

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
FEBRUARY 28, 2014
8:00 A.M. CT

PRESENT: Sunil Gulati, Mike Edwards, Jeff Agoos, Carlos Cordeiro, Dr. Robert Contiguglia, Dan Flynn, Don Garber, Evelyn Gill, Richard Groff, Jon McCullough, John Motta, Fabian Nunez, Kevin Payne, Bill Sage, Danielle Slaton, John Sutter

REGRETS: Donna Shalala

IN ATTENDANCE: Jay Berhalter, Linda Cardenas, Greg Fike, Ed Foster-Simeon, Eric Gleason, Amy Hopfinger, Jurgen Klinsmann, Lisa Levine, Brian Remedi

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 8, 2013 board meeting. Evelyn Gill proposed a change to the minutes as drafted. The minutes for the meetings were **APPROVED** with the change.

PRESIDENT/SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

President Gulati informed the Board that the NIKE renewal had been executed. He also informed the Board that negotiations with SUM were proceeding well. Lastly, President Gulati informed the Board that Jay Berhalter had returned to U.S. Soccer as the Chief Commercial Officer. Dan Flynn provided a financial update to the Board. He informed the Board that ESPN would be producing a six episode series on the Men's National Team leading up to the World Cup. Mr. Flynn updated the Board on the Men's National Team send-off games. He also apprised the Board of U.S. Soccer's Supporter's Club and VIP programs. There are thirty-seven participants signed up as part of the World Cup experience, which generates almost one million dollars in revenue.

2014 FIFA WORLD CUP

President Gulati updated the Board on the logistical challenges presented by the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil. He informed the Board that the United States is the number one buyer of tickets for 2014 FIFA World Cup outside of the host country.

PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE STANDARDS

Lisa Levine updated the Board on the process for updating the professional league standards. It was **MOVED** to approve the revised professional league standards. The Board discussed the



revisions to the professional league standards. The motion to approve the revised professional league standards **PASSED**. President Gulati, Jeff Agoos, Don Garber and Kevin Payne abstained from voting on the motion.

MANDATORY LIABILITY INSURANCE

Lisa Levine updated the Board on changes to the proposed policy amendment requiring Organization Members to maintain general liability insurance. It was **MOVED** to amend the policy proposal to include “staff”. The motion to amend the proposed policy **PASSED**. It was **MOVED** to adopt the policy as amended. The motion **PASSED**. Richard Groff suggested that staff send notice of the policy to all Organization Members.

LIFE MEMBER UPDATE

Mike Edwards updated the Board on the proposed amendments to the bylaws and policies related to Life Members. He informed the Board that the majority of current Life Members approved of the changes.

PRO COUNCIL VOTING STRUCTURE

President Gulati informed the Board that when the Professional Council members cannot agree upon the voting strength of each of its members, the Board must decide upon the allocation of voting strength. Don Garber informed the Board about the MLS proposal for apportionment of the Professional Council votes. Bill Peterson informed the Board about the NASL objections to the proposed apportionment of the Professional Council votes. The Board discussed the proposal. It was **MOVED** to approve the following allocation of votes for the Professional Council for two years: 1) MLS will receive 9 votes; 2) NWSL will receive 3 votes; 3) NASL will receive 1 vote; and 4) USLPRO will receive 1 vote. It was **MOVED** to amend the proposal to make it for one year instead of two. The motion to amend **PASSED**. The motion as amended **PASSED**. President Gulati, Mr. Agoos, Mr. Garber, and Mr. Payne abstained from the vote.

PRESENTATION BY JURGEN KLINSMANN

Jurgen Klinsmann updated the Board on the progress of the Men’s National Team. He also discussed the player development process.

U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION REPORT

Ed Foster-Simeon, the President/CEO of the U.S. Soccer Foundation, updated the Board on the activities of the Foundation.

(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 10:25 a.m.

