

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
FEBRUARY 11, 2011
7:30 A.M. MT

PRESENT: Sunil Gulati, Jeff Agoos, Dr. S. Robert Contiguglia, Carlos Cordeiro, Mike Edwards, Daniel Flynn, Danielle Fotopoulos, Don Garber, Richard Groff, Burton Haines, Jim Hamilton, Jon McCullough, Fabian Núñez, Bob Palmeiro, Donna Shalala, John Sutter.

BY PHONE: Tonya Antonucci.

IN ATTENDANCE: Melissa Biniewicz, Gregory Fike, Ed Foster-Simeon, Eric Gleason, Lisa Levine, Brian Remedi

President Gulati called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Melissa Biniewicz took roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 21, 2010 meeting in Toronto and the executive session minutes for the same meeting. The minutes for the meeting were **APPROVED**.

PRESIDENT'S/SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

President Gulati updated the Board on the recent technical staff hires of April Heinrichs, Jill Ellis and Dave Chesler, as well as, the upcoming Women's World Cup in 2011.

Dan Flynn updated the Board on the current financials for FY2011. He also informed the Board about U.S. Soccer sponsorship and activation around National Team games. The Board was updated on the status of the Hall of Fame. Information regarding U.S. Soccer's work on concussion prevention and management was provided to the Board

Mike Edwards updated the Board on the Referee Committee activities regarding a new national assistant referee track and other referee education initiatives.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Greg Fike updated the Board on the status of the Wisconsin financial review and informed the Board that there were a couple of possible issues outstanding that would hopefully be resolved by the next Board meeting. The Board requested that the U.S. Soccer staff continue to work on resolving this issue as expeditiously as possible.



PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES UPDATES

Mr. Flynn informed the Board that USL Pro requested a waiver because four of its fifteen teams would be competing outside of the United States, which is more than the permitted twenty-five percent. It was **MOVED** to approve the waiver. The motion **PASSED**.

NEVADA STATE REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Fike informed the Board that the state of Nevada had appointed Roger Tabor as the State Referee Administrator.

POLICY 214-2, ADULT U-20 LEAGUE

Richard Groff introduced a policy to reduce per player fees for U-20 leagues to \$1 regardless of a player's age in that league. It was **MOVED** to approve the amendment to Policy 214-2. The motion **PASSED**.

APPLICATION BY INDIANA TO BECOME A JOINT STATE ASSOCIATION

Mr. Fike updated the Board on the recommendation of the Rules Committee regarding the application of the Indiana Soccer Association to become a joint State Association. It was **MOVED** to provisionally approve the Indiana Soccer Association as a joint State Association. The motion **PASSED**.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Foster-Simeon, the President/CEO of the U.S. Soccer Foundation, updated the Board on the activities of the Foundation.

U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVES

President Gulati recommended the appointment of Don Garber and Donna Shalala to the U.S. Soccer Foundation Board of Directors. It was **MOVED** to appoint Don Garber and Donna Shalala to the U.S. Soccer Foundation Board of Directors. The motion **PASSED**.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO POLICY 214-2

John Sutter withdrew his proposed amendment to Policy 214-2.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO POLICY 531-1

Mr. Edwards informed the Board that the Referee Committee would be making a policy proposal that Organization Members have a point of contact for allegations of referee abuse and assault.

INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

President Gulati recommended that Carlos Cordeiro and Fabian Núñez be nominated for reelection as Independent Directors. It was **MOVED** to nominate Carlos Cordeiro and Fabian Núñez to serve as independent directors for the U.S. Soccer Board of Directors. The motion **PASSED**.

[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 11:40 a.m.

