


<b>Event: 2009 AGM</b> <b>Location: Orlando, FL</b>		<b>United States Adult Soccer Association Region I Meeting Agenda</b>		
<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>		<u>Topic Leader</u>	
9:30 – 9:45	1. Guest Speaker on Washington / Oregon handling of player registrations			
9:45 – 9:50	2. <b>Call To Order</b> 3. <b>Roll Call</b> 4. <b>Agenda Review / Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</b> 5. <b>Moment of Silence</b>		Secretary / Director	
9:50 – 10:20	6. <b>Donnelly Cup / Elite Player Program</b>		Dan Roberge / Director	
10:20 - 10:25	7. <b>Treasurer Report</b>		Tony Falcone	
10:25 – 10:45	8. <b>Elections</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasurer</li> <li>• Deputy Director – Fritz Marth has announced candidacy another two-year term.</li> </ul>		Jim Sadowski (Credentials Comm.)	
10:45 – 11:15	9. <b>National Cups</b>		John Kahmke	
11:15 - 12:00	10. <b>USASA Budget / Bylaws</b>		Director	
12:00 – 12:45	11. <b>USSF Budget / Bylaws</b>		Director	
12:45 – 1:00	12. <b>For the Good of the Game / Miscellaneous</b>		Director	

Attendees: Connecticut State Soccer Assoc., Eastern New York Soccer Assoc., Eastern Pennsylvania Soccer Assoc., Maryland State Soccer Assoc., Massachusetts Amateur Soccer Assoc., Metropolitan DC-Virginia Soccer Assoc., New Hampshire Soccer Assoc., New Jersey Soccer Assoc., Pennsylvania West Soccer Assoc., Rhode Island Soccer Assoc., Vermont State Soccer Assoc., West Virginia Soccer Assoc., Western New York Soccer Assoc., Champions League (Regional), Mid-Atlantic Soccer Showcase League (Regional), National Premier Soccer League (NPSL)

Not Present Delaware Soccer Assoc., Maine Soccer Assoc., United Soccer League – PDL (Regional), Women’s Premier Soccer League (Regional)

Guests: Sunil Gulati (USSF President)

## Summary Meeting Minutes

- **Pre-Meeting:** Kevin Jevan from Oregon State Soccer Assoc. provided a handout and discussed Oregon's player registration structure as an FYI.
- **9:45 Call to Order / Roll Call: See "Attendees" / "Not Present" section on the agenda.**
  - Total votes available after roll call listed as 35 (not counting attendees who arrived during the meeting).
  - Because of registration funds "in the mail" during voting strength compilation, Eastern PA was listed as having three votes. Upon official request, USSF added the correct 4<sup>th</sup> vote to EPA's tally. Motion made and accepted to adjust here.
  - Agenda confirmed
  - Moment of Silence for all lost during the year.
- **Donnelly Cup (Dan Roberge): Post AGM Actions (Apr-8)** - The Donnelly Cup Committee and Region One Executive Committee had an extensive discussion concerning the Donnelly Cup for this year. Based on the Donnelly Cup Committee recommendation the event for this year has been cancelled and plans are being made for next year.
  - Dan provided a handout with additional details.
  - Western CT University has confirmed use of fields. Lodging & Food are still being worked. School is in session during this tournament thus making lodging / food less easy to arrange.
  - Choice Hotels is available with a four person room for \$130/night.
  - Hilton Hotels have also engaged.
  - There was some discussion on moving the date away from Memorial Weekend but no conclusions reached.
    - Keeping to Memorial Weekend the following States preliminarily confirmed participation;
      - Seven (7) Men's Teams – CT, ENY, NH, MA, PA-West, RI, WNY
      - Five (5) Women's Teams – DC, ENY, MA, PA-West, WNY
  - Each team will be required to submit a \$500 entry fee. As expenses get covered, and equal portion (as opportunity allows) will be returned.
- **Elite Player Program**
  - Region 1 recommendations based on discussion at the Feb. General meeting are intended for the USASA meeting on Saturday.
    - Suspend the USASA National Team and Camp.

- Give each Region \$15k for Cups and other as needed Programs.
  - Proposal as above cuts \$160k from USASA's Budget.
  - There was discussion on the Elite Program, its Goals, and alternatives to achievements.
    - Goal: Capture un-utilized talents overlooked by others, and showcase this talent to avenues of opportunity.
      - Are Regions better equipped to deal with this directly?
      - Are U20 / U23 the concentration that should be focused on as the audience with the most likely chances for advancement?
- **Treasurer Report:**
  - Tony provided a handout to the attendees.
  - CD rates were discussed. Richard has found some attractive ones and will provide info to Tony.
  - Previous financial history as requested at the last AGM was brought up. Tony intends to provide historical information at fiscal end of year and plans a three-year report.
- **Elections:**
  - Fritz Marth (Deputy Director) and Tony Falcone (Treasurer) ran unopposed and were unanimously elected for another two-year term each. Congratulations!
- **National Cups (John Kahmke)**
  - John provided a handout of schedules and contacts that was emailed to all prior to this meeting.
  - Information is still required from some States on Cup Commissioners and State Finalists.
  - Draws were performed for competitions where scheduling could not be assigned (i.e. previous home team plays away, etc.).
  - John will provide regular email follow-ups and post info to the Cups section of USASA.com.
  - John reiterated the International Clearance rule per the questions raised at February's General meeting.
    - Where USSF does not receive notice from a foreign Federation, provisional clearance is provided on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after submission. The player is NOT permitted to participate in any official matches until the team or Cup Commissioner has heard from US Soccer stating that either the ITC has been received OR the Provisional ITC has been issued.

