

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
FRISCO, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 11, 2006
1:00 P.M. CENTRAL TIME

PRESENT: Sunil Gulati, Mike Edwards, Bill Bosgraaf, Paul Caligiuri, Dr. S. Robert Contiguglia, Daniel Flynn, Don Garber, Burton Haimes, Linda Hamilton, Brooks McCormick, Mike McDaniel, Kevin Payne, Peter Vermes.

VIA TELEPHONE: Bill Goaziou, Larry Monaco.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Eldridge, Jay Berhalter, Timothy Pinto, Richard Matthys, Gregory Fike, Asher Mendelsohn.

President Gulati called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Asher Mendelsohn took roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 18, 2006 Board meeting by telephone. The minutes were **APPROVED** unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S/SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

President Gulati informed the Board that the president of the Mexican Federation would be stopping by the Board meeting. He also updated the Board on U.S. Soccer's initiative with the State Department to perform outreach in other countries. The program of sending players and coaches to Bahrain, South Africa, Uganda and Nigeria was very successful. U.S. Soccer's players and coaches including the late Glenn Myernick put in extraordinary effort to participate in this program. President Gulati told the Board that he would like to move forward with U.S. Soccer's plans for outreach in the inner-cities throughout the United States. Lastly, President Gulati stated that there are plans to announce an exploratory committee for hosting a future Men's World Cup in the United States in December.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Goaziou informed the Board that U.S. Soccer is in a strong financial position.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Greg Fike updated the Board regarding the launch of the Risk Management Database.

NOMINATION OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

Tim Pinto updated the Board regarding the nomination of independent directors.



2007 AGM UPDATE

Mr. Fike updated that Board regarding the registration for the 2007 AGM and the requirement that if an Organization member registers for the AGM, the Organization Member must show up to the National Council Meeting to cast its vote. Asher Mendelsohn updated the Board on the on-line registration process for the AGM.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan Flynn provided an overview of the FY2008 Budget. The Budget for FY2008 is projected to run at a deficit because of the significant number of National Team Events scheduled for the fiscal year. Dave Eldridge provided an overview of the Budget's Committee's decision to recommend the FY2008 budget. The budget committee was not concerned about the deficit for the fiscal year because of the strong financial position of U.S. Soccer. It was **MOVED** to adopt the FY2008 Budget. The Board discussed the FY2008 Budget. It was **MOVED** to amend the Budget to remove the line items related to the creation of a national league by U.S. Soccer. The motion to amend the FY2008 Budget **PASSED**. The motion to adopt the FY2008 Budget **PASSED**.

REFEREE UNIFORMS

Mr. Flynn presented a request that the Board approve adding the color green to the official referee uniform design. No change has been made to the design or color of referee uniforms in the last five years and no referees are required to purchase the new uniforms. It was **MOVED** to approve the new color green for the official referee uniforms. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

NEW POLICIES

Larry Monaco moved to adopt two new policies regarding referees and recognition of suspensions and postpone the consideration of the policies until the Board meeting in February 2007. The policies were referred to the Rules Committee for further consideration.

STRATEGY SESSION

Dan Flynn provided an overview of player development and presented some of the initiatives that had been discussed by the Technical Committee. One of the programs that the Technical Committee discussed was the formation of a national league for the boys' U-16 age group that would include about 80 clubs. The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of a national league organized by U.S. Soccer. It was determined that the issue would be continue to be discussed.

FINDING THE NUMBER 10

Jay Berhalter updated the Board regarding the Finding the Number 10 television program. He informed the Board that there had been two successful test programs, one in Miami and the other in Houston. He also told the Board that discussions with ESPN regarding the broadcast of the program were ongoing.

NATIONAL REFEREE PROGRAM

Mr. Flynn informed the Board that U.S. Soccer was planning on launching a National Referee Program. The National Referee Program would start with four full-time referees hired by U.S.



Soccer. The goal of the program would be to create a professional full-time staff of referees that could referee professional and international games.

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

GOOD OF THE GAME

Burton Haimen informed the Board that the FIFA Ethics and Fair Play Committee had been split into two committees and that he was now a member of the FIFA Ethics Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

