

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 17, 2013
9:00 A.M. ET

PRESENT: Sunil Gulati, Mike Edwards, Carlos Cordeiro, Dan Flynn, Jeff Agoos, Bill Bosgraff, Dr. Robert Contiguglia, Don Garber, Evelyn Gill, Richard Groff, Burton Haimes, John McCullough, Fabien Nunez, Kevin Payne, Donna Shalala, Danielle Slaton, John Sutter.

IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Cardenas, Eric Gleason, Tom King, Lisa Levine, Asher Mendelsohn, Brian Remedi.

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 1, 2012 meeting in Los Angeles and the executive session minutes for the same meeting. The draft minutes were amended to reflect that Jeff Agoos abstained from voting on the professional leagues approval. The minutes for the meeting were **APPROVED**.

PRESIDENT/SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

President Gulati updated the Board on the startup of the NWSL in April. He also apprised the Board on FIFA reform process and CONCACAF changes. President Gulati reminded the Board that the u-20 MNT starts qualifying the week of February 17th and u-17 MNT starts qualifying in April.

BUDGET UPDATE

Dan Flynn updated the Board on the favorable variance for the budget. Revenues from home games for the Women's National Team, Men's National Team and the revenues from international games were the main reasons for the favorable variance.

NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAMMING

Tom King updated the Board on the activities of the Men's National Team. He informed the board about the upcoming centennial game against Germany, the World Cup Qualifiers and the Gold Cup. The Board also discussed the possibility of televising the Algarve Cup in the United States.

HALL OF FAME UPDATE

Dan Flynn updated the Board on a possible location for a brick and mortar Hall of Fame. The Board also discussed how the Hall of Fame would be funded.



CENTENNIAL UPDATE

Brian Remedi updated the Board on the centennial activities. He informed the Board about activation at the NSCAA convention. He also presented some visuals for the AGM weekend in June 2013.

FY2014 BUDGET

President Gulati updated the revised budget which included an additional \$3 million for marketing and/or National team income. It was **MOVED** to approve the revised budget. The motion to approve the revised budget **PASSED** unanimously.

NWSL PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER SANCTIONING & INTERNATIONAL PLAYER LIMITS

President Gulati updated the Board on NWSL's request for waivers on size of fields in two or three markets. It was **MOVED** to approve the waivers for NWSL. The motion **PASSED**. President Gulati proposed that the international player limit for NWSL be two in addition to the players that were allocated by Mexico and Canada. It was **MOVED** to approve an international player limit of two in addition to the already allocated players. This motion **PASSED**.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM CBA NEGOTIATIONS

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

NASL WAIVER REQUEST

Mike Edwards informed the Board that NASL had requested a waiver for the number of teams required for the 2013 NASL spring season only. It was **MOVED** that the NASL request for a waiver be granted. The motion **PASSED**. President Gulati, Jeff Agoos, Don Garber and Kevin Payne abstained from the vote.

U.S OPEN CUP AMATEUR QUALIFICATION

Richard Groff informed the Board about proposals to change some of the entry requirements for the U.S. Open Cup.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED FOR 2013

Lisa Levine informed the Board that the proposed Bylaw amendments for the 2013 National Council meeting were included with their Board materials.

LIFE MEMBER NOMINATIONS FOR 2013

Mr. Edwards updated the Board on the Life Member task force and the two nominations that had been received for the 2013 AGM.

2013 INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

President Gulati informed the Board that there would be two Independent Director positions up for election at the 2013 National Council meeting. It was **MOVED** for the Board to recommend the current Independent Directors be re-elected. 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.

