

**MINUTES**  
**UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT**  
**OCTOBER 10, 2014**  
**8:00 A.M. ET**

---

**PRESENT:** Sunil Gulati, Mike Edwards, Dan Flynn, Jeff Agoos, Don Garber, Arthur Mattson, John Motta, Merritt Paulson, Bill Sage, Danielle Slaton, John Sutter

**BY PHONE:** Dr. Robert Contiguglia, Carlos Cordeiro, Fabian Nunez, Donna Shalala

**REGRETS:** Evelyn Gill

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jay Berhalter, Linda Cardenas, Greg Fike, Eric Gleason, Lisa Levine, Brian Remedi

---

President Gulati called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Linda Cardenas took roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Board meeting on June 1, 2014 in New York. The minutes were **APPROVED** with no changes.

**PRESIDENT/SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT**

President Gulati recognized the passing of fellow Board member, Jon McCullough. The Board observed a moment of silence. In honor of Jon, U.S. Soccer will make a contribution to BlazeSports, where Jon was an executive director. President Gulati provided a technical update for the women's game. President Gulati also updated the Board about NWSL's 2014 season and plans for the future. Dan Flynn provided a technical update for the men's game. Don Garber asked about U.S. Soccer's diversity hiring program and suggested that U.S. Soccer consider adopting the "Rooney Rule". Brian Remedi updated the Board on U.S. Soccer's development program. He informed the Board that the Patron's Program would be continued for the 2015 Women's World Cup and introduced the new trustee program to the Board. Mr. Flynn updated the Board on the national coaching education center project in Kansas City. President Gulati updated the Board on recent international relation activities with the State Department. Eric Gleason updated the Board on the current finances of U.S. Soccer. President Gulati informed the Board that U.S. Soccer would be hosting a national team workshop on game operations for CONCACAF in the first quarter of 2015. Jay Berhalter updated the board on U.S. Soccer's strategy to increase the visibility of the 2015 Women's World Cup in the United States and U.S. Soccer's connection with fans and partners around the event.



### **HALL OF FAME**

Mr. Flynn informed the Board that there was an opportunity to have a physical soccer hall of fame located in Frisco, Texas in conjunction with FC Dallas. It was **MOVED** to approve a nine month exclusive negotiation window regarding a soccer hall of fame. The motion **PASSED**.

### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

Mr. Flynn informed the Board that U.S. Soccer had entered into preliminary discussion with Goldman Sachs about reviewing U.S. Soccer's investment portfolio. Mr. Flynn informed the Board that Carlos Cordeiro had been excluded from the conversation because of his relationship with Goldman Sachs. It was **MOVED** to approve Goldman Sachs' review of U.S. Soccer's investment strategy. The motion **PASSED**. Carlos Cordeiro abstained from the vote.

### **COPA AMERICA 2016**

President Gulati informed the Board that U.S. Soccer planned to form a new legal entity to act as the local organizing committee with Mr. Berhalter as CEO. Mr. Berhalter provided the Board with an overview of the four phased approach to making the tournament a success. It was **MOVED** to grant the CEO/Secretary General the authority to form a single-member LLC for the tournament. The motion **PASSED**. Don Garber, Merritt Paulson and Jeff Agoos abstained from the vote.

### **REFEREE POLICY AMENDMENTS**

Mike Edwards informed the Board that the proposed amendments were a modernization of the referee policies to bring them in line with current practices. It was **MOVED** to adopt the amendments. The motion **PASSED**.

### **2015 U.S. OPEN CUP**

Mr. Edwards informed the Board about the proposal from the Open Cup Committee for the 2015 Open Cup schedule and the objection to the schedule by NASL. It was determined that the Open Cup Committee would review a recent proposal from NASL regarding scheduling and that the Open Cup Committee would make a final recommendation to the Board for the 2015 schedule.

### **2015 FIFA REFEREE AND ASSISTANT REFEREE PANEL**

Mr. Edwards informed the Board of the recommendation of the Referee Committee for the 2015 FIFA Referee and Assistant Referee Panel. It was **MOVED** to approve the recommendation for the 2015 FIFA Referee and Assistant Referee Panel. The motion **PASSED**.

### **COACHING POLICY AMENDMENTS**

President Gulati informed the Board as a result of the late arriving comments from the Rules Committee, the proposed amendments would be considered by the Board in December.

### **2015 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP QUALIFYING**

Mr. Flynn updated the Board regarding the upcoming schedule of qualifying games.



## **2015 AGM**

Mr. Flynn informed the Board that registration is currently open for the 2015 AGM, which will take place on February 14, 2015.

## **2016 AGM LOCATION**

President Gulati informed the Board that Hawaii and two alternative locations in the continental United States were being considered.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

