

**MINUTES**  
**UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**  
**JULY 19, 2001**  
**ATLANTA, GEORGIA**  
**8:00 A.M. EASTERN TIME**

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**PRESENT:** Dr. Robert S. Contiguglia, Sunil Gulati, William J. Goaziou, David Askinas, Marypat Bell, David Burton, Chris Christoffersen, John Doyle, Mike Edwards, Don Garber, Lauren Gregg, Burton Haimas, Larry Harmon, Mary Harvey, Sandra Hunt, Marge Madriago, Francisco Marcos, Brooks McCormick, David Messersmith, Bob Palmeiro, Kevin Payne, Cameron Rast, Charles Robinson, Darl Rose, Jim Sheldon, Bruno Trapikas, Wally Watson.

**VIA PHONE:** John Harkes, John Kerr, Lawrence Monaco, Alexander Para (joined 9:15 a.m.).

**APOLOGIES:** Barbara Allen, Fernando Clavijo, Amanda Cromwell, Tony DiCicco, Bob Gansler, Jonathan Kraft, Alan Rothenberg, Peter Vermes.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Daniel T. Flynn, Jay Berhalter, Rich Matthys, Julie Ilacqua, Bob Albus, David Eldridge, Herb Giobbi, Brad Hays, Tom King, Alison Kocoras, Mike Malamut, Parliamentarian, Dave McKee, John Collins.

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President Contiguglia called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. He welcomed Alison Kocoras as the new general counsel, and thanked John Collins, outgoing general counsel, for his service. Julie Ilacqua then called the roll and the President announced a quorum was present.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Contiguglia spoke briefly of his recent travel to Argentina as a member of the FIFA organizing committee for the Under-20 World Championship. He complimented the showing of the U.S. team. He also noted that the U.S. teams in the age group from 17 to 20 still have work to do if they are to achieve the competitive level of other countries. Dr. Contiguglia discussed the meeting of the FIFA Extraordinary Congress, which met in Argentina. He reported that FIFA is in a good financial position, and called the board's attention to two major resolutions passed at the FIFA meeting: the first relating to racism, the second relating to FIFA's creation of an international appeals panel. Copies of these resolutions were distributed to the board. Finally, Dr. Contiguglia reported that the Federation's Executive Committee had given its approval to enter final negotiations on an agreement with Anschutz Entertainment Group for a national training center as well as a partnership with the U.S. Soccer Federation Foundation for a capital campaign for the NTC. He explained that the agreements were not final, and there were still a lot of details to work out.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 6, 2001 Board meeting in Dallas, Texas. Larry Monaco noted that the statements on pages two and four of the minutes discussing certain adoptions of the Board should be understood as a recommendation for adoption by the National Council. Sunil Gulati noted a mathematical error on page 3, and asked that the numbers be amended so that they are consistent with the statement actually made. Marge Madriago asked that her name be added to the list of “no” votes for the international games fee resolution on page three. The minutes of the May 6, 2001 Board meeting were **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** with the amendments suggested by Mr. Monaco, Mr. Gulati, and Ms. Madriago.

### **SECRETARY GENERAL’S REPORT**

(At this point the President asked that the meeting be closed for an Executive Session, so that the Board might discuss confidential marketing and financial data in connection with the Year in Review presentation and the national training center agreement. Minutes for the Executive Session have been prepared separately.)

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

U.S. Soccer Treasurer William Goaziou reported that the Federation was projected to have a surplus by the end of the year of approximately \$300,000. He noted that the Federation was originally budgeted to have a deficit of \$2.2 million.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dr. Contiguglia announced that the next Board meeting will be the weekend of October 20<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, Ohio. He stated that the date of the 2002 AGM was still undecided, due to the need to schedule around the World Cup. He asked the board members to offer input to the Executive Committee as to their preferences on dates and location of the next AGM.

Mr. Palmeiro **MOVED** to amend the motion adopted at the May 6, 2001 Board meeting to accept Soccer Rhode Island as the State Association Member for Rhode Island, so that the adopted motion would no longer state that it was “contingent upon satisfaction of these conditions.” Mr. Rose proposed that Mr. Palmeiro’s motion be amended so that the conditions only be lifted with respect to five individuals: Oscar DeLemos, Steve Votolato, Pat Votolato, Ted vonGerichten, and Jim Kelly. The amendment was accepted by Mr. Palmeiro. Mr. Palmeiro’s motion, as amended by Mr. Rose, **PASSED** by general consent.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Contiguglia **MOVED** to form an ad hoc committee to make a recommendation to the Board for a Werner Fricker Memorial Award, with the committee to be chaired by Marge Madriago, and to be made up of Kevin Payne, Phil Woosman, Bob Gansler, and Werner Fricker, Jr. Dr. Contiguglia’s motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Ms. Bell **MOVED** that the proposed amendment to Policy 431-1, brought forward by the Rules Committee, relating to committee names and duties, be adopted. Mr. Monaco proposed that the section relating to the Budget Committee be amended by deleting the line reading “as proposed by the Secretary General.” The motion, as amended by Mr. Monaco, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Mr. Edwards **MOVED** that the proposed amendment to Policies 521-1 through 521-3, brought forward by the Rules Committee, relating to international games, be adopted. Mr. McCormick proposed an amendment to the policy, so that section 3 would read:

