

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
JUNE 1, 2014
8:00 A.M. CT

PRESENT: Sunil Gulati, Mike Edwards, Jeff Agoos, Carlos Cordeiro, Dr. Robert Contiguglia, Dan Flynn, Evelyn Gill, Arthur Mattson, Jon McCullough, Fabian Nunez, Merritt Paulson, Bill Sage, Danielle Slaton, John Sutter

REGRETS: Don Garber, John Motta, Donna Shalala

IN ATTENDANCE: Jay Berhalter, Linda Cardenas, Greg Fike, Eric Gleason, 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 Board meeting on February 28, 2014 in New York. The minutes were **APPROVED** with no changes.

PRESIDENT/SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

President Gulati updated the Board on the status of both the Men's National Team and the Women's National Team. He also informed the Board about the plan to create working groups to form a strategy for the next five to ten years. President Gulati updated the Board on the renewal with Soccer United Marketing. Dan Flynn informed the Board that Dr. George Chiampas would be added as the new chief medical officer. He also updated the Board on the addition of several technical and commercial staff members. Brian Remedi updated the Board on donor development and the re-launch of the supporter's club. Jay Berhalter informed the Board that two new uniforms were launched and are the two highest selling uniforms to date. Jay Berhalter updated the Board on sponsorship renewals. He also informed the Board that staff would be working with Nike on the process of rebranding, including the crest, with a tentative launch period of 2016 for the rebranding effort. Mr. Berhalter also updated the Board on the launch of the new U.S. Soccer website and World Cup activation. Mr. Flynn updated Board on plans for the U.S. Open Cup. He informed the Board that U.S. Soccer would be hosting the CONCACAF Women's World Cup Qualifying tournament. Mr. Flynn also updated the Board on international games that will likely be played in the United States during the summer. President Gulati updated the Board about the NWSL.



COPA AMERICA

President Gulati informed the Board that CONCACAF and CONMEBOL will have a joint tournament in 2016 and it will be held in the United States. U.S. Soccer will be the host and a separate local organizing committee will be created. It was **MOVED** to approve the memorandum of understanding signed between CONCACAF and U.S. Soccer regarding the hosting the 2016 COPA America tournament. The motion **PASSED**. It was **MOVED** to grant the Secretary General the authority to create a separate organization to be the local organizing committee for the tournament. The motion **PASSED**.

INTERNATIONAL GAMES

President Gulati informed the Board that Relevent Sports paid the outstanding fees which were due from last summer's international games which they hosted in the United States.

2014 AGM TRANSCRIPT APPROVAL

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 1, 2014 National Council meeting in New York. The preliminary record for the 2014 National Council meeting was **APPROVED**.

REFEREE POLICY AMENDMENTS

Mike Edwards recommended that the referee policy amendments be referred to the Rules Committee for review, and then brought back to the next Board meeting for final approval. President Gulati approved the recommendation.

GRIEVANCE APPEAL

Greg Fike informed the Board that there was a grievance filed under Bylaw 704 between Conroe Youth Soccer League ("CYSL") and South Texas Youth Soccer Association ("STYSA"). The hearing examiner decided to reinstate CYSL, but required them to pay over \$17,000 in litigation costs incurred by STYSA. STYSA filed an appeal to overturn the decision of the arbitrator, which requires a two-thirds vote. Mr. Fike also informed the Board that the parties have not worked out a schedule for payment since the decision was reached. The Board discussed the merits of the appeal. It was **MOVED** to amend the arbitrator's decision to include a requirement that CYSL reimburse the appropriate party within three months of notification of this amendment for attorney fees of \$17,320 awarded by the arbitrator and that if CYSL fails to make such payments, it shall be suspended. The motion **PASSED**.

(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 9:15 a.m.

