

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1, 2012
9:30 A.M. PT

PRESENT: Sunil Gulati, Mike Edwards, Dan Flynn, Jeff Agoos, Bill Bosgraaf, Dr. Robert Contiguglia, Evelyn Gill, Richard Groff, Burton Haimés, Jon McCollough, Fabian Nunez, Kevin Payne, John Sutter.

TELEPHONE: Carlos Cordeiro.

REGRETS: Danielle Fotopoulos, Don Garber, Donna Shalala.

IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Cardenas, Gregory Fike, Eric Gleason, Lisa Levine, Asher Mendelsohn, Brian Remedi, Duncan Riddle (USASA).

President Gulati called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Linda Cardenas took roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 15, 2012 meeting in Mexico City; the executive session minutes for the same meeting; and the executive session minutes for the Board telephone conference on November 14, 2012. The minutes for the meetings were **APPROVED**.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gulati updated the Board about the FIFA reform process. He also advised the Board that CONCACAF would have an executive committee meeting in the next week.

CEO/SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

Dan Flynn updated the Board on the financial status of U.S. Soccer, which was positive to budget year to date for FY2013. Jurgen Klinsmann updated the Board on the men's national team activities in 2012 and the upcoming qualification process for the 2014 FIFA World Cup. Mr. Flynn, Mike Edwards and Asher Mendelsohn informed the Board about the progress of PRO, the referee joint venture with MLS. Mr. Flynn and Dr. Robert Contiguglia updated the Board on the Hall of Fame board meeting that took place on November 30, 2012. Brian Remedi provided the Board with details about U.S. Soccer's centennial plans.



FY2014 BUDGET APPROVAL PROCESS

President Gulati informed the Board that there was no objection raised by the membership to the plan for the Board to approve the FY2014 budget prior to the start of FY2014 and for the FY2014 budget to be presented to the National Council for approval in June of 2013.

FY 2014 BUDGET

President Gulati informed the Board that due to several recent developments including the women's professional league, the budget would be revised and presented to the Board in February 2013. Carlos Cordeiro informed the Board that the draft FY2014 budget had been approved by the Budget Committee with a projected deficit of about \$3 million dollars.

WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE UPDATE

President Gulati updated the Board about the operational plans for the women's professional league. The Board discussed some of the details regarding the schedule, the Women's National Team players involvement and the involvement of the Canadian and Mexican Federations.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM CBA NEGOTIATIONS

President Gulati updated the Board on the continuing collective bargaining negotiations with the Women's National Team.

WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE STANDARDS

Lisa Levine presented the standards that had previously been proposed by the task force on professional league standards. President Gulati informed the Board that the standards were still being reviewed based on the recent developments in women's professional soccer.

TASK FORCE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF INTERNATIONAL GAMES FEES

President Gulati added Carlos Cordeiro to the task force.

PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES

Mr. Flynn updated the Board on the report submitted by MLS. It was **MOVED** to accept the report of MLS, grant the requested waiver and reaffirm MLS as a Division I Men's Outdoor League, Professional Member of U.S. Soccer. The motion **PASSED**. President Gulati, Kevin Payne and Jeff Agoos abstained from voting on this motion.

Mr. Flynn updated the Board on the report submitted by NASL. It was **MOVED** to accept the report of NASL, grant the requested waivers and reaffirm NASL as a Division II Men's Outdoor League, Professional Member of U.S. Soccer. The motion **PASSED**. President Gulati, Mr. Payne and Mr. Agoos abstained from voting on this motion.

Mr. Flynn updated the Board on the reports submitted by USL PRO. It was **MOVED** to accept the report of USL PRO and affirmed USL PRO as a Division III Men's Outdoor League, Professional Member of U.S. Soccer. The motion **PASSED**. President Gulati, Mr. Payne and Mr. Agoos abstained from voting on this motion.



USASA/ADULT COUNCIL STATUS UPDATE

Richard Groff provided the Board with an update on USASA's progress over the last year and its plans for the U.S. Soccer centennial year. He also introduced Duncan Riddle, USASA's new executive director.

2013 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

President Gulati informed the Board that the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 2013. The exact date and location would be determined.

(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 3:03 p.m.

