarding the tax consequences of certain sponsorships. The Executive Director had a meeting with outside counsel and our audit firm to align all the parties on how to treat are existing sponsor agreements with CapelliSport and Anheuser Busch. Outside counsel will be providing a summary document to us and our auditors based on the discussion.

We will need to have a budget discussion at the In Person NBOD meeting at the end of June.

1. **Committee /Task Force Reports & Updates.
A. Veterans Cup 2025**

Cezar reported that the event is on track. Work is being done on the playing divisions so that a game schedule can be completed. Plans are also be finalized for the player party. Referee numbers are on track and the assignor needs to complete the lodging arrangements. US Soccer is sending two national referee coaches to the event.

**B. National Cups Committee**Dan Trainor, chair, provided a brief summary which noted that the regional winners will be set this month. There has been a protest in Region I which was upheld and resulted in the losing team moving on to the regional final event. Plans for the finals in Milwaukee are on track.

1. **Unfinished Business**
2. **US College Club Soccer**

The proposal presented at the May meeting regarding US College Club Soccer becoming a member was discussed. The terms were modified to set a cap of 5,000 players per year for the two-year agreement with and additional fee of $1 per player for players in excess of the 5,000 per year. Details regarding a new membership category, cross promotion and collaboration opportunities will be worked out by the Executive Director and US College Club Soccer.

The MOTION to accept the membership proposal with the new condition was APPROVED.

1. **New Business**
2. **Veterans Cup Emergency Action Plan**

Bruce presented the Emergency Action Plan for Veterans Cup and an event risk assessment that did not require an on-site EMS for the event. He recommended adopting the plan and continuing the effort to confirm attendance of a nurse for the event.

The MOTION to adopt the plan was approved by a majority.

1. **Questions from Members and Attendees**
Peggy Polley-Grizzel asked about whether there would be an additional strain on referees by adding a new member. Jim responded that this shouldn’t be an obstacle to new members and growing and that US Soccer is working on recruitment and retention of referees. Cezar noted that these teams and leagues are already playing and using referees now.
2. **Adjourned at 9:10 PM**