

To: Open Cup Committee

From: Paul Marstaller

Date: March 26, 2021

Re: Minutes from Open Cup Committee Meeting 3/26/2021 – APPROVED 4/15/2021

The Open Cup Committee held a meeting via conference call on March 26, 2021. The meeting started at approximately 12:03 p.m. ET and lasted approximately 60 minutes.

1) Roll Call

Committee members present: Arthur Mattson (chair), Todd Durbin, Stu Holden, Brett Luy, Shonna Schroedl.

Committee members absent: None.

Others present: Paul Marstaller, Greg Fike, Neil Buethe, Aaron Heifetz, Dr. George Chiampas, Dave Wright.

2) Review of COVID-related protocols for tournament – Decision to play or cancel Opening Round

After a review by Dr. George Chiampas, U.S. Soccer's Chief Medical Officer, of the current impact of COVID-19 on U.S. Soccer's ability to stage the early rounds of the 2021 tournament, the Committee decided that it did not yet have agreement regarding a set of COVID-related protocols that would allow the Opening Round to move forward within reasonable parameters (both logistic and economic). Given the deadline previously set by the Committee, the Opening Round will not take place. U.S. Soccer will issue a news release on March 29 announcing this outcome, while also disclosing publicly the methodologies previously approved by the Committee to determine the participating teams. The Committee, with the assistance of U.S. Soccer staff, will continue to work on the issue so that a judgment can be made by the April 19 deadline for deciding whether the Round of 16 can proceed.

3) Approval of March 19, 2021, Meeting Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of the March 19, 2021, meeting without edit.

4) Next meeting: Friday, April 16, between 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. ET will be scheduled, with the possibility of an additional meeting, as needed, in the weeks prior.

5) Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

6) Adjournment

With no other business, the call ended at approximately 1:03 p.m. ET.