



ILLINOIS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2014

Attendees:

- Ante Loncar, President
- Goran Guzina, Treasurer
- ~~Hector Nava, Financial Secretary~~
- Andy Sotiropoulos, Delegate-at-Large
- ~~Joseph Zyzda, Cup Commissioner~~
- Bill Tanglis, Hellenic (ISSA member)
- Claudio Frigo, Executive VP
- Renata Bechtoldt, Secretary
- ~~Filip Cejovic, Recording Secretary~~
- ~~Dr. Michael Gross, Delegate at Large~~
- Roman Vazchur, Lions (ISSA member)
- Ninos Alexander

8:16PM – Call meeting to order

- Two guests from Metropolitan Soccer League – Bill Tanglis (Hellenic) and Roman Vazchur (Lions)
- Motion to approve April 9th meeting notes w/recommended revisions – Andy / Claudio
- Ante received correspondence from Bill Tanglis, President Hellenic United
- Sustain suspensions from Hellenic until appeals process is finalized
- Bill Tanglis thanked board for allowing him to attend meeting
- Bill understands that this is not a trial board/appeals process
- Submission of email from Louis Palivos – notice given around investigative meeting hearing
- Opportunity around the investigation / preparation around the issues / charges filed officially – unprepared to handle the situation
- Right to defend themselves / fair due process
- Expressed disappointment in the nature that the notification was provided
- Investigating committee
- Andy sent an email with the actual charges against all parties involved
- Findings of the committee
- Assumed that the due process would be different
- Representative from Hellenic
- Matter with the National Soccer League – suspension has been lifted
- Eurosports Gear – outstanding balance \$720.00 – can ISSA help with money owed from Hellenic to settle bill – Hellenic agreed to pay half of the amount that is owed - \$360.00
- Andy assumed that the payment was \$360.00 not the \$250.00 – Steve paid only \$250.00
- Misrepresentation of the corporate status – Bill’s responsibility to “fold club” – club had no money – sent email into ISSA that the corporation would be dissolved / meetings with Steve and Hellenic board – as a business decision right now; as a club did not dissolve the corporation – not done to deceive / mistake was that no communication provided to ISSA that we changed our mind and the corporation was not dissolved – specially to Gregory Vlamakis

- Issue with respect to the Hellenic club – January 2014 meeting / Andy was not a board member / Hellenic contact Andy for advice – decision to follow the advice of Andy / dissolve existing Hellenic United / start Hellenic AC (personal attorney) – actively involved from Hellenic United to Hellenic AC (officers of the club) – fundraiser – logo was changed – issue because there is a fine/suspension against Hellenic United / avoid issues with NSL
- Lesser amount should be owed
- \$500.00 charge – overbilled form NSL
- Certain portion was out of pocket
- Discretionary fines from NSL
- \$1,000 fine – potential negotiated / open to negotiation
- Do not believe that any malice against Bill Tanglis
- Hellenic AC poor reputation in the Greek community – damage in Greek community and reduction in sponsorship
- 2013-2014 – no money in the club / misrepresented / money to pay our bills / sponsorship to pay
- Referees, fields, fees, tournaments – money through individual sponsors
- Hellenic United has the ability to pay for the above but have outstanding debt and cannot pay off their creditors; priority should be to pay off debts; contradictory comments
- No intent to misrepresent anything / no malice
- Player passes – Spiro had no direction or direct order from the Hellenic soccer club
- Spiro was wearing two hats – Hellenic and ISSA / he went into the ISSA to make player passes / no player passes in the database / no open invoices related to player passes or proof of payment
- No receipts for player passes / guilt by association
- Spiro admitted to wrong-doing
- No open line of credit with ISSA
- Question around the investigation process
- Charges filed on February 19th – investigate the facts and complaint
- Findings and punishment / range of recommendations
- Is Spiro Arsenis going to remain part of Hellenic United?
- Who is the VP of the Hellenic United? Spiro Arsenis
- Arguing over the fact that Spiro had key from ISSA
- Produced 8 player passes
- Who was invoiced for the 8 player passes? No one was invoiced
- Record of the player passes
- Is the issue with the ISSA – issue resides with both ISSA and Hellenic
- 1 of 21 players – signed in April / none were secondary players
- Do not allow him another opportunity to present to the board of directors again; must go through approval process
- Sit down and have civil conversation - Bill and Andy
- Andy should be removed from the process / Andy and Goran abstain from voting due to conflict of interest / judgment in question based on Andy's personal involvement in situation
- Speak to the appeals committee
- Eric Towers – open around dialogue prior to the appeals process
- Packet provide from Ante Loncar to Louis Palivos
- Claudio asked Bill to review the Botev hearing about the ISSA fine and suspension

