

**MINUTES**  
**UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA**  
**FEBRUARY 15, 2019**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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**PRESENT:** Carlos Cordeiro, Dan Flynn, Chris Ahrens, Carlos Bocanegra, Lisa Carnoy, John Collins, Don Garber, Sunil Gulati, Angela Hucles, Steve Malik, Richard Moeller, John Motta, Tim Turney, Dr. Peter Zopfi

**REGRETS:** Val Ackerman

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jay Berhalter, Brian Remedi, Lydia Wahlke, Pinky Raina, Tonya Wallach, Earnie Stewart, Asher Mendelsohn, Nico Romeijn, Kay Bradley, Jim Moorhouse, Náthan Goldberg, Greg Fike, Leah Holt [others per the attached public sign-in form]

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Carlos Cordeiro called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Greg Fike took roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Board meetings of December 11, 2018 and February 4, 2018 (telephone conference). Mr. Gulati had some minor corrections to the minutes. With those corrections, the minutes were **APPROVED**.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Cordeiro recognized Cindy Parlow Cone and Patti Hart as in attendance at the meeting. He thanked Angela Hucles for her service on the Board and John Collins for his service on the Board as they would be leaving the Board. Mr. Cordeiro reviewed the WNT and MNT activities over the last few years. He updated the Board on the FIFA Forward program. Mr. Cordeiro also updated the Board on the recent FIFA summit. He apprised the Board of the Concacaf Council meeting and the UEFA Annual Congress meeting. Mr. Cordeiro announced that there would be an amateur competition between the winner of the amateur cup and the equivalent European cup.

**SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT**

Dan Flynn outlined the updates to be presented to the Board regarding finances, technical development, stakeholders, and commercial matters.

Jay Berhalter apprised the Board on the schedule for filing of the U.S. Soccer 990 and finalizing the U.S. Soccer audit.

Jim Moorhouse updated the Board on the extended National Teams including the futsal, beach, and Paralympic teams. Nico Romeijn reviewed the WNT GM search process with the Board.

Brian Remedi updated the Board on U.S. Soccer's engagement with stakeholders through regular membership meetings and updates. He also updated the Board on the Youth Task Force activities. Mr. Remedi also apprised the Board on the status of the Innovate to Grow fund requests. He also reviewed U.S. Soccer's fundraising



activities with the Board. He also updated the Board on the FIFA Forward project. Lydia Wahlke informed the Board that there would be a resolution regarding FIFA Forward circulated to the Board for signature.

Jay Berhalter reviewed the commercial activities related to 2019 Women's World Cup with the Board. He also provided an update on the video content being created around the Men's National Team. Lastly, a video of the Women's National Team was shown to the Board.

Mr. Flynn updated the Board on the WNT staff working with NWSL owners in early February.

Earnie Stewart updated the Board on the January camp and the Men's National Team activities. Two behind the scenes videos of the Men's National Team were shown.

#### **FIFA UPDATE**

Sunil Gulati updated the Board on issues pending for FIFA including the number of teams at the 2022 Men's World Cup, the structure of the Club World Cup, and VAR.

#### **CONCACAF UPDATE**

Mr. Cordeiro informed the Board that the U-17 and U-20 MNT World Cup qualifying tournaments would be changing formats. The Olympic qualifying tournament will not be changed for 2020.

#### **COMMITTEE CHARTERS**

Lydia Wahlke presented the standing and board committee charters. It was **MOVED** to approve the standing and board committee charters. The motion **PASSED**.

#### **AT-LARGE DIRECTOR ELECTION**

Ms. Wahlke updated the Board on the process for the At-Large Director election this year.

#### **SAFESPORT UPDATE**

Ms. Wahlke reviewed the Safe Soccer Framework and reminded the Board that she would be discussing this issue with the Athlete's Council and Organization Members that wanted to attend the SafeSport review on February 16, 2019.

#### **MARYLAND-VIRGINIA BOUNDARY DISPUTE**

Mr. Fike updated the Board on the change made to USYS Rule 201, which limited the ability of players to register outside their state of residence. Dr. Peter Zopfi provided additional details to the Board. He indicated that the rule change was being finalized by USYS.

#### **GEORGIA SOCCER GRIEVANCE**

Mr. Fike updated the Board on a grievance filed by certain clubs in Georgia about a Georgia Soccer policy and a Georgia Soccer Bylaw. The Georgia Soccer policy had been changed to the satisfaction of the grievant. A proposed amendment to the Bylaw failed but the parties were still discussing how to resolve the issue.

#### **AMENDMENT TO U.S. OPEN CUP POLICY**

Greg Fike provided the Rules Committee report on the policy amendments proposed by the Open Cup Committee. The Board discussed the proposed amendments. It was **MOVED** to approve the amendments to the Open Cup Policy. The motion **PASSED**.



### **NEW POLICY 414-1**

John Collins updated the Board on the new Policy 414-1 that was passed by the Board on February 14, 2019. Mr. Collins indicated that this policy was agreed to by Tom Moore in place of a previous policy proposal he submitted.

### **BYLAWS**

Ms. Wahlke informed the Board that the amendment to Bylaws 102, 103, 211, 212, and Section 2 of Bylaw 241 were being withdrawn from consideration by the National Council so that they could be revised for next year.

*(At this point, the Board went into an executive session. The minutes for that session are contained in a separate document.)*

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

