



ILLINOIS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

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~~
- Andy Sotiropoulos, Secretary
- ~~Chester Blaszkowski, VP Marketing & PR~~
- Filip Cejovic, Delegate-at-Large
- Erwin Fleps, Delegate-at-Large
- Bob Balciunas, SRA

Location: Rose Garden Café, Elk Grove Village

7:04pm – Call meeting to order

Agenda Topics:

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

Meeting Minutes

- Roll Call – please see attendees above
- Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2015 – approved by board present in meeting

Financial Report

- Current Assets - \$53,113.01
- Payables
 - \$11,000 (old lease) and player registration
 - \$10,000 (USASA loan)
- Potential Income
 - \$35,000 (PSG vs. Manchester United) – open

Registration Report

- 6,005 players registered with ISSA
- Up to date through September 2015
- USASA owes \$1,086

Committee Reports

- Appeals Board – no Chairman appointed
 - Current Case: Metropolitan Soccer League (MSL) | Two team playing without player's passes (Inter and Magic)
 - Steve Siomos, MSL President, appealed the \$1500 fine
 - Appeal board reviewed the situation / did not reverse the appeal or original fine
 - Metropolitan paid the \$1500 fine
 - Discussion around probation / players (no action taken, teams no longer playing)
 - No further action / topic closed
- Audits – no updates
- Budget - Committee | Goran and Claudio – preparation for 2016 budget
- Cups – no updates
- Hall of Fame – Chester Blaszkowski (Chairman); Renata will help with Work Plan/Activities (email will be sent to the entire board with proposed Plan)
 - Proposed committee
 - Erwin Fleps
 - Ante Loncar
 - Gregory Vlamakis
 - Bob Balciunas
 - Filip Cejovic
 - Not confirmed:
 - Joe Zyzda
 - Julius Roth
- Referee (Bob)
- Rules – N/A
- Technology – player passes / ability to locate players / prevent ineligible players from registration (need to address this concern with USASA)
- Marketing & PR – 100 year logo (proposal to use orange)
- Trial Board –
 - Over-30 match between Chicago Force and AAC Eagles (referee attack) – player lifetime ban from soccer (insert player's name)
 - NSL player from Assyrian SC (Men's Open) – referee attack – next trial board
- Staff Operations – N/A

Unfinished Business

- Czarni Jaslo – cannot register any new players until \$250 fee is paid for liability insurance issued in July 2015 for their Michigan Tournament
- Schwaben – USASA deposited check from Schwaben that should have been deposited by ISSA
- Not-for-profit status | still open
- Mid-Year Meeting | Newport Beach
 - Claudio expressed disappointment in the meeting / agenda items rushed and little decision made
 - Regional Director (Bill Davey)
 - Regional Tournament / Tournament of Champions – Michigan 2016
- Centennial Tournament – no updates
- Banner – Ante not present / need to obtain

New Business

- Lars Hybel | TCSL player death – player not registered with ISSA; team devastated by death; penalty for using illegal player under discussion; potential for future lawsuit against league, ISSA, USASA; Rolando provided additional information on this matter as a representative of Tri-County League
- Importance of acting quickly around no player passes / liability concern
- Fine Tri-County Soccer League \$100 and allow League to take appropriate action against team
- Board agreed to donate \$200 to GOFUNDME for Lars Hybel
- 2016 Centennial Indoor Champions League
 - \$75.00 per player's passes
 - \$1,000 entry fee
 - Referee's fees
 - Entry fee (spectators)
 - \$10,000 reward

Old ISSA Office Lease Issue/Lawsuit Settlement

- Letter issued to ISSA (addressed to Claudio Frigo) on August 12, 2015 from Markoff Law LLC around a dispute related to the original rental lease at 2001 South Halsted Street from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013 – dispute under legal review
- Original lawsuit amount - \$16,000
- Liability for the lease - \$12,000-13,000 (added fees for lease)
- Recommendation to settle lawsuit (outside of litigation) - Settlement Amount = \$11,000
- Andy, legal representative for ISSA / billed ISSA for service (Andy's services/hour itemized and provided to treasurer)
- Motion to investigate original ISSA executive members (Brank, President and Spiro) for their mishandling of the rental lease at 2001 South Halsted Street, which resulted in a lawsuit and a \$11,000 settlement
 - Investigate situation (Rolando, Gregory, Erwin, Andy, Claudio, Renata)
 - Filip and Goran (abstain)

Adjournment | 9:30pm