

**MINUTES**  
**UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**  
**NOVEMBER 21, 2009**  
**12:00 P.M. PT**

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**PRESENT:** Sunil Gulati, Dr. S. Robert Contiguglia, Carlos Cordeiro, Amanda Cromwell, Daniel Flynn, Don Garber, Jim Hamilton, Francisco Marcos, Brooks McCormick, Jon McCullough, Larry Monaco, Bob Palmeiro, Kevin Payne, Peter Vermes.

**TELEPHONE:** Mike Edwards, Fabian Núñez.

**REGRETS:** Donna Shalala.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** David Downs, Dave Eldridge, Gregory Fike, Eric Gleason, Mary Harvey, Kati Hope, Lisa Levine, Brian Remedi, Russ Sauer.

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President Gulati called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

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

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 6, 2009 meeting in Chicago and the executive session minutes for the same meeting. There was a single amendment made to the executive session minutes. With the appropriate amendment, the minutes for the meeting were **APPROVED**.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Sunil Gulati updated the Board on qualification for the FIFA 2010 World Cup by the Men's National Team. He also informed the Board that he was involved in on-going discussions with FIFA regarding certain regulations. Lastly, he reported to the Board regarding conference calls for the World Cup Bid with Organization Members.

**CEO/SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT**

Dan Flynn presented U.S. Soccer's diversity statistics to the Board. He updated the Board on the Technical Committee activities regarding Zone 1 players (under the age of 12), the Development Academy and the U-17 program. Mr. Flynn provided information to the Board on the status of the Hall of Fame and the closure of the museum in Oneonta, New York. Lastly, he informed the Board about the use of ProZone analysis in referee development.



## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Gulati updated the Board on the progress being made on the bid for the 2018/2022 World Cups. David Downs also addressed the Board regarding the progress of the Bid Committee.

President Gulati presented the Board with a resolution for U.S. Soccer to expend up to eight million dollars (\$8 million) on the USA Bid Committee in support of its mission. The Board discussed the proposed resolution. It was **MOVED** to adopt the resolution. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

President Gulati presented the Board with a resolution to form as a separate organization, the World Cup Local Organizing Committee, Inc, as required by FIFA. The initial officers for the new organization will be: Sunil Gulati, Chairman; Dan Flynn, Secretary; and Carlos Cordeiro, Treasurer. It was **MOVED** to adopt the resolution. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

## **WISCONSIN YOUTH STATE ASSOCIATION APPLICATION**

Kevin Payne updated the Board on the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel appointed to hold a hearing on the application filed by Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (WYSA Inc.) seeking to replace Wisconsin Soccer Association (WSA) as the youth state association for Wisconsin. The Board discussed the findings and recommendations of the panel, as well as additional issues raised in correspondence from WSA and WYSA. It was **MOVED** that the panel recommendation be adopted by the Board as its own decision. The hearing panel recommended that:

1. The membership of WSA as the youth State Association be revoked, and WYSA Inc. be appointed as the youth State Association for Wisconsin. The official transition from WSA to WYSA Inc. should occur on the first day of the next registration period for youth players in Wisconsin. However, consistent with prior practice, the representatives of WYSA would be able to vote WSA's youth votes at U.S. Soccer's 2010 AGM.
2. In addition to the above decision, the U.S. Soccer Board of Directors would request that both WSA and WYSA Inc. comply with the following:
  - a. WSA must submit to an independent financial audit of the corporation and its divisions in the next 60 days. The audit should determine what funds should be transferred to the WYSA Inc. The results of the audit shall be reported to the U.S. Soccer Board of Directors;
  - b. WYSA Inc. must provide a detailed transition plan to the U.S. Soccer Board of Directors on becoming the youth State Association consistent with the timeline set forth above;
  - c. WYSA Inc. must also submit monthly reports to the U.S. Soccer Board of Directors for the next six months that detail its progress as the new youth State Association; and
  - d. WSA must submit monthly reports to the U.S. Soccer Board of Directors for the next six months on the progress of transition of its authority as the recognized State Association for youth soccer in Wisconsin.



