

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 11, 2013
9:00 A.M. CT

PRESENT: Sunil Gulati, Mike Edwards, Carlos Cordeiro, Dr. Robert Contiguglia, Dan Flynn, Don Garber, Evelyn Gill, Richard Groff, John Motta, Fabien Nunez, Kevin Payne, Danielle Slaton, John Sutter

TELEPHONE: Donna Shalala

REGRETS: Jeff Agoos, Jon McCullough

IN ATTENDANCE: Marc Bahnsen, Linda Cardenas, Greg Fike, Amy Hopfinger, 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 February 17, 2013 meeting in Miami Beach and the minutes of the June 1, 2013 meeting in Washington, D.C. The minutes for the meetings were **APPROVED**.

PRESIDENT/SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

Jurgen Klinsmann updated the Board about the Men's National Team. President Gulati welcomed John Motta and Bill Sage back to the Board. Dan Flynn provided a financial update to the Board. President Gulati updated the Board on logistics for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. Mr. Flynn updated the Board on the current schedule of the youth national teams including qualifying for the U-20 Women's World Cup and the U-17 Women's World Cup. Brian Remedi updated the Board about U.S. Soccer's plans for the new training center in Kansas City. Captain Horace Burrell, President of the Jamaica Football Federation, addressed the Board. Mr. Flynn and Mr. Remedi introduced to the Board the concept of more significant donor levels for the Supporters' Club and donations for VIP experiences in Brazil during the 2014 World Cup. Mr. Flynn updated the Board on the recent success and plans for improving the fan experience around the Men's and Women's games.

HALL OF FAME

Mr. Flynn updated the Board on recent developments related to the Hall of Fame. Amy Hopfinger informed the Board that the Hall of Fame committee had five recommendations for changes to the election process. First, the committee recommended that anyone on the veteran's list for eligibility for the Hall of Fame be removed from the list after eight years of not receiving

votes, with the person being eligible to be re-nominated by the committee. It was **MOVED** to approve this change. The motion **PASSED**. Second, the committee recommended that athletes participating in indoor soccer between 1984 and 1992 be added to the eligibility list. It was **MOVED** to approve this change. The motion **PASSED**. Third, Dr. Robert Contiguglia informed the Board that the committee recommended that anyone currently suspended from FIFA, CONCACAF, U.S. Soccer, IOC or USOC be ineligible for the Hall of Fame while under such suspension. It was **MOVED** to approve this change. The motion **PASSED**. Fourth, the committee recommended that anyone currently employed by or elected to a position with U.S. Soccer cannot appear on the ballot while employed or serving the term of his or her election. It was **MOVED** to approve this change. The motion **PASSED**. Fifth, the committee recommended that it have the authority to recommend overlooked players be added to the Hall of Fame Ballot with the U.S. Soccer Board determining whether to add a particular player to the ballot in a particular year. It was **MOVED** to approve this change. The motion **PASSED**.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

President Gulati updated the Board on the progress from a memorandum of understanding to the long form CBA with the Women's National Team Players Association.

FIFA/CONCACAF

President Gulati updated the Board on the progress of FIFA and CONCACAF reforms.

PRO LEAGUE STANDARDS

President Gulati updated the Board on the progress of the task force in revising the Pro League Standards and indicated that the task force would try to have a proposal ready for the Board by the next meeting in December.

2014 AGM

President Gulati updated the Board on the 2014 AGM schedule and deadlines.

2013 NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING DRAFT TRANSCRIPT

Lisa Levine asked the Board to approve the draft transcript of the 2013 National Council Meeting, which had previously been distributed to the Board. It was **MOVED** to approve the draft transcript. The motion **PASSED**.

2015 AGM

President Gulati requested that the Board approve San Francisco, California, as the site for the 2015 AGM. It was **MOVED** to approve the San Francisco as the site for the 2015 AGM. The motion **PASSED**.

U.S. OPEN CUP ADULT COUNCIL RESOLUTION/ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Richard Groff requested that this resolution be forwarded to the Open Cup committee for review. The requested was granted.



NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP ADULT COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Mr. Groff indicated that it was his understanding that this item would be in the budget for FY 2015. It was agreed that this resolution would be reviewed with staff.

MANDATORY ADULT LIABILITY INSURANCE ADULT COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Mr. Groff introduced this resolution to the Board. It was referred to U.S. Soccer legal counsel for review by the next Board meeting.

FC DALLAS PARK

Mr. Flynn informed the Board that U.S. Soccer was in the process of reviewing its agreement with the soccer complex in Frisco. Mr. Flynn indicated that after speaking with outside legal counsel, staff recommends reducing the number of field days allowed to U.S. Soccer in exchange for more flexibility in scheduling events. It was **MOVED** to approve negotiation of the change with Frisco. The motion **PASSED**.

YOUTH TASK FORCE

President Gulati informed the Board that the Youth Task Force would be reconvening soon.

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE

President Gulati informed the Board that MLS requested a change in the qualifier for the CONCACAF Champions League from the MLS Cup runner-up to the conference champion during the regular season that did not win the Supporters Shield. It was **MOVED** to recommend this change to CONCACAF. The motion **PASSED**.

(At this point, the Board went into Executive Session. The minutes for this session are contained in a separate document.)

PRO UPDATE

Mike Edwards updated the Board on the progress of the Professional Referee Organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

