

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2005
FRISCO, TX
8:00 A.M. CENTRAL TIME

PRESENT: Dr. S. Robert Contiguglia, Sunil Gulati, William Goaziou, Marypat Bell, Bill Bosgraaf, Angelo Bratsis, Mike Burns, Paul Caligiuri, Chris Christoffersen, Mike Edwards, Don Garber, Ivan Gazidis, Evelyn Gill, Richard Groff, Burton Haines, Larry Harmon, Tim Holt, Marge Madriago, Francisco Marcos, Brooks McCormick, Mike McDaniel, David Messersmith, Bob Palmeiro, Kevin Payne, Darl Rose, Bill Sage, Jim Sheldon, Juergen Sommer, Bruno Trapikas, Peter Vermes, Matt Weibe.

VIA PHONE: Amanda Cromwell, Werner Fricker, Jr., Alan Rothenberg

APOLOGIES: Scott Blackmun, Bob Gansler, Linda Hamilton, John Harkes, John Kerr, Jr., Nelson Rodriguez.

IN ATTENDANCE: Daniel Flynn, Jay Berhalter, Richard Matthys, Timothy Pinto, Forrest Eber, Gregory Fike, Julie Illaqua, Asher Mendelsohn, Brad Hays (U.S. Soccer Foundation), Betty Green (Parliamentarian), Debra Resling (Reporter).

President Contiguglia called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Forrest Eber took roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 20, 2005 Board meeting in Chicago, IL. The minutes were **APPROVED** unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Gulati reported on the progress of drafting Policy 212. It was **MOVED** to adopt revised Policy 212. The Board discussed the proposed policy. Mr. Pinto clarified that Policy 212 allowed Organization Members and Leagues to have reasonable rules regarding team formation and that anyone wishing to join that League or Organization Member must follow those rules. The motion **PASSED**.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Garber informed the Board that MLS had reached an agreement with Maple Leaf Sports to create a new team in Toronto, Canada. He stated that Maple Leaf Sports and the Canadian Soccer Association were partnering to build a new 20,000 seat soccer specific stadium in Toronto for the 2007 FIFA Youth Championships. The new MLS team would utilize the stadium. Mr. Gazidis presented the operational details of the new team and requested preliminary approval by the USSF Board for the expansion team. He also informed the Board that MLS still needed to get approval from CSA and CONCACAF for the expansion. It was **MOVED** to approve the expansion team for MLS in Toronto, Canada pending approval by the CSA and CONCACAF. After discussion, the motion **PASSED**.

POLICY 531-9

Mr. Pinto presented the amendment to Policy 531-9 and informed the Board that the Rules Committee recommended that this Policy be referred back to the Referee Committee. The Board decided to accept the Rules Committee recommendation.



POLICY 531-11

Mr. Pinto presented the amendment to Policy 531-11 regarding the Code of Ethics for Assignors. He informed the Board that the Rules Committee did not find anything in the proposed policy to be inconsistent with the existing bylaws and policies. It was **MOVED** to accept the proposed amendment to Policy 531-11. After some discussion, it was **MOVED** to amend the proposed amendment to eliminate proposed section number twelve and change proposed number thirteen to number twelve. After further discussion, the motion to amend **PASSED**. The main motion to approve amended Policy 531-11 as changed **PASSED**.

NJSA GRIEVANCE

Mr. Fike updated the Board on the grievance that had been filed by the New Jersey Soccer Association against New Jersey Youth Soccer regarding the formation of the State Referee Committee. He informed the Board that an arbitrator had been selected and a hearing date was scheduled for December 15th.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Goaziou asked Dave Eldridge to present the proposed budget for FY2007. Several board members asked questions about the budget and underlying assumptions. It was **MOVED** to approve the budget. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Contiguglia reported to the Board regarding the USYSA grievance with the USOC and informed the Board that the USOC had stayed the matter.

He reported on both the Men's and Women's National Teams. He noted that an agreement upon economic terms had been reached with the MNT and collective bargaining negotiations on the non-economic issues were continuing. He stated that collective bargaining negotiation with the WNT had been progressing rapidly but no agreement had been reached.

Dr. Contiguglia also reported on the constructive meeting between the fifty-five state presidents and himself, Sunil Gulati and Dan Flynn.

SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

Mr. Flynn reported on the sales of tickets for the World Cup for board member and sponsors. He also reported on the selection of Hamburg, Germany as U.S. Soccer's base of operations for the World Cup.

BOARD SIZE TASK FORCE

Mr. Gulati reported on the likely bylaw amendments which he expected to include between 10 and 15 board members. He also updated the Board on comments he had received from adult and youth organizations regarding the reduction in Board size.

USSF REGISTERED AGENT

Mr. Pinto informed the Board that U.S. Soccer needed to change its registered agent on its Articles of Incorporation and that Board consent was necessary to make the change. Mr. Pinto recommended CT Corporation as the registered agent for U.S. Soccer. It was **MOVED** to amend the Articles of Incorporation to reflect CT Corporation as the registered agent for U.S. Soccer. The motion **PASSED**.

GOOD OF THE GAME

Tim Holt updated the Board on USL's 2005 AGM. He informed the Board that in 2006, USL will have 59 PDL franchises and 37 W League franchises in North America. He also stated that USL first division will be expanding to Miami, FL in 2006. Bob Palmeiro congratulated the Board on passing Policy 212. Brad Hays, Chairman of the U.S. Soccer Foundation, reported on the current activities of the Foundation. Angelo Bratsis reported that the Katrina Referee Equipment Relief Drive had been very successful. Richard Groff congratulated MLS, the Hunt Group and USYS members on a superb facility in Frisco.



Francisco Marcos thanked Dan Flynn and President Contiguglia for allowing him to be the head of the delegation for the U-20 World Championships. Paul Caligiuri thanked the Board for welcoming him and congratulated U.S. Soccer on making the World Cup. Mr. McDaniel thanked the Federation for the relief efforts in the Gulf Coast area. Ms. Bell congratulated MLS on the tenth MLS Cup. Peter Vermes wished both MLS teams good luck in the MLS Cup. Don Garber discussed the success of Pizza Hut Park and partnership of the Federation and the City of Frisco. He also discussed plans to build complexes similar to Pizza Hut Park in Denver and Salt Lake City in 2008. David Messersmith thanked everyone on the Youth Council Task Force and Mr. Gulati for their work on Policy 212. He also recognized John Sutter and North Texas Soccer for their work in helping to facilitate the construction of Pizza Hut Park. Sunil Gulati commented on the interconnectivity of soccer organizations including the Adult Amateur All-Stars playing the Columbus Reserve Team. He also discussed the importance to the sport of soccer that individuals involved in youth and amateur soccer are supporting their local MLS teams. President Contiguglia mentioned ESPN and Univision's successful bidding process for TV rights for the 2010 and 2014 World Cups. He also congratulated MLS, North Texas and USYS on Pizza Hut Park. Dan Flynn thanked Dave Eldridge and the Budget Committee for their work on the FY2007 budget. He also welcomed Asher Mendelsohn to the Federation staff as Membership Services Coordinator. Bill Goaziou congratulated everyone on the success of Pizza Hut Park and the continued growth of the game of soccer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