The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

### **COLORADO STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION UPDATE**

Mike Edwards updated the Board on the progress of CSSA in complying with the terms of its probation. He informed the Board that things were progressing a little slowly but that CSSA was working to comply with the terms of probation.

### **RATIFICATION OF 2010 FIFA REFEREE AND ASSISTANT REFEREE PANEL**

Greg Fike updated the Board on the need to ratify the 2010 FIFA Referee and Assistant Referee Panel, which had already been approved by email by the Board. It was **MOVED** to ratify the decision to approve the 2010 FIFA Referee and Assistant Referee Panel. The motion **PASSED**.

### **RATIFICATION OF 2011 AGM LOCATION**

Greg Fike updated the Board on the need to ratify the decision to hold the 2011 AGM in Las Vegas, which had already been approved by email by the Board. It was **MOVED** to ratify the decision to hold the 2011 AGM in Las Vegas. The motion **PASSED**.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dan Flynn presented a proposed budget for FY 2011, which included a projected deficit of \$2.9 million. Dave Eldridge provided a report from the Budget Committee regarding its review of the proposed budget. It was **MOVED** to adopt the proposed budget. The motion **PASSED**.

### **2010 LIFE MEMBER APPLICATIONS**

Sunil Gulati updated the Board on the Life Member nominations that had been received in time for consideration at the 2010 AGM.

### **POLICY 521-1 (INTERNATIONAL GAMES)**

President Gulati presented the proposed amendment to USSF Policy 521-1 requiring, when appropriate, a licensed FIFA Match Agent to arrange international games in the United States pursuant to FIFA rules. The amendment would take effect on January 1, 2010. It was **MOVED** to adopt the amendment to Policy 521-1. The motion **PASSED**.

### **POLICY 102(3)-1 (COACHING)**

President Gulati informed the Board that U.S. Soccer staff, in conjunction with the Rules Committee, was in the process of revising a draft amendment to USSF Policy 102(3)-1(Coaching) that would be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

### **U.S. CLUB SOCCER GRIEVANCE**

President Gulati updated the Board on status of the grievance involving several Organization Members including U.S. Club Soccer and U.S. Youth Soccer.

### **PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE TASK FORCE**

President Gulati introduced the Professional League Task Force and the process of requesting reports from all current professional league members.



Mr. Flynn updated the Board on the report submitted by MLS. Don Garber provided additional information about MLS. It was **MOVED** to accept the report of MLS and reaffirm MLS as a Division I Men's Outdoor League, Professional Member of U.S. Soccer. The motion **PASSED**. President Gulati, Mr. Garber and Mr. Payne abstained from voting on this motion.

Mr. Flynn updated the Board on the report submitted by WPS. Mary Harvey provided additional information about WPS. It was **MOVED** to accept the report of WPS and reaffirm WPS as a Division I Women's Outdoor League, Professional Member of U.S. Soccer with the following conditions for the 2010 season that: 1) teams may employ three positions as full-time in-season and part-time out of season: assistant coach, trainer and clerical staff; 2) teams may hire a consultant for the following position, rather than a fulltime employee: finance director. The motion **PASSED**.

Mr. Flynn updated the Board on the report submitted by MISL. The MISL requested a waiver for the six team requirement. The Board accepted MISL's report but directed the Professional League Task Force to follow-up with MISL to request additional information.

Mr. Flynn updated the Board on the reports submitted by USL regarding USL1 and USL2. Francisco Marcos provided additional information about USL1 and USL2

### **GOOD OF THE GAME**

Brooks McCormick updated the Board on the strategic planning session conducted by USASA. Carlos Cordeiro recognized the efforts of the Bid Committee. Larry Monaco congratulated David Downs and the Bid Committee on its work. He also congratulated Peter Vermes on becoming the head coach of the Kansas City Wizards. Jon McCullough wished Peter Vermes a happy birthday and thanked him for his leadership on the Athletes Council. Kevin Payne informed the Board about the 2010 U.S. Soccer Foundation Gala being held in Washington D.C. Jim Hamilton welcomed everyone to Seattle. Mr. Garber welcomed the Board to the 2009 MLS Cup. Fabian Núñez thanked the Bid Committee for its work. Mr. Flynn thanked MLS for hosting the Board meeting.

*[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 4:30 p.m.

