

To: Open Cup Committee

From: David Applegate

Date: January 6, 2023

Re: Minutes from Open Cup Committee Meeting 01/06/2023

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The Open Cup Committee met via Zoom on January 6, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. ET and lasted 1 hour, 50 minutes.

1) Roll Call

Committee members present: Arthur Mattson (chair), Todd Durbin, Kevin Hensley, Stu Holden, Shonna Schroedl

Others Present: David Applegate, Greg Fike, Jake Edwards, Brad Pursel.

2) Committee Update

It was reported to the committee that Brett Luy resigned on November 9, 2022. A replacement will be named at the January 19 meeting of the USSF BOD.

3) Approval of June 22, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved without edit.

4) Team Entry Updates

Staff reported an update on the team entry forms and fees received to date.

5) 2023 Tournament Structure

Staff presented proposed 2023 tournament structures, which is expected to remain largely unchanged from the 2022 structure pending the final confirmed number entrants. The committee was alerted that a schedule waiver may be required for some expansion teams at the next meeting.

6) Review of Open Cup Operational Changes

Referee match fees and payments will be made centrally by U.S. Soccer and not by the teams at time of the match. Hosting fees will be increased to cover these fees. The committee discussed the financial implications to teams.

7) Prize Money Rule Adjustment

The committee voted unanimously to make teams eligible to win both the division prize as well as the prize for a finalist or champion. Previously, a team that won finalist or champion prize money was not eligible to collect the prize from their respective division.

8) VAR

The committee voted unanimously to implement the use of VAR for the semifinals and final, with discussions to continue in the future regarding expansion.

9) Disciplinary Jurisdiction

Leagues have asked for clarification regarding their ability to discipline participants and fans for conduct around Open Cup matches. The committee requested that staff draft an updated policy to reflect that while the Open Cup Adjudication & Discipline Panel is the primary disciplinary body that leagues may issue discipline to their member independent of any action taking by Open Cup.

10) Adjournment

With no other business, the meeting ended at 3:50 p.m. ET.