- Placing heavy fines on not for profit clubs doesn't help clubs without money (Bill)
- Offer to reduce from \$720 to taking care of Franco's bill - \$360 – paid only \$250
- Andy supported a measure to lift Steve Siomos suspension – if he agreed to ISSA terms and offer
- Team representative to play match
- Rose Garden meeting – Spiro and Steve in attendance / in direct violation of suspension
- Hellenic vs Wing (game played while under suspension) / in direct violation of suspension
- Hellenic vs. United Serbs – post-poned the game
- Hearings for the appeal committee – decide to play match
- Appeal process (2 weeks ago) – May 8, 2014
- No respect from Metropolitan Soccer League and members of Hellenic club
- Voiced an opinion / not speaking on behalf of Spiro and Siomos
- Right in a civil decision to appeal
- Separate the issues / Bill representing Hellenic United
- Dropping Spiro from the appeal / Hellenic United / Spiro needs to “re-file” on his own
- One letter with three (3) attachments – per advice from Eric Tower
- One appeal from Hellenic – waiving Spiro Arsenis and Steve Siomos
- Club did not intentionally misrepresent themselves – individuals to appeal independently
- Notification that Hellenic has withdrawn original appeal – maintain for Hellenic only
- Review the case on an individual basis as the Hellenic United – not related to individuals
- Record appeal
- Send notice to Spiro and Steve
- Don't be involved personally (Bill to Andy)
- Consequences around these issues in the Greek community
- Change our opinion around Hellenic United
- Suspension around Spiro
- Hellenic United requests appeal process immediately

Agenda Topics:

- Minutes / Correspondence
- Committee reports
- Schwaben loss 2:0 (Open Cup)
- Adria beat Detroit (Open Cup)
- Illinois State Cup – send correspondence to the Metropolitan and Polish soccer clubs Website – state cup registration
- Active leagues registered with ISSA – CLASA and Kankakee / Aurora
- Chicago Gay and Lesbian – want to enter the ISSA in the Fall
- Standing Committees – Administrative
- Referee – Bob Balciunas SRA / state amateur referee
- U-23 National cup – Illinois (one referee represented)
- USASA – June 13, 14, 15th – referees from Illinois – 4 referees
- Pat Smith Award (FIFA referee) – Saturday evening
- Promotion for instructor courses (July 19th-20th)
- Referee program – new grades / effective January 2015
- Opportunity to register referees from CLASA – class for referees

- Technology and Public Relations
- Twitter from Region II
- Feed to Facebook / cannot allow posting

- Unfinished business
- New Business
- Office Staff
- Monthly data report
- Reporting and Tracking – player passes
- Google business phone number
- Email addresses
- Financial / fiscal responsibilities

Financials:

- Accounts receivables from previous ISSA executive board
- Invoices on word documents / no traceability
- Proof of payment from previous board difficult to trace
- Goran provided Ante with a box full of “old ISSA financial transactions” from 2009-2013
- Current accounting practices handled through QuickBooks
- Proof of all payments and receipts
- USASA – player passes
- Meeting with Kendis / money owed from Branko to Kendis
- No money provided to ISSA from Roma match
- Player passes – Metro and Polish Leagues
- Tri-County and National Soccer League – player passes

Appeals Committee

- Suggested to call a witness to the appeal process
- Tommy Isirov – call Joe Zyzda – called as a witness
- Rose Garden – meeting
- Irwin Fleps – sent a very unprofessional email – stating that ISSA members should be in jail
- Appeal process and witnesses - Cannot call Ninon and Greg V.
- Witnesses excluded from appeals committee
- Appeal committee (neutral) - Roland and Eric and George
- Irwin and Tommy – expressing opinions
- Email from 5/8/2014 – private
- Tainted / Irwin
- Letter from Metropolitan Soccer League to ISSA
- Motion to remove Irwin / motion to remove – Andy and Claudio – motion approved
- Appoint new appeals committee member – James Vlahakis
- Monetary penalty - \$1000 (Andy/Ante)
- Appeals process

- NSL -relinquishing Hellenic from any suspensions (ISSA)

Other discussion topics:

- NSL – kindly request that the \$2/player be provided back to their players
- Merit around \$2/player

Meeting Adjourned – 12:17am