For international soccer competitions played in the United States involving at least one national team or otherwise promoted by the Federation, the Federation shall pay the following fee which shall be divided equally between the local Adult and Youth State Associations: (a) from September 1, 2001 through August 31, 2002, a gross fee of 1.5% of gross gate receipts and (b) from September 1, 2002 through August 31, 2003, a gross fee of .75% of gross gate receipts. After August 31, 2003, the Federation shall not pay any fees to the local State Association members for these international soccer competitions.

Mr. McCormick further proposed that a Section 4 be added to read:

For international soccer competitions not included in Section 3 above, the state Adult and Youth associations in the territory where the match is played shall receive a percentage of the net sanctioning fee received by the Federation equal to 2.5% of the gross ticket sales to be divided equally between the Adult and Youth State Associations as compensation for assisting the Federation and enforcing its sanctioning requirements.

Ms. Madriago then proposed that the amendment be amended to remove the word “otherwise” in Section 3. The proposed amendment by Mr. McCormick, as amended by Ms. Madriago, **PASSED**, with a no vote from Mr. Trapikas, and Mr. Haines abstaining. Mr. Edwards’ motion, as amended by Mr. McCormick, **PASSED** by general consent.

Mr. Edwards **MOVED** that the proposed amendment to Policy 531-8, brought forward by the Rules Committee, relating to assignment of game officials, be adopted. Mr. Monaco **MOVED** to delete the words “Under 10” from the proposed amendment. Mr. Monaco’s motion **PASSED**. Mr. Payne then **MOVED** to replace the last sentence of the proposed amendment with the following language: “This section does not apply to an assignment to any youth recreational or house league match. Section 7 of Policy 531-8 shall become effective on September 1, 2002.” Mr. Edwards’ motion, as amended by Mr. Monaco and Mr. Payne, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

#### **GRIEVANCE PANEL RECOMMENDATION – COLORADO SPRINGS**

Mr. Askinas **MOVED** that the Board adopt the recommendation of the grievance panel in the grievance George R. Burns and Colorado Springs Soccer Club vs. Colorado State Soccer Association. The motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

#### **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

It was **MOVED** that the National Association of Competitive Soccer Clubs be approved as a national affiliate member. The motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**. It was **MOVED** that Southeastern Sports Management be approved as an Organization Member under the “Other Affiliate” category. Mr. Burton then **MOVED** to table the motion, and to refer it back to USSF staff to determine whether the organization meets all qualifications of membership. Mr. Burton’s motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, and thus the application was **TABLED**.

### **INFORMATIONAL UPDATE**

Ms. Kocoras updated the Board on new policy 214-2, relating to membership fees, and distributed copies of the new policy.

Ms. Madriago **MOVED** to amend the international fees resolution adopted at the May Board meeting, so that it would include the following sentence: “This fee reduction for international games shall apply only to international competitions played in the United States involving at least one National Team or promoted by the Federation. The motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.”

### **GOOD OF THE GAME**

Mr. Messersmith expressed his appreciation for the Board’s actions with respect to Soccer Rhode Island. Mr. Payne noted that there has already been a great deal of success selling tickets for the September 1<sup>st</sup> doubleheader. Ms. Madriago thanked Secretary General Flynn for his responsiveness on the issues of international game clearances. Mr. Watson thanked the Vermont Youth for their efforts to organize an amateur state association. Mr. Askinas thanked the USSF Communications department for their hard work, and remarked on the great job they had done keeping everyone informed about aspects of the game. Mr. Haimes noted that all 11 directors of AYSO would be at the AGM, along with several section directors, and pointed out several officers and directors in the audience. Mr. Haimes also described AYSO’s new Kids Zone program, and encouraged support for the program.

Dr. Contiguglia congratulated the WUSA for its inaugural season, and thanked Lauren Gregg for her integral involvement with that success. Ms. Gregg expressed her appreciation for the cooperation the WUSA had received from MLS and USSF.

Mr. Harmon noted that the Snickers Cup would be in Lawrence, Indiana, and invited all to attend. Mr. Edwards thanked Secretary General Flynn and IMG for bringing in Philips Electronics as a sponsor.

Mr. Gulati noted that the experience in Argentina highlights the need to focus on player development. He also pointed out the need to increase diversity efforts in USSF and other soccer organizations, to adequately represent minorities.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.