



ILLINOIS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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Monthly Meeting Notes

March 8, 2016

Attendees:

- Claudio Frigo, President
- Goran Guzina, Treasurer
- Renata Bechtoldt, Recording Secretary
- Hector Nava, Delegate-at-Large
- Rolando Gonzalez, Delegate-at-Large
- Gregory Vlamakis, Delegate-at-Large
- Ante Loncar, Executive VP
- Karen O'Dowd, Secretary
- ~~Chester Blaszkowski, VP Marketing & PR~~
- Erwin Fleps, Delegate-at-Large
- Felipe Manriquez, Guest
- Bob Balciunas, SRA

Location: Rose Garden Café, 111 E. Higgins, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

7:30pm Call Meeting to Order

Agenda Topics:

- Roll Call
- Minutes of previous meeting (2 previous meetings)
- Correspondence
- Financial Reports
- Committee Reports
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Miscellaneous Items
- Adjournment

Opening Comments:

- Welcome Karen to first Board Meeting (Claudio)
- Filip Cejovic, Delegate-at-Large, resigned today (email sent to the Board on 3/8/2016)
- Felipe Manriquez, current VP of CLASA – assume Filip's position on the board
 - Claudio making recommendation to have Filip join the board
 - Motion to approve Felipe on the board
 - Greg – 1st; Erwin – 2nd (all in favor)
- Approving Meeting Minutes from December 2015
 - Motion – Erwin-1st; Rolando-2nd
- Approving Meeting Minutes from January 5th
 - Motion – Gregory-1st, Erwin-2nd

Financial Report (Goran):

- ISSA must reimburse PSL for equipment/assets for making player passes (equipment now used by ISSA in new office); note new equipment not purchased to save money (PSL in good condition)
- CLASA owes ISSA for player's passes / reimbursement of PSL equipment used as collateral

- Balance Sheet provided by treasurer
- Receivables – International Friendly matches – assume percentage from promoter (accrued on the balance sheet)
- Liabilities – registrations owed to the USASA (accrue until invoiced from Region II)
- Net Assets = \$27,788.64 (excluding money owed from CLASA)
- Balance Sheet – no concerns and/or issues after Board reviewed all details (hand-out provided for review)

Registration Spreadsheet (list out all affiliated leagues)

- Metropolitan Soccer League – paid in full
- Premier Soccer League – outstanding payment
- CLASA – outstanding payment
- TriCounty – outstanding payment
- Polish Soccer League – paid in full
- Total Paid Player Registration (2016) = 1,523
- Discussion around secondary player passes; no duplication of payment to USASA
- Player’s Passes – Waiver of Liability language / review and propose revised language (Rolando)

Referee Committee Update (Bob)

- Compliment/Recognition – Claudio for attending the “Cult Meeting” with Referees – for the record acknowledge Claudio’s interest and engagement in the program
- Referee Development Program – positive and encouraging
- Administrators Workshop – SRA, SRYA and assessments
- Referee Assessment – changing philosophy to coach/mentoring referees
- Adding back Grade Level V referee registrations – measuring cumulative life experiences
- Attending Regional II Meeting – Bob extended invitation
- Ranking of our State in the Region II / compliment the Board for their efforts
- Region II representation – met for Tournament of Champions and Amateur Cup (both Adult/Youth Level)
- Vibrant mentoring program / owner of sponsorship – ordering Official Sports International (preferred vendor)
- Sincerely appreciative of all Claudio’s efforts
- Referee Program (“Game Officials”) – Registration, Assigning, Management Software (using in Metro, NSL and will be added to PSL)

Region II Update (Positive Feedback)

- Respect, right job, removing himself from all “politics” in the Region II
- Leading in terms of ideas, thoughts, integrity
- Region II reaching out to ISSA
- Two years of consecutive growth under Claudio’s leadership
- Ante Loncar – National Cups Committee
- Claudio Frigo – IT committee

Attendance Report for Board of Directors (handout reviewed with Board) – expectation that Board will be present for meetings and special sessions; also understand that everyone is a volunteer

Committee Reports

USASA Cups

- USASA – U-23, Men’s Open, Over-30 and Over-40
- Communications / Break-down of the tournament structure
- Dates: June 10th-12th
- Illinois State Cup Competition
 - Potential opportunity to sponsor competition
 - Fundraising/sponsorship
- Hall of Fame – meeting held prior to monthly meeting
- Marketing/PR – no report sent
- Referee Report – separate report provided in notes
- Rules
- Staff Operations – ability to contact Michele / registration process for player’s passes (league apps and quick books from USASA – no transparency around registration process w/USASA – new process allows ISSA to download all registration information/complete transparency under ISSA)
- Technology – Karen and Chester to handle all Facebook updates / Karen to handle all correspondence
- Trial Board – Gregory, Erwin, Hector
 - Meeting concerning issue around the Halsted Lease / Settlement Fees
 - Three (3) individuals involved with original issue
 - Branko and Spiro suspended of all ISSA function indefinitely; Joseph Zyzda excused for his involvement

Unfinished Business:

- Corporate address – Illinois Attorney General – Not for Profit Status / official change
- Three (3) Leagues who have not paid affiliation
 - Chicago Beach Soccer
 - CISL
 - Liga De Futbol Chicago

New Business:

1. CLASA owes \$4,050 to ISSA; PSL holding retainer
2. 2016 US AGM – Gregory provided update / State of Illinois respected again
3. New ISSA Members
 - 3.1. Chicago Beach Soccer League
 - 3.1.1. Montrose Beach (June/July)
 - 3.2. Chicago Champions League (Oscar Ponce)
 - 3.2.1. 5 weeks (3 games, playoffs)
 - 3.3. Liga de Futbol Chicago
 - 3.3.1. West Chicago, Aurora, Carol Stream (over 100 teams)
 - 3.3.2. Youth team also (IYSA)
4. Chicago NASL – kick-off meeting (Claudio, Ante, Ninos)
 - 4.1. Peter Wilt initiating new professional soccer team in NASL
 - 4.2. Interest/Buzz around new professional team
 - 4.3. Involvement with ISSA
5. ISSA Office – petty cash / through ISSA Expense Form

- 5.1. Postage and other miscellaneous
- 6. USASA Region II tournaments
- 7. Claudio rearranged Hall of Fame committee to 2 separate committees.
 - 7.1. Hall of Fame Celebration committee
 - 7.1.1. Erwin Fleps – Chairman
 - 7.1.2. Ante Loncar
 - 7.1.3. Renata Bechtoldt
 - 7.1.4. Chester Blaszkco
 - 7.1.5. Karen Roth
 - 7.2. Hall of Fame Induction committee
 - 7.2.1. Gregory Vlamakis - Chairman
 - 7.2.2. Bob Balciunas
 - 7.2.3. Joe Zyzda
 - 7.2.4. Hector Nava
 - 7.2.5. Filipe Manriquez
 - 7.2.6. Julius Roth
- 8. Contact Management – Business contact software (MailChimp) – free mailing
 - 8.1. Contact List
 - 8.2. Newsletter (Quarterly)

US Soccer Meeting (states feedback around likes/dislikes) – March 22nd
Next Tuesday, April 12, 2016 – to be determined

Meeting Adjourned – 9:10pm