- February's NPSL situation was again brought up. As captured from the Feb. meeting minutes:

*NPSL allows their Regional Champion the Open Cup entry (no NPSL member in attendance to confirm). The 2008 winner chose not to participate and gave the entry to the NPSL team from MD.*

*Buffalo's NPSL team is also entering the Open Cup, doing so as a WNY representative. WNYSA's Cup Commissioner is not involved with their entry form / fee, roster / int. clearance, etc., the NPSL is handling it.*

*Attendees felt that NPSL should explain / document their Cup Qualification format. Is it fair that NPSL may be providing "automatic berths" for teams winning other competitions?*

*Membership agreed that the MD and Buffalo teams would playoff in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Open Cup.*

- Resulting from the 1<sup>st</sup> round pairing of the two NPSL teams, Buffalo has dropped out of the competition. John offered the Amateur Cup NPSL slot to them and awaits a response (Info since the AGM; Buffalo has declined).
- Dan Trainor did confirm that NPSL allows each Regional NPSL Champion the position of Open Cup entry.
  - Fritz: After studying the rules, NPSL can either hold an Open Cup qualifier or allow teams to qualify through State competitions, but cannot do both.
  - If going through the State, the NPSL team must register their players (dually), and submit rosters, bond fee, etc. through the State.
    - This was not done with Buffalo.
  - Dan states that NPSL is only interested to follow Region I policies and requests receipt of them.
- U23 Regional Tournament
  - As proposed at the Feb. General meeting, a "groupings" competition was again reiterated.
    - The committee was confirmed as Tony Falcone (Chair), Bohdan (Champs Lg.), and Peter Pinori (ENY).
    - A report was asked for by March-31. (Info since the AGM; Tony submitted a proposal that was accepted via positive email replies).
- **Women's Regional Tournament (Fritz)**
  - To be held same date (Jun-21) & location as Regional Cup Finals.
  - Six (6) teams maximum allowed – 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve.
    - Two groups of three teams.
    - 1 hour games.
    - A regulation Final in the afternoon.
    - As noted in Feb. limited to teams not entering the National Cups. (Clarified post AGM as teams not making the Regional Round of the National Cups. Non-progressing inter-state entries can play)

- **USASA Bylaws and Budget Discussions**

- Two Actions Coming at the National Meeting

- 1. Vote to add Werner Fricker Jr. and Jim Hamilton to the USSF Adult Council. Valerie is the current representative and as currently, USASA is the only Adult Member, USSF is concerned that one individual can make too great an impact.
    - 2. Motion to reduce player fees to USSF by \$2.50.

- Bylaw discussions took place but Meeting Minutes cannot accurately all comments and statements made. No official Motions or votes occurred.

- Call for a National Summit is expected at the National meeting. Richard urges Region I States to be thinking about timing, format, and other aspects of coordination for the summit.

- Budget: Handouts from Metro-DC on budget information were provided.

- Elite Player Program funding cut proposal is planned.

- Executive Council meeting last night confirmed the following agreements

- Proposal to reduce Program and provide \$10k (not 15k) to each Region for self administration of Programs.
        - Veterans Cup
          - Hosting funds increased to \$20k and 410k for referee fees.
          - The \$10k for prize money remains for 2009 but promo items done away with.

- **USSF Discussions**

- Concern around USSF's changes to Life Membership qualification were addressed to Sunil (USSF President)

- **Good of the Game**

- Prior to the AGM, an email vote unanimously confirmed Tony Falcone's recommendation to provide Larry Frisoli with the Livio D'arpino Award for Service.

- At the AGM it was concurred that the award would be presented at this summer's Veteran's Cup being held in Lancaster, Massachusetts, allowing attendance by Larry's family & friends.

## ACTION ITEMS

Assign Date	Action	Who
Mar-13	Finalize and communicate Donnelly Cup details	Dan Roberge

## MOTIONS

Motion Made Seconded	Motion	Approved?
Peter Pinori-ENY Kevin-MD	Per USSF correcting EPA's votes to four due to uncounted registrations in the mail, motion to carry the 4 <sup>th</sup> vote to the Regional level.	Yes