

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2002
LOS ANGELES, CA
8:00 A.M. PACIFIC TIME

- PRESENT:** Dr. Robert S. Contiguglia, Sunil Gulati, William J. Goaziou, David Askinas, Marypat Bell, John Bouda, David Burton, Tony DiCicco, John Doyle, Mike Edwards, Werner Fricker Jr., Don Garber, Lauren Gregg, Richard Groff, Burton Haimes, John Harkes, Larry Harmon, John Kerr Jr., Marge Madriago, Francisco Marcos, Brooks McCormick, David Messersmith, Bob Palmeiro, Alex Para, Kevin Payne, Charles Robinson, Darl Rose, Alan Rothenberg, Bill Sage, Bruno Trapikas.
- VIA PHONE:** Chris Cristoffersen, Amanda Cromwell, Mary Harvey.
- APOLOGIES:** Fernando Clavijo, Bob Gansler, Evelyn Gill, Jonathan Kraft, Lynn Morgan, Jim Sheldon, Peter Vermes.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Daniel T. Flynn, Jay Berhalter, Rich Matthys, Alison Kocoras, Timothy Pinto, Bob Albus, Julie Ilacqua, Mike Malamut, Parliamentarian, Debra Resling, Reporter, Herb Giobbi, Brad Hays.
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President Contiguglia called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Bob Albus then called the roll and the President announced a quorum was present.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 21, 2001 Board meeting in Columbus, Ohio. The minutes were **APPROVED** by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Contiguglia presented the Year in Review video to the board, and noted that would be circulated to every member organization, and would also be used for promotional purposes. He commented briefly on the men's Gold Cup championship.

Bob Palmeiro, at President Contiguglia's request, spoke briefly about the women's national team's trip to China.

Dr. Contiguglia congratulated Earnie Stewart and Tiffeny Milbrett for being named Chevrolet athletes of the year, and DeMarcus Beasley and Aleisha Cramer as youth players of the year. He also congratulated Brian Hall, a U.S. FIFA-level referee, for being selected to referee in the World Cup.



John Bouda, at President Contiguglia's request, spoke briefly about the national referee camp. Don Garber, Tony DiCicco, and Dave Askinas, then provided updates on the status of the professional leagues. Herb Giobbi and Brad Hays provided a report on the U.S. Soccer Foundation's fund-raising dinner, set for February 19th, and their general fund-raising efforts.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bill Gaoziou presented the balance sheet and income statement for the period from September through December 2001. CFO Rich Matthys then presented a variance report, summarizing the budget review process that takes place monthly at USSF.

Mr. Gaoziou also reported that USSF would be reviewing whether the member organizations were in compliance with USSF Bylaw 213's requirement that they submit recent financial statements. He indicated that organizations would be asked to submit information by April 30th.

SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

Secretary General Dan Flynn reminded everyone that World Cup ticket applications were due soon. He provided pictures and a description of the new men's team uniform, and indicated that the uniform would be formally launched on February 28th.

Tom King, at Mr. Flynn's request, provided an overview of the team's agenda, accommodations, and travel schedule for the World Cup.

OTHER REPORTS

Marge Madriago reported that the Werner Fricker memorial committee had come up with two preliminary plans: first to announce an award to be granted each year at the AGM, and second to have a plaque put up at the national training center. Kevin Payne and Werner Fricker Jr., also members of the committee, discussed some of the details. Ms. Madriago indicated the committee would have its final recommendation at the May board meeting.

Alison Kocoras, USSF general counsel, discussed briefly the USSF conflict of interest policy, and asked each board member to fill out a conflict of interest form.

Dr. Contiguglia inquired as to whether there was interest in changing the May board meeting from May 5th to May 12th, in order to synchronize it with the men's team game against Uruguay. It was **MOVED** that the board meeting be changed to May 12, 2002, and the new date was **PASSED**.

Dr. Contiguglia discussed plans for the 2003 AGM. Mr. Trapikas **MOVED** that the 2003 AGM take place in Chicago, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Mike Edwards reported that USASA was proposing a change to the policy on reinstatement of amateur status. Mr. Edwards **MOVED** that the policy be referred to the Rules Committee, and the motion **PASSED** by unanimous consent.



Marypat Bell reported on the Rules Committee's findings relating to the application by the Major Indoor Soccer League to become a member of USSF. The Committee recommended that MISL be admitted as a member, with an annual fee of \$40,000 for up to ten teams (and an additional \$2000 per team after that). In addition, in payment of past debts incurred as NPSL, MISL would be required to pay \$15,000 per year for three years. Ms. Bell **MOVED** that MISL be admitted as a provisional member, with the stipulations described, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Alison Kocoras reported on the recent meeting in Mexico regarding revisions to the FIFA player transfer rules. Tim Pinto gave a synopsis of the grievance filed by Columbia Basin Academy against Washington State Youth Soccer. Ms. Kocoras also provided an update on the request by NISOA for indemnification, and an update on the litigation with the L.A. Coliseum.

GOOD OF THE GAME

Richard Groff noted that the financial report and variance report were excellent, and also mentioned that Region 1 amateurs were organizing a World Cup trip as a fund-raiser for their programs. Darl Rose reported on his visit to Costa Rica where the USYS regional teams had competed. Bill Sage announced that U.S. Club Soccer was launching its web site. Marypat Bell reminded everyone that the USASA annual meeting would be held in Tampa at the end of February. Lauren Gregg and John Harkes encouraged all to attend the Foundation banquet.

President Contiguglia adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

