

**US Adult Soccer Association Executive Committee Meeting
Grand Hyatt Washington
Washington, DC**

November 17, 2007

Call to Order 8:53 am

Roll Call

Guests: Gianfranco Borroni and Richard Groff, US Soccer Foundation, Jim Hamilton, Adult Council.

Approval of Minutes

Marypat Bell motioned and Larry Frisoli seconded to approve the minutes as presented with exception of the Midyear Meeting minutes. These will appear in the 2008 AGM book along with a copy of the Credential Committee report for confirmation by National Council. Corrections were noted. Motion passed.

- August 2, 2007 Budget Planning 08-09– passed
- August 4, 2007 EC meeting- passed
- October 20, 2007 EC Meeting- passed
- October 21, 2007 National Council Meeting MYM- Draft to post on website upon review of roll call details by Credentials Committee

Chairman's Report

Brooks McCormick reported that he sent a letter to Council Chairs that outlines USASA position regarding US Club Soccer and their registration of Adult players. He indicated that Peter Vermes and Don Garber supported USASA. He had had no response to date from Larry Monaco. There was discussion regarding bridging gap between youth and adult players. Brooks indicated that he had attended youth board meetings in the past when invited to do so.

FC Indiana Disciplinary Issue

During the August meeting, USASA Executive Committee decided to allow the WPSL to discipline the team for forging an insurance certificate. WPSL took no action pursuant to August meeting. In October 2007, WPSL approached USASA seeking guidance on punishing the team. The team has since left WPSL.

Unfinished Business

- Office Relocation Update

A letter will be sent to landlord indicating we are not renewing our lease. Two options: 1) rent office space or 2) find a stand alone building that can be leased with an option to purchase. We have 30 days to give notice. Stephanie Walker will send letter to landlord. Fritz Marth motion and Marypat Bell seconded that the USASA office is to be maintained in the geographic area of Indianapolis for a minimum of three (3) years. Motion carried. Lease/rental options are to be presented to the Board before next meeting on January 18, 2008.

- Budget Review
This was moved to later in the agenda.
- Donnelly Cup 2008 – Bruno Trapikas requested that the approved funding of travel subsidies of \$45,000 be re-allocated in the budget.
- Co-Ed Cup 08-09 Proposed Budget Details – Brooks McCormick indicated Jim Sadowski is to send a detailed proposal with venue and hard cost estimates by January 18, 2008. Valerie is to re-send Jim's initial email to Executive Committee outlining proposed budget and line items descriptions.

New Business

- National Cups Policy Amendment – National Cups Committee submitted a policy change. Marypat Bell motioned and Valerie Blanchenay seconded to pass the proposed National Cups policy amendment (see attachment). Motion passed. Larry Frisoli recorded as a no vote.
- Budget Amendment - Travel Budget for Steve and Carolina Bruno Trapikas motion and Marge Madriago seconded to increase current budget by \$3,000 to allow for Steve Addington to attend Donnelly Cup and AGM and to allow for Carolina Finol to attend Donnelly Cup. Motion carried. Office staff is to provide travel projection for next two budget years by January 18, 2008.
- Veteran's Cup – Committee Chair, Tim Busch's update indicates he has received 7 bids so far for next two year cycle.
- Elite Player Program - Can the office begin doing PR for it? Yes, go ahead and start promoting the program. The logo will have to be changed to reflect new program name. "Select Teams Program" to "Elite Player Program"
- USSF Mailing - Stephanie Walker reported that she is waiting for a response from the US Soccer Federation regarding credit card solicitations sent to USASA players from old database.

- Partnership with new Women's Professional League - Stephanie Walker reported that she had a meeting with this group. They are looking at grassroots efforts in seven markets. She will set up a meeting at the AGM with the respective State Association presidents and look at a realistic approach to mutual support. There may be a promotional opportunity for the Elite Player Program. If you have any ideas please send them to Stephanie for review/consideration. Bill Bosgraaf suggested we do the same with States that have MLS teams in their markets. Look at what works/what doesn't. The league should have their logo and website by January.
- Update on office initiatives- Stephanie Walker announced that "keeping in touch" will be revived electronically starting December 1, 2007. It will consist of upcoming event, news, and departments. Intended audience is membership. It could include sponsors in future.
- Committees – Marge Madriago
 There was discussion around the various committees and their objectives. Should *Coaching Committee* be re-named to *Coaching Education*? Bruno Trapikas indicated that the Hall of Fame committee will have a proposal for EC review at the January meeting. Bruno Trapikas motion and Valerie Blanchenay seconded to approve Committee Chair appointments except: Grants, Budget and Coaching at this time. Bruno Trapikas motioned, Carlos Rodriguez seconded to bifurcate approval of the Elite Player Program Committee Chair. Motion carried. There was discussion on the motion. Larry Frisoli motioned and Valerie Blanchenay seconded to approve appointment of Tony Dubrowski as Chair of Elite Player Program Committee. Bruno Trapikas and two other members abstained. Motion carried. Original motion passed. A letter will be sent to thank committee members for their service. A request was made for the Regional Directors to email their regional appointments to Stephanie.
- Meeting/Events Calendar – Marge Madriago made a request that Executive Committee members share updated lists from Regional and Program Directors of proposed plans and meetings (if not received) to avoid conflicts and allow for advanced travel plans at all levels. Annual USASA Planning meeting will be held on April 19 -20, 2008 in Chicago, IL.
- PASL Status – Stephanie Walker reported that this league has been late with submitting their fees for the past three years. As of Thursday, the office had not received \$1,000 affiliation fee no player registration fees.
 - Late fee notification from office
- Registration – After much discussion on the matter, the office will send a letter to State Associations noting a drop in player registration level and seeking more information as to why.
- National Cups – Discussion regarding combo teams or all star teams at National Cups will result in submission of a National Cup Policy proposal at January meeting.

- Marketing – Bill Bosgraaf motioned and Mike Maloney seconded that USASA pursue a logo change over a two year period. Bill Bosgraaf, Carlos Rodriguez recorded as yes votes. Toni Briggs-McGee, Marge Madriago, Bruno Trapikas and Valerie Blanchenay not in favor. Motion failed.
- Review of Referee of the Year Award– Bill Bosgraaf asked that the program criteria be reviewed. Is this a service award versus recognizing a young and upcoming candidate? Do not submit nominations until the criteria is re-visited.
- Midyear Meeting– Bill Bosgraaf commented that the Staff did an excellent job. He did note disappointment with the open house event. The evening is a great idea however not a positive forum for open discussion. He also added that the National Council meeting was not well attended. Should we re-visit the timing of “when” we have this meeting?

Budget Review

There were various changes/amendments made to proposed 2008-2009 budget. Bruno Trapikas motioned and Valerie Blanchenay seconded to show projected 260,000 player registrations vs 250,000 based on prior two years of registration at 262,000 plus. All categories that are reflective of this historical level should be adjusted. Motion carried. Toni Briggs-Mcgee recorded as a no vote. Proposed budget reflects \$-66,150 deficit.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie F. Blanchenay

USASA Secretary