

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
EAST RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY
AUGUST 10, 2010
12:00 P.M. ET

PRESENT: Sunil Gulati, Jeff Agoos, Dr. S. Robert Contiguglia, Carlos Cordeiro, Mike Edwards, Daniel Flynn, Danielle Fotopoulos, Don Garber, Richard Groff, Jim Hamilton, Francisco Marcos, Jon McCullough, John Sutter, Fabian Núñez, Bob Palmeiro, Kevin Payne.

TELEPHONE: Tonya Antonucci.

REGRETS: Donna Shalala.

IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Remedi, Lisa Levine, Eric Gleason, Gregory Fike, Melissa Biniewicz.

President Gulati called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Melissa Biniewicz took roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 25, 2010 meeting by telephone and the executive session minutes for the same meeting. The minutes for the meeting were **APPROVED**.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sunil Gulati updated the Board on the success of the Men's National Team at the FIFA 2010 World Cup. He also informed the Board about the ongoing process of bidding to have the 2018/2022 FIFA World Cup in the United States. Lastly, he spoke to the Board about the U-17 Women's National Team failure to qualify for the World Cup and the loss by the U-20 Women's National Team in the quarterfinals of the World Cup.

CEO/SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

Dan Flynn updated the Board on U.S. Soccer's financial situation during the first three months of FY 2011. He indicated that U.S. Soccer was about \$2.3 million favorable to budget due to favorable variances in the World Cup send-off games and changes to the budgeted training for the Men's National Team. He also indicated that the Men's National Team game against Brazil at the New Meadowlands Stadium would be the highest grossing game ever for U.S. Soccer. Mr. Flynn also updated the Board on several initiatives involving the Technical Committee and Marketing and Communications.



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Flynn and Greg Fike updated the Board on the selection of a Wisconsin SRA. Mr. Fike informed the Board that Wisconsin youth and adult State Associations had failed to meet the August 1, 2010 deadline for selecting an SRA and that U.S. Soccer was involved in the process of trying to select the SRA.

2012 AGM LOCATION

Mr. Flynn informed the Board that U.S. Soccer was looking to hold the 2012 AGM in Miami. It was **MOVED** to proceed in finalizing a contract with the hotel located in Miami, Florida for the 2012 AGM. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

WPS UPDATE

Mr. Flynn updated the Board on U.S. Soccer's continuing efforts to work with WPS to ensure the league's continued success. Mr. Gulati also updated the Board on U.S. Soccer's effort to come up with a solution to assist WPS in continuing the WPS team in St. Louis. For a variety of reasons, all of the parties involved determined that it impractical to keep the St. Louis franchise in operation through the end of the 2010 season. Ms. Antonucci informed the Board that WPS was planning on continuing operations in the 2011 season with seven teams.

USSF D2 LEAGUE UPDATE/PRO LEAGUE STANDARDS UPDATE

President Gulati updated the Board on a meeting with all of the D2 team owners and the proposal to change the D2 Professional League Standards. President Gulati informed the Board that the proposed D2 Professional League Standards had been proposed by the Blue Ribbon Professional League Standards Task Force and that the proposed standards had been reviewed with the D2 owners. It was **MOVED** to adopt the revised D2 Professional League Standards. The motion **PASSED**.

AT-LARGE DIRECTOR BYLAW PROPOSAL

President Gulati informed the Board that the minor changes requested for the At-Large Director Bylaw Proposal had been made by staff. It was **MOVED** that the Board submit the At-Large Director Bylaw Proposal for the 2011 AGM. The motion **PASSED**.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Edwards updated the Board on the activities of the U.S. Soccer Referee Committee including the fact that the Committee would be holding a State Referee Administrators workshop later in the year.

NEVADA STATE REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Mr. Fike updated the Board on the difficulties that the youth and adult State Associations were having in agreeing upon an SRA. He indicated that U.S. Soccer staff was trying to assist in a resolution but that the Board may have to become involved.

GOOD OF THE GAME

President Gulati welcomed John Sutter to his first U.S. Soccer Board meeting as a Director. Dr. S. Robert Contiguglia thanked the U.S. Soccer staff for their efforts in South Africa for the Men's World Cup family program. Mr. Edwards informed the Board about an interview with



John Skipper from ESPN about ESPN's six year plan for televising soccer in the United States. Francisco Marcos also thanked the U.S. Soccer staff for their efforts in South Africa for the Men's World Cup family program. Bob Palmeiro presented a donation check of \$100,000 for the U.S. World Cup Bid Committee from Region 1 of U.S. Youth Soccer.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

