



ILLINOIS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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Monthly Meeting Notes

March 12, 2019

Attendees:

- Claudio Frigo, President
- Franco Sepede, Treasurer
- ~~Renata Bechtoldt, Recording Secretary~~
- ~~Hugh Orlicz, Delegate-at-Large~~
- Bruce Bode, Delegate-at-Large
- Tanya Garcia, Delegate-at-Large
- Ante Loncar, Executive VP
- Karen O'Dowd, Secretary
- Erwin Fleps, Delegate-at-Large
- ~~Felipe Manriquez, Delegate-at-Large~~
- ~~Jan Berkley, Delegate-at-Large~~

Location: 2025 Arlington Heights Road, Suite 111, Arlington Heights

Meeting 7:36pm

A motion to approve the minutes, as corrected, was made by Karen and seconded by Erwin. The correction was Bruce Bode's position title from Referee to Delegate at Large. All ayes, motion carried.

Financial statements were presented by Franco and reviewed by the board. Current assets are \$220,983.31. Outstanding receivables are \$700, \$300 of which is for unpaid HOF ads. Interest income on our CD's last month was \$436.67. A motion to approve the financial statements was made by Bruce and seconded by Karen. All ayes, motion carried.

Claudio reported that player registrations are down from this time last year.

Claudio presented and nominated Tanya Garcia as an appointed replacement for board member Hector Nava, Delegate at Large. The board agreed unanimously and welcomed Tanya aboard.

Committee Reports:

Cup Committee Report:

Karen explained that she, Claudio, and Ante have been working to successfully update the State Cup Rules. The State Cup Rules were clarified and condensed. This year's State Cup registration deadline has been set for Monday, May 6, 2019. The drawing will take place at the ISSA office on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm. The U23 division may need to be drawn at a later date - dependent on their registration deadline. Dates for the U23 division draw will be discussed with Jan.

Women in Soccer Committee:

Karen reported that the committee met recently in order to set up nomination criteria. The following criteria were presented for approval by the board: 1) Nominees should have at least 10 years of active progressive involvement in the sport of soccer in Illinois; 2) Involvement activities include (but are not limited to): playing, coaching, administrative duties, referee (including mentor, administration, and assigning), and any volunteer or supporting role. 3) A nomination

form needs to be submitted and must include pertinent nominee information along with an up to one page typed bio describing the nominee's significant involvement and contributions to the sport; 4) 10-15 women will be inducted biennially beginning December 2019. The board approved this criteria plan. The next step for the committee is to develop the solicitation letter and nomination form so they can be sent to our leagues.

Building Lease:

Claudio reported that we (ISSA) have signed a lease addendum and as of 8/1/2019 the building owners will have the right to give us a 120 day notification. The current lease expires 11/20/19. Claudio, Ante, and Franco have looked at units in Elk Grove and will continue to seek out a suitable future site for the office.

HOF balls: Ante explained that the balls are being returned and we will not be paying for them because of the misspelling on their printed logo.

ISSA Promotion -

Bruce talked about his concern for games in early May. Memorial and Labor Tournaments may work out. Tournaments may be a good place for skills demonstrations. Discussion is ongoing.

2019 Fire Tickets:

Karen is keeping track of the MLS FIRE ticket requests. A signup sheet was available. There are four tickets available for each home game. Tickets are issued electronically through SeatGeek. Seats are still available for the following games: 3/16, 3/30, 4/12, 4/20, 5/8, 5/25, 6/13, 7/17, 8/10, and 9/29.

New Business:

2020 TOC – Discussion on the 2020 TOC focused on three main aspects – 1) quality of the fields, 2) amenities nearby, and 3) location. Everyone agreed that the quality of the fields was the most important aspect of choosing a site. The two locations being seriously considered are a the Waukegan Sports Park - <https://www.waukeganparks.org/location/sportspark/> and Stuart Sports Complex in Aurora - <https://www.stuartsportscomplex.org/>. Bruce will create a spreadsheet comparing these two sites. The bid deadline is in August 2019.

State Cup Traveling trophies – Claudio explained that the current State Cup rules show us awarding a traveling cup for each division. Discussion followed on the need (vs want) for this type of trophy. By a show of hands, everyone agreed we should have a traveling cup for each division. It was agreed to buy six (6) trophies; one per division. Ante will work with Franco on the purchase of these items. It was also approved to purchase a past due award for Adria – the Frank Mariani Trophy – which was won several years ago, but never purchased or issued.

Claudio explained he will be attending the upcoming US Soccer meeting in Frisco, TX – April 4-6th, 2019. It is a meeting for all State Presidents and Executive Directors. All expenses are paid by US Soccer.

The NSL and PSL Indoor Finals were successfully held last weekend. NSL had about 800 people in attendance!

Ante reported that Aleks Mihailovic has been nominated to the USASA National HOF. He asked us to send an endorsement letter to USASA, Mike Edwards, on Alek's behalf. Karen will write and send the letter within a week.

Our next board meeting is Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen, seconded by Bruce. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:05pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2019