



ILLINOIS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 17, 2015

Attendees:

- Claudio Frigo, President
- ~~Goran Guzina, Treasurer~~
- Renata Bechtoldt, Recording Secretary
- Hector Nava, Delegate-at-Large
- ~~Rolando Gonzalez, Delegate-at-Large~~
- Ante Loncar, Executive VP (Electronically Present)
- Andy Sotiropoulos, Secretary
- ~~Chester Blaszkowski, VP Marketing & PR~~
- ~~Filip Cejovic, Delegate-at-Large~~
- Irwin Fleps, Delegate-at-Large

Location: AAC Eagles Clubhouse, Chicago

7:01pm – Call meeting to order

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

Non-Agenda Topic:

- Recommendation to add a new member to our board
- Irwin Fleps would like to serve on the ISSA board (present at the meeting)
- Two (2) open positions on the board (Delegate-At-Large)
- Motion to join the ISSA board (Irwin Fleps)– unanimous by board members present (Claudio, Ante, Hector, Andy, Renata)
- Motion to approve meeting minutes from February 24, 2015 – approved
- 1 year mark of the 3 year term
- Pay-out 80% of our debt to ISSA

Financial Statement

- 6:30pm Goran Guzina, can't attend meeting
- \$35,000 in ISSA bank account

Registration Report

- Detailed information around registration process with USASA – provided to Claudio
- Governance process over player's passes – future opportunity to provide oversight in the process

Correspondence

- USASA letter regarding the pay-out of the Olympiacos match – funding still not available
- Appeals – No appeals to review
- Audit – formalize committee – recommendation must come from Treasurer
- Process, review period, committee members
- Budget – no updates
- Referee – Bob Balciunas, SRA; committee review delayed
 - Programs, clinics, training
- Technology and facebook (729 likes)
- Opportunity to introduce a try-out player registration pass for the Chicago Red Stars and Chicago Fire – the intention is to provide player insurance coverage during try-outs (potential risk, liability without insurance coverage to these organizations)
- Chicago Mustangs (GM, Orlando) – attempting to affiliate their outdoor league with ISSA
- Promotional activities – marketing (Chester)

Unfinished Business

- Hall of Fame Wall | Toyota Park, Chicago Fire
- Ante and Claudio – spring cleaning of the wall (dusting, new photos, added trophies, etc)
- March 29, 2015 – secured a suite at the Chicago Fire (32 people) – Chicago Fire Match (4pm)
- Invited 2012 Inductees – invitation to attend
- Three new trophies added to display case
- Obtain trophies from the 1970s from existing team in Chicago (Lions)

Discussion around ISSA office

- Poll the leagues around an office / suggestion made by USASA
- Pay-off debt to USASA – Budget Scenarios included in the AGM meeting
 - Budgets around office and no office
 - Opportunity to leverage existing infrastructure from PSL
 - Registrar - Charged a rate for player's registration; only when required
- Timeline for paying-off debt / establishing office
- Address any concerns and/or issue related to perceptions around office selection
- Open access, utilities, restrooms, etc.
- Provide proposals during next meeting

- Ante Loncar - \$250 tournament fee for Croatian Tournament (submit form/fee)
- Renata B. – AAC Eagles | Polish Soccer Tournament - \$250 tournament fee (submit form/fee)
- USASA meeting and funding allocation towards Regional / National Cups (Region II is a pro cup state)
 - National elections
- Fiscal year will change to match the USASA fiscal year – fiscal year will be the calendar year
- Steve Siomos – rescheduled meeting – potential liability concerns with unregistered players or youth players
- ISSA Rules and Regulations review by this Monday, March 23, 2015

New Business

- Illinois State Cup Schedule – registration deadline - May 10, 2015
- Matches begin June 1, 2015 - \$100 entry fee

- U-23 league – status and future of program – bandwidth to handle; ability to integrate back into USASA
- Referee Attacks – Felony Enhancement statute / review with referee committee
- Mandatory of disciplinary matrix for member leagues – parking lot item
- Permanent time/location – meetings
- USASA Hall of Fame – nominations
- Ante will provide information to formalize the nominations for Alex Milhalovic
- USASA Member for Life – process for nomination (Ante from Duncan)
- Request from Hector to nominate Bruno Trapikas
- 501c – not for profit status “refiling”
- Remaining payables with old lease – Filip/Goran
- Hall of Fame Recognition / Chicago Fire event – budget

Meeting Closed | 10:26pm