

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2003
CHICAGO, IL
8:00 A.M. EASTERN TIME

- PRESENT:** Dr. Robert Contiguglia, Sunil Gulati, William J. Goaziou, David Askinas, Marypat Bell, John Bouda, David Burton, Chris Christoffersen, Tony DiCicco, John Doyle, Mike Edwards, Werner Fricker Jr., Richard Groff, Burton Haimes, John Harkes, Mary Harvey, John Kerr Jr., Marge Madriago, Francisco Marcos, Brooks McCormick, Robert McGee, David Messersmith, Lynn Morgan, Bob Palmeiro, Alex Para, Kevin Payne, Darl Rose, Bill Sage, Bruno Trapikas, Peter Vermes, Matt Weibe.
- VIA PHONE:** Amanda Cromwell, Evelyn Gill, Lauren Gregg, Larry Harmon, Cameron Rast, Alan Rothenberg, Jim Sheldon.
- APOLOGIES:** Bob Gansler, Don Garber, John Harkes, Jonathan Kraft, Dante Washington.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Daniel T. Flynn, Jay Berhalter, Rich Matthys, Alison Kocoras, Timothy Pinto, Bob Albus, Julie Ilacqua, Kati Hope, Mike Malamut, Parliamentarian, Debra Resling, Reporter, David Eldridge, David Tyahla.
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President Contiguglia called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Bob Albus took roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Contiguglia reported on his visit to the General Assembly of International Sports Federations, which he attended on behalf of FIFA. He also provided an update on the status of the U-20 World Championships set for the United Arab Emirates, which might be delayed given the current situation in the Middle East. He discussed the current USOC problems, and explained that there is an internal governance committee looking at a number of ethics and conflicts issues. Dr. Contiguglia stated that he wanted U.S. Soccer to examine its own affairs in these areas and would initiate such an effort.

Dr. Contiguglia congratulated the Women's National Team on winning the Four Nations Cup, and discussed the effort to prepare for the World Cup. For the Men's Team, he noted that the Confederations Cup would be a challenge, as the team has a tough draw.

SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

Dan Flynn presented a brief financial overview for U.S. Soccer through December 2002, and discussed spending and budget plans for 2003. He invited Tom King to discuss plans for the Women's World Cup. Mr. King explained security plans, hotel plans, and venue plans, and how U.S. Soccer was planning for the World Cup.

Mr. Flynn then asked Julie Ilacqua to speak about referee registration efforts. Ms. Ilacqua described the staffing of the department and reported on how the improvements made to the registration process have allowed us to track this segment of our business in a much more precise manner.

Mr. Flynn noted that USSF's website was being redesigned and discussed some of the new features. He discussed the organization of the coaching department and the programs and services it is offering. Mr. Flynn asked Tom King to discuss plans for the 2003 Open Cup. Mr. King described the timing,



format, and budget. Richard Groff noted that there was concern about the number of USASA teams, as opposed to the number of PDL teams, that advance to the second round of the Open Cup. He suggested there should be a new procedure for selecting which teams advance. Dr. Contiguglia indicated that this was a proposal that the Open Cup Committee could consider.

Dave Tyahla, from the U.S. Soccer Foundation, reported on the annual banquet coming up in Washington, D.C. He updated the board on who would be attending and invited all board members to attend.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Goaziou updated the board on the current financial status of U.S. Soccer. He noted that U.S. Soccer was currently preparing a request for bids from several accounting firms. He asked David Eldridge, chair of the budget committee, to speak. Mr. Eldridge described the timeline for the budget process for 2003. Mr. Goaziou asked Rich Matthys to discuss the variances in the latest budget report. Mr. Matthys explained the variances briefly, and answered questions from board members about specific variances.

[At this point a brief recess was taken, so that the Board could reconvene in a different room for more formal business]

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 16, 2002 Board meeting in Washington, D.C.. Timothy Pinto read several technical corrections to those minutes that had been suggested by the parliamentarian. Mary Harvey noted that Cameron Rast should be listed as being present by phone. Kevin Payne asked that the minutes reflect that Mr. Bouda agreed to raise an issue about using the regular U.S. Soccer logo for referees. With these corrections, the minutes were **APPROVED** by unanimous consent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alison Kocoras provided an update on efforts to collect financial information and bylaws from Organization Members.

Mike Edwards **MOVED** that any Organization Members not in full compliance be notified that they have 45 days to comply or the board will take actions to place them in bad standing. Mr. Groff suggested changing the deadline to March 31, and Mr. Edwards accepted this as a friendly amendment. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Ms. Kocoras updated the board on what had occurred in the grievance against Florida Youth Soccer Association. She explained that the Executive Committee had adopted a final decision, and that FYSA would be submitting a compliance plan.

MaryPat Bell presented a proposed amendment to Policy 601-7, as well as a new Policy 601-9. Mike Edwards **MOVED** that the proposals be brought to the floor. The motion **PASSED** unanimously. Marge Madriago **MOVED** to approve the policies as submitted. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Burton Haimes **MOVED** that the board pass a resolution as follows: "Resolved, that all Organization Members shall file annually with USSF a certificate of insurance covering all their insurance policies and that no organization member may use insurance to prohibit players or teams from participating in competitions sponsored by any organization member or member thereof." The motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

Kevin Payne asked for an update on the resolution of the Beyers grievance against CYSA-North. Mr. Pinto provided a brief update. He explained that CYSA-North had passed a new rule at its annual meeting that allows players to register in any league in any district.



NEW BUSINESS

Brooks McCormick **MOVED** that the recreational referee uniform guidelines be amended to include an additional color scheme. The motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATE

The Board briefly discussed the audit report contained in the board book.

(At this point the President asked that the meeting be closed for an Executive Session. Minutes for the Executive Session have been prepared separately.)

GOOD OF THE GAME

Mr. Groff asked that everyone give their support to ENYSSA and express sympathy for their loss of Livio D'Arpino, who worked with them as a coach and administrator for more than 20 years. Mary Harvey noted that a Player's Bill of Rights proposal would be circulated shortly. John Bouda noted that Larry Monaco's father had recently passed away and invited all to send their condolences.

President Contiguglia adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

