

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2002
SAN FRANCISCO, 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, Chris Christoffersen, Fernando Clavijo, Tony DiCicco, John Doyle, Mike Edwards, Werner Fricker Jr., Don Garber, Evelyn Gill, Lauren Gregg, Richard Groff, Burton Haimes, Larry Harmon, Mary Harvey, Marge Madriago, Francisco Marcos, Brooks McCormick, David Messersmith, Bob Palmeiro, Alex Para, Kevin Payne, Cameron Rast, Charles Robinson, Alan Rothenberg, Darl Rose, Bill Sage, Jim Sheldon, Bruno Trapikas.

VIA PHONE: Amanda Cromwell, John Harkes.

APOLOGIES: Bob Gansler, John Kerr Jr., Jonathan Kraft, Lynn Morgan, 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.

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 May 11, 2002 Board meeting in Washington, DC. The minutes were **APPROVED** by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Contiguglia thanked California Soccer Association and California Youth Soccer Association for hosting U.S. Soccer for the board meeting and the AGM. He commented on the positive feedback he has been receiving since the World Cup.

Dr. Contiguglia presented a World Cup highlight video to the Board. He then introduced the coach of the Men's National Team, Bruce Arena. Mr. Arena spoke about the success of the team, the progress it had made over the past four years, and thanked everyone for their support.

SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

Secretary General Dan Flynn gave an operating update for the organization. He noted that while the World Cup was going on, U.S. Soccer was also busy in many other areas, including coaching schools, referee clinics, national team scheduling, and moving forward in the national training center. Mr. Flynn discussed turnout for coaching schools, which was on target, and described some of the referee clinics that had been offered over the past few months.

Mr. Flynn invited John Bouda to discuss some of the referee clinics. Mr. Bouda noted that beyond the referee clinics mentioned, referees were involved in many regional and national tournaments, as well as ODP camps.

Mr. Flynn detailed the programming and activities that the various youth national teams had engaged in, and noted that the national training center was on target to open in June 2003.

Mr. Flynn provided an update on the players' bill of rights committee, indicating that the committee was developing language for a possible preamble to the bylaws. He invited Mary Harvey, chairperson to the Committee, to speak, and she described the progress they were making.

Mr. Flynn stated that that U.S. Soccer was in the process of organizing a task force to discuss a U.S. Youth Open Cup, and that an update would be provided at the fall board meeting. Mr. Flynn updated the board on efforts to get current bylaws from Member Organizations. He indicated that U.S. Soccer would continue to follow up with those who had not yet complied.

Mr. Flynn discussed upcoming games for the Women's National Team and the youth teams. He noted that the referee department would be working on a formal business plan. And he stated that there were several initiatives under way to celebrate U.S. Soccer's 90th anniversary in 2003.

Finally, Mr. Flynn presented a computer video presentation of what the national training center would look like.

Several board members, including Mary Harvey, Kevin Payne, Marge Madriago, Bruno Trapikas, and Evlyn Gill had questions about the bylaw compliance efforts. Alison Kocoras and Tim Pinto provided answers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bill Gaoziou presented the updated financials. He noted that, with respect to the World Cup, after factoring in bonuses and appearance fees paid out, and monies collected from insurance and from FIFA, U.S. Soccer came out ahead by about \$735,000.

At Mr. Goaziou's request, Rich Matthys explained the variances contained in the financials. Richard Groff asked several questions about specific line items that were addressed by Mr. Matthys.

President Contiguglia then declared a 15-minute recess, and asked the board to return in Executive Session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(At this point the President asked that the meeting be closed for an Executive Session, so that the Board might discuss the grievance that had been filed against California Youth Soccer Association – North. Minutes for the Executive Session have been prepared separately.)

NEW BUSINESS

Marypat Bell **MOVED** that Policy 102(4)-1, section 203(a), dealing with the number of foreign players allowed on an Open Cup roster, be amended to indicate that professional teams are limited to five foreign players, while amateur teams have no maximum number. The motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

Marypat Bell **MOVED** that Policy 102(4)-1, section 203(c), dealing with replacements of injured goalkeepers, be amended to eliminate the ability to replace a goalkeeper on the roster at any time. The motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

Marypat Bell **MOVED** that Policy 102(4)-1, section 205, be eliminated in its entirety. The motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

Marypat Bell **MOVED** that Policy 102(4)-1, section 302(a), dealing with when uniforms are similar in an Open Cup game, be amended to indicate that the visiting team must change its uniform. The motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

Marypat Bell **MOVED** that Policy 102(4)-1, section 303(a), dealing with the deadline for submitting a match day roster, be amended to indicate that it must be submitted at least 60 minutes prior to the match. The motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

Marypat Bell **MOVED** that Policy 102(4)-1, sections 303(c), 303(d), 303(e), 305(a), and 308(f) be amended. The motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

Marypat Bell **MOVED** that Policy 102(4)-1, Stadium Requirements, be amended. Kevin Payne moved that the policy amendment, as presented, be amended to strike the bullet point discussing the “TV announcer position.” With the amendment proposed by Mr. Payne, the motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

Marypat Bell **MOVED** that Policy 531-11, dealing with the referee program mission, be amended to state that the program shall “service the game at every level of competition.” The motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

Marypat Bell **MOVED** that Policy 601-5, dealing with registration of amateur players, be amended to remove policies covered by USASA rules. The motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

Marypat Bell **MOVED** that Policy 601-6, dealing with international clearances, be amended to lower the applicable age from 14 to 12 and to make the policy consistent with Federation practice. The motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

Marypat Bell **MOVED** that the Super Y League’s membership status be changed from “other affiliate” to “national affiliate.” The motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATE

Dr. Contiguglia invited Herb Giobbi, from the U.S. Soccer Foundation, to provide an informational update. Mr. Giobbi described a new field initiative the Foundation had entered into with Nike. He noted that the success of the Men’s National Team has helped the Foundation as well. Finally, he noted that Congress had passed a resolution commending the Federation, and he presented the text of that resolution to U.S. Soccer engraved on a gold plate and framed.

Francisco Marcos noted that the Super Y League Championship Weekend had been granted ODP status. He also circulated a copy of a grievance that had been filed against Indiana Youth Soccer.

Marypat Bell informed the board that the Rules Committee had looked into the activities of U.S. Club Soccer and had concluded that they meet the definitional requirements of their “national affiliate” category.

Mike Edwards noted that he had planned to present an overview of USASA’s new business plan, but that he would wait to present the plan until the next board meeting.

Mr. Bouda provided an update on the recreational youth referee program.

Bob Albus provided an updated AGM schedule. He also stated that the next board meeting would be held on November 16, but that the location had not yet been determined.

GOOD OF THE GAME

Most board members described their memories of the World Cup and congratulated the team, as well as U.S. Soccer staff that was in Korea.

President Contiguglia adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.