

**MINUTES**  
**UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**NEW YORK, NEW YORK**  
**March 8, 2016**  
**9:00 A.M. ET**

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**PRESENT:** Sunil Gulati, Dan Flynn, Carlos Cordeiro, Jeff Agoos, John Collins, Cindy Cone, Dr. Robert Contiguglia, Arthur Mattson, John Motta, Fabian Núñez, Alec Papadakis, Donna Shalala, John Sutter, Tim Turney

**BY PHONE:** Chris Ahrens

**REGRETS:** Don Garber

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jay Berhalter, Eric Gleason, Lisa Levine, Greg Fike, Linda Cardenas, Russ Sauer, Maria Barton

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Sunil Gulati called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 January 13, 2016 in New York, New York. It was **MOVED** to amend the minutes to correct the appointed person on the personnel matters to be John Motta. The motion **PASSED**. The minutes as amended were **APPROVED**.

**USA DEAF SOCCER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Greg Fike presented to the Board the recommendation by the Rules Committee that USA Deaf Soccer be approved for provisional membership. It was **MOVED** to approve its provisional membership. The motion **PASSED**.

**U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Gulati recommended that the Board would reappoint Dr. Bob Contiguglia and Kevin Payne as the representatives of USSF to the U.S. Soccer Foundation and the Board unanimously approved the recommendation. The Board discussed the possible appointment of an independent director to the Foundation as a successor of Carlos Cordeiro and decided to leave this matter for further discussion.

**FIFA/CONCACAF UPDATE**

Mr. Gulati informed the Board that Gianni Infantino was newly elected as FIFA President at the FIFA Extraordinary Congress in Zurich on 26 February 2016. Mr. Gulati updated the Board on the FIFA reforms that were approved by the FIFA Congress.

**BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

Mr. Fike informed the Board that the Rules Committee is currently going through all the proposed Bylaw amendments, some of which include significant changes, and will be submitted to the Board by May.



### **CONCACAF ELECTIONS**

Mr. Gulati updated the Board on CONCACAF elections and informed the Board that there would be four possible candidates for the CONCACAF Presidency.

### **U.S. SOCCER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT**

Mr. Gulati informed the Board that the administration would send to all the Board members the list of current members of Committees and Task Forces. Mr. Gulati asked the Board members to provide input on the members of the Committees and Task Forces.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Eric Gleason presented to the Board the annual financial report of the Federation through the end of January 2016.

### **KANSAS CITY COACHING FACILITY**

Jay Berhalter updated the Board on the Kansas City coaching facility.

### **AMATEUR TEAMS FROM CANADA AND MEXICO**

Greg Fike updated the Board on the five applications of cross-border play at the amateur level (four from Canada, one from Mexico). Of these five applications, the application submitted by Victoria Highlanders of Canada to play in the PDL was **MOVED** for approval subject to CONCACAF's approval. The motion **PASSED**. John Collins and Alec Papadakis recused themselves from voting on the motion.

### **PROFESSIONAL FUTSAL LEAGUE**

Dan Flynn provided an update on the status of the professional futsal league.

### **COPA AMERICA CENTENARIO UPDATE**

Jay Berhalter updated the Board on the tournament operations regarding Copa America Centenario.

### **USL APPLICATION UPDATE**

Lisa Levine updated the Board on USL's application to change its status from D3 to D2; the materials have been partially submitted, and USL is expected to submit the rest within the next few months.

### **UPDATED BOARD CALENDAR**

Linda Cardenas informed the Board that the next Board meeting will be held in Chicago on May 18 or 19. (Note: The location was subsequently changed to New York.)

*(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 1:45 p.m.

