

**MINUTES**  
**UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**CHICAGO, IL**  
**JUNE 6, 2009**  
**2:00 P.M. CT**

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**PRESENT:** Sunil Gulati, Dr. S. Robert Contiguglia, Carlos Cordeiro, Amanda Cromwell, Mike Edwards, Daniel Flynn, Don Garber, Jim Hamilton, Francisco Marcos, Brooks McCormick, Jon McCullough, Mike McDaniel, Fabian Núñez, Kevin Payne.

**TELEPHONE:** Larry Monaco, Donna Shalala, Peter Vermes.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jay Berhalter, Timothy Pinto, Eric Gleason, Gregory Fike, Kati Hope.

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President Gulati called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Kati Hope took roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 13, 2009 meeting in Orlando and the minutes of the telephone conference on April 9, 2009. The minutes for both meetings were **APPROVED**.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Gulati updated the Board on the Men's National Team schedule. He also informed the Board about the recent FIFA and CONCACAF Congresses.

**CEO/SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT**

Daniel Flynn presented a review of the final numbers for FY2009. USSF achieved a surplus of \$218,000 in the FY2009. The surplus was favorable to budget by about \$5 million. The key drivers of the favorable result were international games, referee registration and national team marketing. The key unfavorable items in the budget were player development costs for youth national team programs.

Mr. Flynn reviewed the changing landscape for referees in the United States. Mr. Flynn presented an update regarding the administrative side of the referee program, highlighting the new total of roughly 150,000 registered referees.

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Kevin Payne updated the board on the progress of the Technical Committee on player development. Mr. Payne informed the board that the Technical Committee recently had focused on addressing player development in Zone 1 (U12 and under). The Technical Committee recommended that USSF explore registration of all soccer coaches with USSF to help to improve



communication about how to coach the sport of soccer in Zone 1. It was **MOVED** that USSF staff explore registration of all coaches with USSF. The motion **PASSED**.

### **FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS**

Greg Fike gave a presentation to the Board regarding the fiduciary responsibilities of nonprofit directors.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Gulati updated the Board on 2018/2022 World Cup bid.

### **US CLUB SOCCER MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY**

Mr. Fike updated the Board regarding U.S. Club Soccer's request to change its membership category from National Affiliate to National Association. It was **MOVED** to provisionally change U.S. Club Soccer's membership category to National Association. The Board discussed the merits of the change. The motion **PASSED**.

### **CHAMPIONSWORLD UPDATE**

Mr. Fike updated report on the status of the ChampionsWorld lawsuit and proceeding before FIFA. He informed the Board that the Court of Arbitration for Sport was scheduled to have a hearing on FIFA's jurisdiction over the matter.

### **WPS UPDATE**

Mr. Flynn updated the board on the status of the financial assistance to WPS that had been previously been approved by the Board.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The CONCACAF Champions League allows for four teams from the United States. It was recommended that the slots be filled in the same order as the previous year: 1) MLS Cup Champion; 2) MLS Regular Season points leader; 3) U.S. Soccer Open Cup Winner; and 4) MLS Cup Runner-Up. If any of the spots were filled by the same team, then the MLS team with the next most regular season points would fill the spots as needed. President Gulati reminded the Board that U.S. Soccer could only make a recommendation to CONCACAF and that CONCACAF would ultimately have to approve the process. It was **MOVED** to recommend the proposed selection process to CONCACAF. The motion **PASSED**.

### **IMG RENEWAL**

Mr. Flynn updated the Board on the status of renewal negotiations with IMG Academies in Bradenton, FL.

### **GOOD OF THE GAME**

President Gulati thanked Tim Pinto for his service to USSF as General Counsel and wished him good luck in his new job as a law professor at the University of Michigan.

*[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 4:45 p.m.

