

**MINUTES**  
**UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**TORONTO, ONTARIO**  
**NOVEMBER 21, 2010**  
**11:30 A.M. ET**

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**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, Bob Palmeiro, John Sutter.

**BY PHONE:** Tonya Antonucci, Fabian Núñez, Donna Shalala.

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

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President Gulati called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

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

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 10, 2010 meeting in East Rutherford and the executive session minutes for the same meeting. The minutes for the meeting were **APPROVED**.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Gulati updated the Board on the U.S. bid for the 2022 FIFA World Cup. He informed the Board that they had received key contribution from several Organization Members and that the bid had been able to raise several million dollars.

President Gulati also informed the Board that U.S. Soccer was well ahead of budget for FY2011 and that he wants U.S. Soccer to continue to find ways to invest budget surpluses back into the game.

Lastly, President Gulati updated the Board on the fact that the Women's National Team had beaten Italy in the first leg of a home and home playoff to qualify for the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Flynn and Greg Fike updated the Board on the status of the Wisconsin audit and the State Referee Committee. The Board requested that the U.S. Soccer staff continue to work on resolving these issues as expeditiously as possible.



### **PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE TASK FORCE**

President Gulati introduced the Professional League Task Force and the process of requesting reports from all current Professional League members on an annual basis.

Mr. Flynn updated the Board on the report submitted by MLS. It was **MOVED** to accept the report of MLS and reaffirm MLS as a Division I Men's Outdoor League, Professional Member of U.S. Soccer. The motion **PASSED**. President Gulati and Mr. Garber abstained from voting on this motion.

Mr. Flynn updated the Board on the report submitted by WPS. Anne-Marie Eileraas provided additional information about WPS. It was **MOVED** to accept the report of WPS and reaffirm WPS as a Division I Women's Outdoor League, Professional Member of U.S. Soccer with the following conditions for the 2011 season that: 1) teams may employ three positions as full-time in-season and part-time out of season: assistant coach, trainer and clerical staff; 2) there may be six or seven teams in the league; 3) WPS will be permitted to have 6 foreign players on a roster. The motion **PASSED**.

Mr. Flynn updated the Board on the reports submitted by USL PRO. Francisco Marcos provided additional information about USL PRO. It was **MOVED** to accept the report of USL PRO and affirmed USL PRO as a Division III Men's Outdoor League, Professional Member of U.S. Soccer. The motion **PASSED**. President Gulati, Mr. Garber and Mr. Marcos abstained from voting on this motion. It was also **MOVED** to approve four foreign teams for USL PRO pending approval by their respective federations and CONCACAF. After discussion, the motion **PASSED**.

### **NEVADA STATE REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Fike updated the Board on the difficulties that the youth and adult State Associations were having in agreeing upon an SRA. The Board requested that U.S. Soccer staff work with the U.S. Soccer Referee Committee to try to mediate the situation and help Nevada select an SRA.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dan Flynn and Eric Gleason presented a detailed proposed budget for FY 2012, which included a projected operating deficit of \$3.7 million. Dave Eldridge provided a report from the Budget Committee regarding its review of the proposed budget. The Board discussed the proposed budget. It was **MOVED** to adopt the proposed budget. The motion **PASSED**.

### **RATIFICATION OF 2011 REFEREE AND ASSISTANT REFEREE PANEL**

Mr. Fike updated the Board on the need to ratify the 2011 FIFA Referee and Assistant Referee Panel, which had already been approved by email by the Board. It was **MOVED** to ratify the decision to approve the 2011 FIFA Referee and Assistant Referee Panel. The motion **PASSED**.

### **BYLAW AMENDMENT SUBMITTED FOR THE 2011 AGM**

Mr. Fike informed the Board that the proposed Bylaw amendments for the 2011 National Council meeting were included with their Board materials.



## **APPLICATION BY INDIANA TO BECOME A JOINT STATE ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Fike informed the Board that the Rules Committee would be reviewing the application and making its recommendation to the Board for the February Board meeting.

## **ADULT U-20 PROGRAM**

Richard Groff reported to the Board that USASA was working on a new transitional program for an adult U-20 league involving 16 through 19 year old players. Mr. Groff informed the Board that he intended to request that the Board allow such leagues to pay a \$1 per player for 19 year old players rather than \$2 per player. U.S. Soccer staff agreed to work with Mr. Groff to present a policy amendment to the Board at its next meeting.

*[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 2:45 p.m.

