

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
MAY 19, 2007
8:00 A.M. CENTRAL TIME

PRESENT: Sunil Gulati, Mike Edwards, Carlos Cordeiro, Paul Caligiuri, Dr. S. Robert Contiguglia, Daniel Flynn, Burton Haines, Jim Hamilton, Linda Hamilton, Brooks McCormick, Mike McDaniel, Larry Monaco, Kevin Payne, Peter Vermes.

BY PHONE: Bill Goaziou.

REGRETS: Don Garber.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jay Berhalter, Timothy Pinto, Richard Matthys, Gregory Fike, Asher Mendelsohn.

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

Asher Mendelsohn took roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes and executive session minutes for the February 23, 2007 Board meeting in Los Angeles and the March 21, 2007 meeting by telephone conference. The minutes were **APPROVED** unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gulati updated the Board on the confirmation of Bob Bradley as the Men's National Team head coach and the promotion of Peter Nowak to first assistant coach of the Men's National Team. He also informed the Board of the busy schedule for our National Teams in the summer and fall of 2007. Mike Edwards updated the Board regarding the CONCACAF Congress. President Gulati updated the Board on the progress of the potential bid for the 2018 World Cup.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Goaziou informed the Board that U.S. Soccer is in a strong financial position.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE REPORT

Kevin Payne updated the Board on the activities of the Player Development Task Force. The Task Force identified the areas in which U.S. Players must improve. In order to have the most immediate impact on player development in the United States, the Task Force recommended that U.S. Soccer implement an Academy Development Program for players from 14 to 17 years old



(competing in U-16 and U-18 age brackets). The Academy would consist of 60 to 80 clubs across the country and would have very specific training requirements. It was **MOVED** to support the execution of the Academy program starting in 2007 and the work of the task force thus far. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Pinto updated the Board regarding the nomination of independent directors. He informed the Board that Fabian Nunez had been nominated for the open independent director position. It was **MOVED** to recommend Mr. Nunez as an independent director to the National Council. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

NEW POLICIES

Mr. Pinto presented the Rules Committee recommendation for Policy 102(4)-1 concerning the U.S. Open Cup. The Board debated the merits of the new policy. It was **MOVED** to refer the policy to the U.S. Open Cup Committee for consideration of the Rules Committee comments. The motion **PASSED**.

Mr. Pinto presented the Rules Committee recommendation for Policy 241-1 concerning the recognition of disciplinary actions. The Board debated the merits of the new policy. It was **MOVED** to adopt Policy 241-1. The motion **PASSED**.

Mr. Fike presented the proposed amendment to Policy 531-1 regarding the State Referee Committees. It was **MOVED** to amend the proposal to read that the “Federation Referee Committee may propose and the Board of Directors may establish” a state Referee Committee. The motion to amend **PASSED**. It was **MOVED** to adopt Policy 531-1 as amended. The motion **PASSED**.

YOUTH COUNCIL TASK FORCE

Mr. Pinto updated the Board on the activities of the Youth Council Task Force. Specifically, he informed the Board about the Task Force’s efforts to procure a standard policy for secondary accident and medical insurance.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Monaco proposed the creation of a U.S. Soccer nominating Committee. The Board discussed the idea of having a U.S. Soccer Nominating Committee. It was **MOVED** to create a U.S. Soccer Nominating Committee. The motion **FAILED**.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BUDGET AMENDMENT

President Gulati introduced the subject of amending the U.S. Soccer Budget to reflect \$250,000 for international relations with FIFA, CONCACAF and other associations. The Board debated the merits of amending the budget. It was **MOVED** to approve a budget amendment of \$250,000 for international relations programming. The motion **PASSED**.

HALL OF FAME FUNDING

Daniel Flynn updated the Board on the progress of the Hall of Fame. Dr. Contiguglia updated the Board on the hiring of a new President for the Hall of Fame. Mr. Flynn reminded the Board



that it had committed to \$1 million in funding for Hall of Fame over five years. U.S. Soccer has already funded the first two years of that program. Based on the restructuring of the Hall of Fame and the new President, it was **MOVED** to approve accelerating the payment to the Hall of Fame for the full amount still due on the commitment and relieving U.S. Soccer of the operational obligation. The motion **PASSED**.

WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE

Mr. Haimes updated the Board on the status of the review of the application for a new women's professional league.

[At this point, the Board went into Executive Session. The minutes for this session are contained in a separate document.]

GOOD OF THE GAME

Mike McDaniel complimented the decision to have the Women's National Team wear pink jerseys to support breast cancer awareness. Mr. Haimes informed the Board that AYSO annual general meeting would be held in New Orleans on the weekend of May 26-27. Peter Vermes expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the Player Development Task Force. Larry Monaco complimented the Youth Council Task Force on its recent efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

