

**MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
APRIL 20, 2006
5:00 P.M. CENTRAL TIME**

VIA TELEPHONE: Sunil Gulati, Paul Caligiuri, Dr. S. Robert Contiguglia, Mike Edwards, Daniel T. Flynn, Don Garber, Bill Goaziou, Burton Haimen, Linda Hamilton, Brooks McCormick, Mike McDaniel, David Messersmith, Kevin Payne.

REGRETS: Bill Bosgraaf, Peter Vermes.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jay Berhalter, Timothy Pinto, Gregory Fike, Asher Mendelsohn.

President Gulati called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 10, 2006 Board meeting in Las Vegas, NV and the Executive Committee meetings on December 5, 2005, January 3, 2006 and January 18, 2006. The minutes from the meetings were **APPROVED** unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORTS

President Gulati welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Board of Directors. He updated the Board regarding recent meetings with Fox Soccer Channel, ESPN and SUM about television coverage for U.S. Soccer. President Gulati also reported to the Board about his recent meetings with CONCACAF and FIFA. He informed the Board that he had a very positive meeting with Greg Ryan and the Women's National Team.

Dan Flynn notified the Board about the status of World Cup ticketing. He informed the board that the deadline for the renewal of the marketing agreement with SUM had been moved to July 15, 2006. He also told the Board that U.S. Soccer had received new guidelines from FIFA to prevent racism and that U.S. Soccer would comply with those guidelines for its games going forward. Mr. Flynn informed the Board that U.S. Soccer had reached an agreement with Thomas Rongen to continue as coach of the U-20 Men's National Team.

President Gulati informed the Board that no decision regarding a new contract for Bruce Arena would be made until after the World Cup.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bull Goaziou informed the Board that U.S. Soccer's annual audit would begin shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

President Gulati discussed the selection of Independent Directors for the Board. He recommended that the Board try to nominate two directors after a thorough review process. President Gulati also suggested that it would be important to consider minority candidates for an independent director position.

Mr. Flynn updated the Board on mid-year meetings for the Youth, Adult, Professional and Athlete's Councils. He informed the Board that U.S. Soccer would consider requests from each council to assist in funding a mid-year meeting. These funds are not, however, intended to serve as a means for councils to attend USSF Board meetings every quarter.

President Gulati requested nominations for U.S. Soccer Committees within the next week. He informed the Board that the Committees would be reappointed by the next Board meeting on May 13, 2006.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Pinto presented Policies 704-1 and 704-2 regarding grievance procedures. He informed the Board that the bylaws required that there be policies setting forth the procedures for grievances. It was **MOVED** to accept Policies 704-1 and 704-2. David Messersmith then **MOVED** to make one amendment to the Policies, to eliminate the reference to USSF filing an amicus brief. After further discussion, the motion to amend **PASSED**. The main motion to approve new Policies 704-1 and 704-2 as amended **PASSED**.

President Gulati informed the Board that he had spoken with Alex Para, President of United States Futsal Federation and that he would continue to work with Mr. Para to resolve issues raised by FIFA.

Greg Fike informed the Board that New Jersey Soccer Association's appeal of the grievance decision was still pending. Brooks McCormick informed the Board that Larry Frisoli had recently agreed to try to mediate the dispute between the New Jersey Soccer Association and New Jersey Youth Soccer before the Board made a decision on the appeal. It was **MOVED** to postpone a decision on the appeal until the next Board meeting. The motion **PASSED**.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.