

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
MAY 19, 2016
9:00 A.M. ET

PRESENT: Sunil Gulati, Carlos Cordeiro, Chris Ahrens, John Collins, Cindy Cone, Dr. Robert Contiguglia, Don Garber, Arthur Mattson, John Motta, Alec Papadakis, Donna Shalala, John Sutter, Tim Turney

BY PHONE: Dan Flynn

REGRETS: Jeff Agoos, Fabian Núñez,

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

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 March 8, 2016 in New York, New York and the minutes from telephone conferences on April 6, 2016 and April 28, 2016. The minutes for March 8, 2016 and April 6, 2016 were **APPROVED**. It was **MOVED** to amend the minutes to note that Jeff Agoos, John Collins, Don Garber and Alec Papadakis recused themselves from voting on the Professional League Task Force on April 28, 2016. The motion **PASSED**. The minutes for April 28, 2016 as amended were **APPROVED**.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Board ratified all of the committees and task forces for 2016-17 except for the Technical Committee and the Diversity Task Force. Mr. Gulati informed the Board that the Technical Committee and the Diversity Task Force were still under review.

NASL PUERTO RICO TEAM

Greg Fike updated the Board on the NASL application submitted for Puerto Rico FC to play in the NASL. The application was **MOVED** for approval subject to CONCACAF's approval. The motion **PASSED**. Mr. Collins, Mr. Garber and Mr. Papadakis recused themselves from voting on the motion.

U.S. OPEN CUP POLICY AMENDMENT

Mr. Fike presented the policy amendment which had been proposed by the Open Cup Committee and reviewed by the Rules Committee. It was **MOVED** to approve the amendment. The motion **PASSED**.



INSTANT REPLAY PILOT PROGRAM

Mr. Berhalter presented to the Board the instant replay pilot program to allow for the use of instant replay in ten USL games this year. IFAB approved the instant replay pilot program. It was **MOVED** to approve the instant replay pilot program. The motion **PASSED**.

REFEREE POLICY 532-1

John Motta presented the amendment to create a new policy 532-1 that would require State Associations to provide referee registration information to the Federation within thirty days. It was **MOVED** to approve the amendment. The motion **PASSED**.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Gulati updated the Board on changes FIFA made at its most recent congress. He also informed the Board that CONCACAF elected Victor Montagliani as President.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Mr. Gulati updated the Board regarding the revisions of the Bylaw amendments. Mr. Collins agreed to work with staff and the Rules Committee chair on further revisions.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Eric Gleason updated the Board on the FY16 financials.

USL APPLICATION UPDATE

Lisa Levine updated the Board on the review of the USL's application to change its status from D3 to D2.

APPLICATION TO REPLACE CALSOUTH

Dr. Robert Contiguglia updated the Board on the status of the application and informed the Board that a recommendation from the hearing panel would be forthcoming.

INTEGRITY HOTLINE

Ms. Levine updated the Board on the status of the newly created integrity hotline.

COPA AMERICA CENTENARIO UPDATE

Mr. Berhalter updated the Board on the tournament operations regarding Copa America Centenario. Ms. Cardenas updated the Board on the ambassador program.

(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 3:30 p.m.

