

**MINUTES**  
**UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 28, 2000**  
**ONEONTA, NEW YORK**  
**8:30 AM EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME**

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**PRESENT:** Dr. Robert S. Contiguglia, Sunil Gulati, William J. Goaziou, Alan Rothenberg, David Askinas, Marypat Bell, David Burton. Mike Edwards, Terry Fisher, Daniel T. Flynn, Werner Fricker Sr., Bob Gansler, Don Garber, Burton Haimes, Mary Harvey, Sandra Hunt, Marge Madriago, Francisco Marcos, Brooks McCormick, Larry Monaco Jr., Bob Palmeiro, Alex Para, Charles Robinson, Darl Rose, Bruno Trapikas, Wally Watson, Peter Wilt

**VIA PHONE:** Chris Christoffersen, Amanda Cromwell, Larry Harmon, Kevin Payne, Cameron Rast, Jim Sheldon

**APOLOGIES:** Brandi Chastain, Thomas Dooley, John Doyle, John Harkes, Jonathan Kraft, Marty Mankameyer, Dave Messersmith

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jay Berhalter, John Collins, Tony DiCicco, Dave Eldridge, Herb Giobbi, Jim Hamilton, Julie Ilacqua, Tom King, Charles Marshall, Fritz Marth, Rich Matthys, Thom Meredith, William Sage, Linda Juteau, parliamentarian

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The meeting was called to order by President Contiguglia at 8:32 a.m., who first introduced new Board member, Sandra Hunt, appointed to the remaining term of the Referee Director. He further introduced Tony DiCicco and Thom Meredith, representing the Women's United Soccer Association. The President then introduced Will Lunn, Director of the National Soccer Hall of Fame, for brief words of welcome.

Dan Flynn then called the roll and the President announced a quorum was present.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed and unanimously **APPROVED** as distributed the minutes of the August 17, 2000 Board meeting.

**APPROVAL OF NATIONAL COUNCIL RECORD**

The Board next reviewed and unanimously **APPROVED**, pursuant to section 6 of Bylaw 303, the preliminary National Council Meeting Record as presented.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Contiguglia congratulated Bob Gansler and the Kansas City Wizards for winning MLS Cup, Peter Wilt and the Chicago Fire for winning the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, and Don Garber for a successful MLS Cup. Dr. Contiguglia further congratulated the men's and women's U.S. Olympic Soccer Teams for their performances in Sydney.

President Contiguglia announced that several Board members recently had been appointed to FIFA committees: namely, Mary Harvey to the Women's Committee, Alan Rothenberg to the Marketing and World Cup 2002 Committees, Sunil Gulati to the Club Championship Committee, and himself to the Youth Championship Committee.

### **SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT**

Secretary General Dan Flynn presented Phase II of the USSF Strategic Business Plan to the Board. After discussion, it was **MOVED** by William Goaziou that the Board endorse the goals and objectives of the Business Plan as presented, subject to a determination by the membership of funding levels. The motion **PASSED** by voice vote. Bruno Trapikas voted against the motion.

Next, the Board discussed what additional revenues were necessary and from what sources those revenues would come. It was determined that this would be a major topic of discussion at the next Board meeting in early 2001.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

U. S. Soccer Treasurer, William J. Goaziou, asked if there were any questions on the financial statements for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2000 that were included in the Board Book. There being none, he turned to Dave Eldridge, Chairman of the Budget Committee, to present budget amendments to the previously adopted FY '01 budget. Marge Madriago **MOVED** that the budget amendments as proposed in the Board Book be approved. Larry Monaco requested a separate vote be taken on those budget amendment items relating to committees until after the Task Force on Committees and Policies presented its report. This request being accepted, the budget amendments were unanimously **APPROVED** as proposed.

### **OTHER REPORTS**

#### **FIFA WOMEN'S FOOTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Mary Harvey reported on the recent meeting in Zurich at which a number of recommendations for the women's game were discussed, including a youth world championship for women, the 2003 Women's World Cup, and the 2004 Olympics.

## TASK FORCE ON COMMITTEES AND POLICIES

Charles Marshall, Task Force Chairman, presented a comprehensive report on all Federation Committees, including both general conclusions and specific recommendations that some committees be eliminated, some be combined, and others continue with similar functions. After discussion, Larry Monaco **MOVED** that the report as presented be approved preliminarily, with the understanding that specific policy language to implement the recommendations would be presented to the Board, and Bylaw amendments presented to the National Council. The motion **PASSED** by voice vote.

Larry Monaco then **MOVED** that the budget amendments dealing with committees be approved. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

## U. S. SOCCER FOUNDATION

Jim Hamilton, President, and Herb Giobbi, Executive Director, reported on the status of a number of Foundation programs, including player development funding, enhancement of grant programs, expansion of proactive programs, and future development campaigns.

## RHODE ISLAND YOUTH BOARD MEMBER PETITIONS

Mike Edwards reported that the special committee had reviewed several petitions from Board members of Rhode Island Youth Soccer Association to reconsider the May 20, 2000 Board decision regarding these individuals. The committee has determined not to recommend any modification of the previous decisions.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bruno Trapikas agreed with the Task Force on Committees and Policies report that the Credentials Committee oversee mail voting procedures and withdrew this item from consideration.

## NEW BUSINESS

### AMENDMENTS TO POLICY 601

Larry Monaco **MOVED** that the proposed amendments to Policy 601-4 Amateur Reinstatement, and Policy 601-6 Youth International Clearances be approved. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

### MLS INTERNATIONAL PLAYER RULE

Don Garber introduced Ivan Gazidis from MLS, who requested a continuation of the international player rule to allow for up to five international players per team, of which no more than four would be senior international players (players 25 years old and older). Werner Fricker **MOVED** that the MLS proposal be adopted. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

### FIFA INTERNATIONAL REFEREE PANEL

William J. Goaziou **MOVED** that the FIFA International Referee Panel be approved as presented. The motion **PASSED** unanimously. Sandra Hunt abstained.

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

After a brief discussion, President Contiguglia announced that he intended to revise and recirculate the committee appointment list and would submit it for approval at the next Board meeting.

#### FUTURE AGM DATES

Mike Edwards **MOVED** that the AGM be held annually over the third weekend in August. After discussion, Edwards withdrew the motion.

#### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY

William J. Goaziou **MOVED** to approve the amended Conflicts of Interest Policy as presented in the Board Book. After a discussion, the motion was **POSTPONED** until the next Board Meeting.

#### DWARF ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Marypat Bell **MOVED** that the Dwarf Athletic Association of America be granted USSF membership under the “other affiliate” category. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

#### AMPUTEE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA AND TRINIDAD & TOBAGO ASSOCIATION

Marypat Bell reported that the Rules Committee determined that these applications were incomplete and therefore withdrew these items from consideration by the Board.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Burton Haimes indicated that the WUSA had submitted a status report to him the previous day, and his committee would be reviewing it.

President Contiguglia asked for approval of a committee consisting of Mike Edwards as chairman, Marypat Bell, Burton Haimes, David Messersmith, and Cameron Rast to review applications for the Rhode Island State Youth Association membership position. William J. Goaziou **MOVED** that the proposed committee be approved. After discussion on the composition of the committee, the question was called and the motion **PASSED** with five NO votes.

#### FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME

Dave Eldridge made note of the passing of Ron Higgins of Dallas, a devoted friend of soccer.

Will Lunn thanked the Board for holding its meeting in Oneonta, and introduced the Hall of Fame members in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.