

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2003
CHICAGO, IL
8:00 A.M. CENTRAL TIME

- PRESENT:** Dr. Robert Contiguglia, Sunil Gulati, William J. Goaziou, David Askinas, Marypat Bell, John Bouda, David Burton, Chris Christoffersen, Kevin Crow, Tony DiCicco, Mike Edwards, Werner Fricker Jr., Don Garber, Evelyn Gill, Richard Groff, Burton Haimas, Larry Harmon, 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, Alan Rothenberg, Bill Sage, Jim Sheldon, Bruno Trapikas, Peter Vermes, Matt Weibe.
- VIA PHONE:** None
- APOLOGIES:** Amanda Cromwell, John Doyle, Bob Gansler, John Harkes, Jonathan Kraft, Cameron Rast, Dante Washington.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Daniel T. Flynn, Jay Berhalter, Rich Matthys, Alison Kocoras, Timothy Pinto, Katherine Hope, Julie Ilacqua, Mike Malamut, Parliamentarian, Debra Resling, Reporter.
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President Contiguglia called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Katherine Hope took roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Contiguglia provided an update on hosting the 2003 FIFA Women's World Cup, including an update on ticket sales and a description of how USSF was working with FIFA, the Womens' World Cup Organizing Committee and others involved in presenting the event.

Dr. Contiguglia provided an overview of recent activities by the various national teams. He also updated the board on the appointment of a task force on governance. He reported that Dave Messersmith and John Koskinen would be co-chairs for this task force. He noted that there would be an effort to bring in an outside consulting firm to assist the task force and to make recommendations for change, if they feel any is called for. Dr. Contiguglia also reported that Sunil Gulati would be chairing a task force on inclusion and diversity.

Dr. Contiguglia also discussed the opening of the national training center and noted that it would be the site of the Women's World Cup finals.

SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

Dan Flynn provided a budget update and current projections for where USSF would be at year-end. He discussed various expense and revenue events that had occurred in the preceding three months.

Mr. Flynn provided an overview of recent efforts by the Communications department, including the relaunch of the USSF website and coverage of USSF teams in various publications.

Mr. Flynn described the preparations being made for the U.S. women's team's participation in the Women's World Cup, including the setup of the family program. He mentioned some of the programming that would be appearing on ESPN in connection with the Women's World Cup.



Mr. Flynn provided an overview of how USSF was tracking its five-year business plan and its seven major initiatives, and noted that there would be a more detailed report on this at the November board meeting. Mr. Flynn answered a few questions from board members on various issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Goaziou reported on the current state of USSF assets and liabilities. He asked Rich Matthys to discuss the variance report.

Several board members asked questions about USSF finances, and responses were offered from Mr. Flynn and Mr. Goaziou.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 18, 2003 Board meeting in Birmingham, as well as the June 12, 2003 telephonic Board meeting. With a few edits offered by Mr. Gulati and Marge Madriago, both sets of minutes were **APPROVED** unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alison Kocoras provided an update on the procedures for sanctioning international tournaments where the tournament host is not affiliated with USSF.

Ms. Kocoras provided an update on the tournament travel policy implemented by CYSA-North. She reported that she had not yet been able to meet with the CYSA-North president and Dave Messersmith, as had been suggested at the last board meeting. Burton Haimes **MOVED** that CYSA-North be given two weeks to revise its policy, that the USSF legal department would be charged with reviewing any such revisions and reporting to the USSF Executive Committee, and that if this is not done the board will agree to hold a hearing or delegate a panel to hold a hearing on this issue. The motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

[At this point a brief recess was taken].

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Matthys provided an update on efforts to collect dues from MISL. He reported that MISL had failed to pay certain installments that were required when MISL was admitted to membership.

It was **MOVED** that MISL be directed to pay the amounts due within fourteen days or the Board would consider whether to initiate procedures for sanctioning MISL. Upon discussion, the motion was amended by general consent to indicate that an initial payment of \$15,000 is due within 14 days. The motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

MaryPat Bell presented a proposal to amend Policy 431-1, to change the Budget Committee to the Budget and Audit Committee. She indicated that the Rules Committee recommends adoption. It was **MOVED** that the policy amendment be adopted. The motion **PASSED** by unanimous consent.

MaryPat Bell presented a proposal to amend Policy 531-9, to change the jurisdictional language relating to referee abuse and assault. She indicated that the Rules Committee recommends adoption, with a few small amendments. It was **MOVED** that the policy amendment be adopted. David Burton then **MOVED** to refer the policy back to the Referee Committee to revise it and bring back a cleaner version. The motion to refer the policy back **PASSED** by majority vote.

MaryPat Bell presented a proposal to amend Policy 601-5, to amend the dates which determine age groupings. She indicated that there were three versions of this proposal, and that the Rules Committee recommends rejection of each. Matt Weibe indicated that USL, which proposed the amendment, would withdraw versions 2 and 3, and would amend version 1 so it is effective as of 2005. He **MOVED** that



version 1, as amended, be adopted. After discussion, it was **MOVED** that the motion be postponed until the next meeting. The motion to postpone **PASSED** by majority vote.

Ms. Kocoras presented an application for membership in the associate category from United States Indoor Soccer Association. She reported that the Rules Committee recommends approval of the application. It was **MOVED** that the application be approved. The motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

Ms. Kocoras presented an application for membership in the association category from Quickfoot. She reported that the Rules Committee recommends rejection of the application. It was **MOVED** that the application be approved. No second was offered, and thus the motion **FAILED**.

Bruno Trapikas discussed concerns about decision making within USSF. He noted that there is a need for more communication and consultation of organizational members.

John Bouda discussed a situation within South Texas where the referee committee had requested that referee funds be turned over by the state association, and the state association was refusing. Mr. Bouda **MOVED** that the Texas South be directed to pay over the money to the referee committee, and if they failed to do so, that the Executive Committee be appointed to hold a hearing to resolve the issue. The motion **PASSED** by majority vote.

Mike Edwards **MOVED** that the fee increase passed at the 2001 AGM be suspended for a period of two years. A 2/3 majority of the board voted to **ACCEPT** this motion for discussion (necessary as it was not included on the agenda). Kevin Payne **MOVED** to postpone the motion until the next board meeting. The motion to postpone **PASSED** by majority vote.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATE

Dan Flynn provided an overview of how the Women's World Cup Organizing Committee was operating and organizing the event.

Dr. Contiguglia indicated that the next board meeting would be for the weekend of the MLS Cup, November 22 and 23, at the Home Depot Center.

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

GOOD OF THE GAME

Mary Harvey thanked everyone for her experiences with them, as she is moving on to a job at FIFA.

President Contiguglia adjourned the meeting at 12:00 a.m.

