

US ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION
National Board of Directors
Marriott Chattanooga
May 30, 2015

Meeting called to order 9:07 am EDT

Roll call: President, John Motta; Vice President, Arthur Mattson; Secretary, Shonna Schroedl; Treasurer, Lori Stoneburner; Region I Director, Fritz Marth; Region II Director, Bill Davey; Region III Director Rob LaVielle; Region IV Director, Paul Scherer; At Large Director, Werner Fricker, Jr.; At Large Director Cezar Wasecki; Region I Deputy Director, Tony Falcone; Region II Deputy Director, Nick Radu; Region III Deputy Director, Darius Ejlali; Region IV Deputy Director, Sergio Bolioli; Duncan Riddle

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Minutes –Paul Scherer made a **motion** to approve the minutes from April 8, 2015 and April 22, 2015, Cezar Wasecki seconded. **Motion passed.**
3. President's Report – John Motta updated the NBOD on current issues. The USSF NBOD will be meeting tomorrow and they expect to get an review of the FIFA Congress that just concluded yesterday.
 - US Club Soccer: The affiliation of US Club Soccer to USASA is going well and players are being registered. Some of their teams will be interested in participating in our National Championships.
 - Open Cup: The competition is underway and one USASA team is still in. PSA Elite (Cal South) will be playing Los Angeles Galaxy in the next round.
 - Hall of Fame: The 2015 inductees will be Tom Champman, Dave Laraba, Dyann Pugliese, Gloria Rodriguez, Shonna Schroedl, Mario Treglia.

Bill Davey made a **motion** that beginning in 2016, the Hall of Fame Committee will be limited to up to 4 inductees per year. Arthur Mattson seconded. **Motion passed.**
4. Executive Director's Report –
 - Duncan Riddle distributed the current registration numbers by State Association/Affiliation and Region.
 - Sport Ngin websites: Idaho, Mass, Conn, Colorado have gone live. The next group of states are almost ready to go live.
 - Insurance Claims: Michigan, referee situation there are 2 claims open. A small amount has been paid out, the second claim is to

begin the legal case. Florida, 2 claims out as well. NPSL trialist who became paralyzed during tryout. This case is also in the early stages.

-National Championships: Vets Cup 92 teams, Women's National Championships 8 teams in 2 divisions, U23 Men 9 teams that will likely become 8

Women's Championships: Premier-Utah, New York, San Francisco, Ohio – Chesapeake Charge is on hold. Recreation Division- 2 from Georgia and one local.

-Midyear Meeting is at Newport Beach: The NBOD will begin at 4:00 pm on Thursday. Education sessions – Emilio Pozzi will facilitate a 4 hour leadership training, will be offered 2 times. Referee, Sport Ngin
Regional Meetings will be Saturday morning. Hall of Fame Dinner will be Saturday.
Closest Airport is John Wayne.

-Washington State Association v Cascadia hearing is June 3, 2015 at Marriott Sea Tac.

-Cal South challenge: this is still in process

-Nevada challenge: Nevada Youth have been discussing with Graham Biles for a possible solution. The self-imposed deadline for an agreement is May 31, 2015.

-Strategic Plan: National Championships 2016 July 13-17 at Lancaster National Soccer Complex.

Venues for 2017 and beyond – looking at facilities in San Francisco; Seattle; Foley, Alabama;

-pilot programs with State Associations: will look for the next 4 states (Rhode Island, North Carolina, Missouri may be considered)

-membership options: discussion of possible alternative membership avenues targeted at unaffiliated players. Targeting millennials and populations not interested in traditional 11 v 11.
How does the USASA office support the Strategic Plan?

-proposal from Nationwide Insurance: 5 year agreement, 40K per year with a 25K signing bonus in year one.

Arthur Mattson made a **motion** to approve the sponsorship agreement with Nationwide Insurance. Rob LaVielle seconded.

Motion passed

5. Financial Report – Lori Stoneburner previously distributed the current financial report in writing. NBOD members and staff need to remind State Associations to send in registrations in a more timely fashion.

Regional financial information was restated by the auditor. This was due to a misunderstanding that Regional monies collected were a pass through and did not need to be reported. The auditor indicated that this money had to be reported.

6. Confirmation of Committees – John Motta distributed the proposed committee appointments to the NBOD earlier in the week. Bill Davey made a **motion** to accept the committee appointments as proposed. Arthur Mattson seconded. **Motion passed.**

7. Travel Policy – Bill Davey made **motion** to accept the travel reimbursement policy. Fritz Marth seconded. **Motion passed.**

8. Referee Achievement Awards – John Motta restated that Referee Achievement Awards will be presented through each Region via the process that they determine works. USASA will fund for each Region up to \$2000 for the Regional Referee Achievement Award.

9. USSF Suggestions – USSF has requested recommendations for how they can assist each council, via ideas that do not cost them money. The USASA NBOD discussed different ideas.

- Rob LaVielle recommended that USASA players are connected via USSF through a complimentary membership in the Supporters Club
- USSF logo and marketing on USASA events
- introduce our organizations to sponsors that they have
- USSF logo items at USASA events
- synergy in social media marketing
- violence prevention/educational programs
- joint campaigns for violence
- joint lobbying efforts to municipal owned parks departments regarding field use

10. Competitions – Rob LaVielle presented the proposal from the ad hoc competitions committee regarding the revision of National Cups.

The NBOD discussed at length the different proposals put forth by the Ad Hoc Competitions Committee.

Rob LaVielle made a **motion** that over 30 men's championships are no longer a national event, regions may run an event if they choose, beginning in 2016. Fritz Marth seconded. **Motion passed.**

The NBOD will present the different proposals at the 2015 Midyear Meeting and ask the full National Council to vote on the options. At least 30 days prior to the Midyear, the proposals will be distributed to State Associations for review and comment.

2016 National Championship Series – USASA will plan to add para-athlete categories to our National Championships, beginning in 2016. In conjunction with USSF Disability Committee; Homeland Heroes; Challenged Athletes Foundation

Outline for para-athletes:

- add categories for 1) Wounded Warriors (injured military, fire, police) 2) CP/stroke/traumatic brain injury non-military 3) Les Autres (dwarfism, amputee, etc) non-military
- ages 16 years and up (Date of Birth by December 31, 2016)
- individual registration available, and teams formed on site
- 7 v 7 coed competition, 25 minute halves
- Para-soccer matches to be held Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday am
- open to US and international players
- players responsible for own expenses to event and during event
- USASA to work with sponsors for player jerseys/t-shirts
- each player would need to obtain a USASA player pass, available at event

11.AOB – the NBOD will schedule a meeting for the weekend of August 29, 2015.

The next NBOD will be August 29, 2015 8:30am MDT.

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Shonna Schroedl, USASA Secretary